



**The Board of Directors of
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.
MINUTES: Season 2007-08 Meeting 10
March 16, 2008 3:00pm**

Board Members Present:

Susan Armiger
Dominique Banville
Ann Drummie
Brian Galebach
Emily Morris
Barry Nichols
Bob Pursell
Richard Warner

Board Members Absent:

Michael Fry
Rachel Sethi

Members Present:

Jan Little
Charlene Macedo

1) **Call to order**

3:12pm

Warner

2) **Approve minutes of February 24, 2008 Meeting**

Motion – Galebach

Second – Pursell

Vote – Passed

Drummie

3) **Special Issues**

a) Site security

The Gardens “has not found any good cost alternatives”. Rich Warner will try to keep the communication open to hear of any developments.

Warner

b) Should we have an age limit for any Potomac-run bonspiels?

Charlene Macedo reiterated the desire for no changes to existing events, with the option that if someone is interested in an adult-only bonspiel he/she could define it and develop it.

Jan Little confirmed the general desire for the full membership to be involved in the discussion of any potential changes, and reiterated that there are people who do not want children to be participating in a bonspiel.

Barry Nichols highlighted that any decision to set a minimum age limit for any of our activities, could impact the character and the fundamentals we are known for within the curling community.

Dominique Banville highlighted that a policy about bonspiels impacts how we accommodate entries from other clubs versus how we structure privileges within our club.

Research, such as Michael Fry’s to get input from other clubs and members at other clubs, will be helpful in understanding how others may have wrestled with similar issues and how they came to their decisions. More will likely be needed such as background on the USCA, WCF, and USOC’s guidelines and the history of those guidelines regarding age.

Barry Nichols will create an ad hoc committee of 5 to 7 people to further explore the issue of having a minimum age limit for any Potomac-run bonspiels. The committee should have representatives from the membership, events, and leagues committees, but can also have general members. The research, and the development and analysis of proposals can broaden as the committee sees fit. The committee will present recommendations to the Board when the committee is ready. After the presentation to the Board, plans will be made to incorporate the broader membership in the discussion.

c) Date for Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 7, 2008.

FYI Last year the meeting started at 5pm

Dominique Banville and Susan Armiger will organize the after-meeting banquet.

Per the by-laws, notice needs to be given to members on or before May 17 (three weeks before), and the nominating committee needs to give the Board the proposed slate by May 10 (four weeks before).

4) Committee Reports:

a) Board of Directors Nominating Committee

Warner

i) General update

The Committee so far has three members (Bob Pelletier, Richard Warner, and one other). In general,. Rich Warner will draft an email notice about the nomination and election process any and all nominations should be submitted to Bob Pelletier for distribution ASAP.

b) Awards Nominating Committee

Warner

i) General update

Rich Warner will draft an email notice about the various awards and the nomination process, for distribution ASAP. Any and all nominations should be submitted to Bob Pelletier

c) Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee:

Nichols, Armiger

i) Treasurer's report

As a club we have cash (approximately \$50,000 in checking and \$50,000 in the CD). Against our budget for this fiscal year though, we are close to even, taking into account that we have a \$10,000 expense paid this year related to revenue generated and reported in the last fiscal year. Barry Nichols and Charlie Jennings are analyzing projections for the next few months, and in general believe that we'll be stable.

ii) Club fundraising

The Women's Challenge did some fundraising this weekend, but the amount is not currently known. There will be an auction at the Cherry Blossom. We usually have a silent auction at the annual meeting too.

iii) Junior fund guidelines

The Committee will report to the Board next month.

d) Events Committee:

Fry

i) Women's Challenge update

The goal of 20 teams was achieved. Overall the event ran very smoothly. The entertainment Friday and Saturday night was successful. Congratulations to the Potomac curlers as winners of the first event, and runners up in the third event.

ii) Cherry Blossom update

The goal of a full field of 32 teams has been achieved. There was room for 10 Potomac teams. No lottery for the in-house teams was required.

iii) Final Fling

Ann Drummie will organize the Final Fling again. With the ice committee cutting power at the end of play on April 16, the date for the Final Fling will be Saturday, April 12. Brian Galebach will check with leagues to find if any will play their finals on that night.

iv) Mixed Doubles bonspiel

Brian Galebach will check in with David Bykowsky.

e) **Membership Committee:**

Sethi, Yeung

i) member handbook

No update.

ii) retention planning (interviews, new member coordinators)

No update. Ann Drummie will send the announcement ASAP.

f) **Outreach Committee:**

Pursell, Warner

i) Rentals update

March 8 3-7pm Columbia ski club \$1,120

March 8 7-11pm O'Hara's \$560

Both rentals went smoothly, with a full slate of volunteers. The customers were satisfied.

The Capitol Hill Day School's bus broke down, so Dominique Banville is coordinating for a new date; potentially Thursday, April 10 10am to 2pm.

Jeff Vanarsdall's initiative may have lost steam.

A sergeant in the Canadian military, working at the Canadian embassy, is hoping to come out Friday, April 4 or April 11. Bob Pursell would coordinate for a 3pm-7pm if the group would be small enough for tapping just a few volunteers. He is waiting to hear more details about the group before proceeding.

g) **Ice Committee:**

Nichols

i) General update (pebbling training session)

The chiller went down during the Women's Challenge, but the committee found a way to restart it. A service call confirmed that the unit is okay; so perhaps it's a computer glitch. The ice temperature got up to 29 degrees before coming back down, so there was a period with some very slippery ice. There will be flow chart of steps to follow in a similar situation in the future. It will be in the back room for those interested.

The committee is planning to turn off the chiller on the last night of league games, Wednesday, April 16.

h) **Operations Committee:**

Sethi, Armiger

i) Pro Shop update

Dominique Banville and Susan Armiger will talk with Harvey Chalmers about whether the Cherry Blossom would be a good time for a sale on old inventory.

The committee decided to not print bonspiel-specific shirts for the Cherry Blossom, but will push the sales of the long sleeve T-shirts that have on-site inventory. If/when the long

sleeve sell, they'll consider making a minimum order of short sleeve T-shirts with the Potomac logo.

ii) Donor plaque

Dominique Banville reminded the Board of the promise to building donors that they would be recognized in the warm room in some way. Donors have already been asked for input on what they wanted on their portion/plaque. This should be a priority for this summer's work list. Susan Armiger will follow-up with Doug Andrew.

i) Training Committee:

Morris, Banville

i) General update

Emily Morris confirmed that FL Ettlin will be the officiating chair.

j) Leagues Committee:

Galebach

i) General update

Leagues are going well. The Capitol league, due to some cancelled nights, has extended the ice to April 16.

k) Communications Committee:

Drummie

i) General update

No report.

l) Vision Committee:

Warner

i) General update

No report.

5) Other Business

None.

6) Next Meeting.

April: Thursday, April 24 7pm – location TBD (Rich Warner checking with his golf club.)

May: Thursday, May 8 7pm – at the club. Agenda will include:

- Review slate of nominees for the Board
- Select recipients for Awards
- Receive recommendations from ad hoc committee re minimum age in bonspiels, if available

4:32pm