



**The Board of Directors of
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.
MINUTES: Season 2008-09 Meeting 12
May 5, 2009 7:30 pm Warm Room**

Board Members Present:

Lisa Andrew
Susan Armiger
Ann Drummie
Michael Fry
Sandra McMakin
Emily Morris
Barry Nichols
Rachel Sethi
George Shirk
Richard Warner

Board Members Not Present:

Bruce Black

- 1) **Call to order** *Warner*
7:30pm

- 2) **Approve minutes of April 21, 2009 Meeting** *Warner*
Motion – Shirk
Second – Sethi
Vote – Approved

- 3) **Special Issues** *Warner*
 - a) **Awards Selection**
 - Waddell**
 - Recipient: Ken Wray
 - Narrative: Barry Nichols
 - Spirit of Curling**
 - Recipient: Pete Morelewicz
 - Narrative: George Shirk
 - Volunteer of the Year**
 - Recipient: Bob Leonard
 - Narrative: Alexx Macedo
 - Curler of the Year**
 - Recipient: Team Faircloth
 - Narrative: George Shirk
 - Junior Curler of the Year**
 - Recipient: Becky Vanarsdall
 - Narrative: Sandra McMakin

Deadline for narratives: send to Richard Warner by May 23.
Richard Warner will handle certificates. Bob Leonard has created five stones as gifts for the recipients.

b) **Annual Meeting**

Items to include on the agenda were discussed, as well as presenters.

c) **Annual Banquet**

Jason Sethi will pick a cost (no more than \$20) and will receive the payments.

Acknowledgements to incorporate in the dinner were discussed.

4) **Committee Reports**

a) **Finance Committee:**

i) **Advertizing**

No update.

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b) **Leagues Committee:**

Andrew, Morris

i) **General update**

The committee had a meeting on Sunday. There were 10 people, and 5 were Board members.

(a) No major changes to which days leagues were happening.

(b) Some of the leagues may not follow exactly two half seasons.

(i) Friday night wants to be team entry, as an effort to address attendance issues, for 2/3 of the year. The last 1/3 after the Olympics would be a special league incorporating new members with coaches and instructors on the ice. There will be training for the trainers beforehand. Rachel Sethi asked that they consider how to incorporate new members in October and in January. Perhaps 3 person teams plus TBD or 5 person teams. Lisa Andrew confirmed that Jeff Erickson is willing to facilitate team making. The Sunday league is considering a session that starts in January for pre-Olympic people. Maybe the Tuesday league would be in thirds, with the middle third as the All-American.

(c) Focus Monday and Tuesday as developmental. Get the skips more engaged in helping their teams. Ex. back-end meetings. Have a skip readiness program about 'How can we get you further along?' Identify and assess your skills then identify how to advance. This is a shift of perception of the leagues. This may help with recruiting skips back to these leagues. It further highlights that we need to continue to acknowledge positive role models who are contributing to all of our members.

(d) Capping Monday night to two draws. This isn't a problem now, but in anticipation of over-subscription eventually, we want to manage expectations. Ex. position based on tenure with the league. Focus will be on moving existing curlers ahead in their development and not on beginners.

c) **GNCC:**

Warner

i) **Identifying representatives; expense support**

George suggests that we allocate \$200 for the official GNCC representative's expenses to represent the Potomac Curling Club at this year's annual meeting.

Motion – Shirk

Second – Nichols

Vote – Approved

Sandra McMakin proposed incorporating an allocation for the representative's expenses into the 2009-2010 budget. Rachel Sethi and Susan Armiger also suggested financial support for the USWCA representative. Such support respects the efforts to represent us as well as confirms accountability to represent diligently and report back.

ii) **Issues for GNCC annual meeting**

We need to confirm if and when we are hosting the Kayser.

d) **Events:** *Fry*
i) **USCA Men's Qualifying Round East**

We have been confirmed as the East site for the Men's qualifying round in January 2010. We need a coordinator. It would be good to get press releases out early and make it part of a pre-Olympic push.

5) **Other Business**

a) **Early Ice** *McMakin*
i) **Proposal**

Last year, the USCA selected some clubs across the country to install their ice earlier than usual, and with Olympic funds, gave the clubs some money to cover the additional costs. The driver was to provide elite curlers with access to ice in an Olympic selection year. Nutmeg was one of the clubs. They held an ice technician clinic, a competitive camp, etc. They were fairly centrally located for GNCC curlers to get to.

It is expected that the USCA may sponsor a similar program this year, with selections being made in July. Potomac would be an attractive location because we will be hosting the Qualifying Round, but not an attractive location from a convenience to most GNCC curlers perspective.

We would like to host early ice:

- To be integrally involved in an ice technicians clinic
- To expose more of our members to camps and clinics

However, we would want to be sure not to lose money.

It would be up to us in our proposal, to identify how many weeks of 'early ice' we would be prepared to schedule.

Barry Nichols and Sandra McMakin will work on analysis and review of last year's proposal from Nutmeg before the GNCC meeting to assist with determining who from GNCC will be submitting a proposal.

b) **First-Aid Training Session** *Shirk*

George Shirk is working with Chuck Skinner to set a date. It would be in the evening for 3.5 hours (7:30pm – 11pm) at a cost of approximately \$35. In order to promote it at the Annual Meeting, they'll look at dates in June.

c) **Nominating Committee** *Shirk*

The committee would like documented guidance. Ex. at least 3 nominees for every award? What if there is a tie in voting for Directors? What if we get fewer than 50 people involved in the vote? Should a passive or aggressive role be taken with respect to soliciting prospective board members? Richard Warner asked George Shirk to draft a policies and procedures memo for the Board to respond to and approve.

6) **Next Meeting**

Saturday, May 30, 2009 5:30pm: Annual Meeting (Lundin Room)

Saturday, May 30, 2009 after the meeting: Banquet (Warm Room)

Tuesday, June 4th, 2009 7:00pm

10:19pm