



**The Board of Directors of
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.
MINUTES: Season 2006-07 Meeting 12
May 21, 2007 7:00pm Warm Room**

Board Members Present:

Dominique Banville
Ann Drummie
FL Ettlin
Michael Fry
Brian Galebach
Charrissa Lin
Rachel Sethi
George Shirk
Benjamin Yeung

Board Members Absent:

Barry Bass
Dave Hamilton

Members Present:

Neil Christensen – re GNCC items
Charlie Jennings
Sandra McMakin
Barry Nichols

- 1) **Call to order** *Banville*
7:14pm

- 2) **Approve minutes of April 26, 2007 Meeting** *Drummie*
With edits
Motion – Ettlin
Second – Shirk
Vote - Passed

- 3) **Special Issues**
 - a) **GNCC - Annual Meeting May 19** (nominations, Dykes-Challenge date) *Christenson*
General Stats:
 - The GNCC has a surplus of \$17,000.
 - There are 13, 307 members in USCA, and 2,900 members in GNCC.
 - There is about \$20,000 in a Junior curling fund at the GNCC level.
 - The GNCC hasn't seen the seed money of \$20,000 to Worlds returned yet.Recent Changes:
 - Mixed Doubles is launching.
 - The WCF has adopted nine rule changes that the USCA will be reviewing to implement. (Charrissa Lin will forward the new rules.)Scheduling:
 - GNCC is looking at moving the Gordon Emmet to December.
 - Neil Christenson will be collecting input for a decision in the fall re Women's Challenge and Dykes being on the same weekend.
 - The Senior Mixed will stay on third weekend in March.

- Nutmeg has the opportunity to host a demonstration left handed curling bonspiel (early step toward a GNCC event).
 - The GNCC will follow USCA rules for regional levels ex. Club Nationals
- Neil Christenson expressed that he felt very proud to hear Potomac's name announced throughout the meeting as winners of events.

b) **Board Member Nomination Committee** – review slate of candidates *Banville*
The slate is:

Susan Armiger
David Baxter
Charlene Macedo
Barry Nichols
Bob Pursell
Paul Trimbur
Richard Warner
Scott Walters
Benjamin Yeung

Absentee ballots must be postmarked by May 25.

c) **Annual Meeting** – review agenda, confirm mailing *Banville*
The mailing was sent out (and received). The agenda was amended to remove Barry Bass as a speaker as he will not be able to attend. FL Ettlin will take notes.

d) **End of Year Banquet** - planning *Yeung*

- We will play the 6 minute Mixed Doubles video during appetizers.
- Brian Galebach will develop and distribute a flyer with the potential rule changes for conversation.
- Dominique Banville will be doing the program.
- Ann Drummie will send a reminder email for RSVPs for dinner, appetizers, and volunteer set-up
- Benjamin Yeung will reserve tables and chairs with the Gardens.
- Dominique Banville will acknowledge those we've lost including Ordell Olson.
- George Shirk and Benjamin Yeung will coordinate the silent auction.

e) **Awards** - Selections *Banville*

Junior Curler of the Year Award. Presented to the junior curler(s) that demonstrated outstanding curling skills, exceptional improvement, or superior training ability. Sportsmanship and volunteerism will also be considerations.

Recipient: *Becky Andrew*

Introduction Writing: *Michael Fry*

Spirit of Curling Award. Presented to a member in recognition of the Spirit of Curling in that individual who, in his or her first year of curling has exhibited outstanding qualities of enthusiasm, sportsmanship and dedication to the club. Endowed with the spirit of the true curler, he or she exemplifies the finest tradition of the roaring game.

Recipient: *Scott Correia, Sherri Fillingham*

Introduction Writing: *Dave Hamilton, Benjamin Yeung*

Presenter: *Pam Martin*

Curler of the Year Award. Presented to a member or members who demonstrate outstanding dedication to the sport of curling as evidenced by a combination of either outstanding curling

skills, exceptional improvement in their curling skills and/or superior training ability.
Sportsmanship will also be a major consideration.

Recipient: Charrissa Lin

Introduction Writing: Derek Surka

Volunteer of the Year Award. Presented to a member who has demonstrated, through the significant contributions of time, talent and effort, a powerful commitment to the continuing improvement of the Potomac Curling Club and by his or her efforts has helped deliver a high quality experience to its members and guests.

Recipient: Virginia Chalmers

Introduction Writing: Michael Fry

Matthews C. Waddell Distinguished Curling Award. Presented to a member in recognition of his or her ongoing dedicated service to the Potomac Curling Club.

Recipient: Charlie Jennings

Introduction Writing: Tim Harwood

4) **Committee Reports:**

a) **Finance Committee:**

Lin

i) 07-08 budget planning

The committee met on May 13 to develop a “strawman” budget. Any comments from the Board will be reviewed and a revised budget will be submitted to the June Board meeting for approval and implementation. Charrissa Lin offered to do a financial rundown for new Board members.

It would be good for all Board members to know who our major donors are. Charrissa Lin will send around a list from this year. We should develop a donor relations program, and manage their interests and connection.

ii) Maturing CD

We direct Charrissa Lin to roll over the \$50,000 CD into another 5 to 12 month CD (whichever has the highest interest rate).

Motion – Shirk

Second – Banville

Vote - Passed

We are anticipating in the Fall, that when we know we are stable, we will apply some of it toward the principal on our debt; perhaps \$10,000.

iii) Additional notes

See committee report for additional notes.

iv) Junior Account

Dominique Banville reported that Ed White has asked for a report on the status of the fund.

b) **By-laws Committee:**

Bass

i) Review of recommended changes

Distributed.

c) **Operations Committee:**

Hamilton, Sethi

i) Utility coop

No developments.

ii) Summer to-do list

Rachel Sethi will follow-up with Doug Andrew to set the work party dates before the Annual Meeting.

d) **Leagues Committee:**

Galebach

i) **Next Year's planning** (night for Capital League)

Brian Galebach received 54 responses to the survey. He recommended NOT to switch league nights for the upcoming season (both leagues seemed to do better on Wednesday, impact to some significant long term members, impact to members who are giving value to multiple leagues). If the back-to-back late draw games issue can be mitigated successfully through the coming season, Brian Galebach would like to review the issue again.

e) **Events Committee:**

Lin, Fry

i) **Golf outing**

- Saturday, June 23.
- Tee times starting at 12:30pm.
- Party at the Sethi's house.
- Deadline June 9.

ii) **Next Year's Calendar** (Cherry Blossom, business cards)

Business cards are in.

5) **Other Business.**

Chesapeake Curling Club clinic

George Shirk has offered to lead a skills clinic (expanded Learn-to-Curl) at Chesapeake sometime in the fall (perhaps November) through correspondence with Karen Meadows. What Potomac might get in exchange is to be determined.

Don Baird is in the hospital.

Acknowledging his participation at many of our events and his support of our club, George Shirk will take care of sending something from the club for under \$100 (ex. small fruit basket with a card.)

6) **Next Meeting.**

Monday, June 19, 2007 7pm – to be confirmed with new Board members.

(Try to set Board Meeting as early as possible in June to access Charrissa before she moves.)

10:25pm