



**The Board of Directors of  
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.  
MINUTES: Season 2009-10 Meeting 6  
November 19, 2009 7:15 p.m. Warm Room**

**Board Members Present:**

Susan Armiger  
Rachel Beyerle  
Bruce Black  
Richard Chin  
Jeff Erickson  
Sandra McMakin  
George Shirk  
Ken Wray

**Board Members Not Present:** Ann Drummie, Emily Morris, Richard Warner

**PCC Members Attending:** Jay Davies, Howard Griffin, Bob Pelletier

**1) Call to order**

7:30 p.m.

*McMakin*

**4a) Item 4a Rotary World Curling Championships was moved to the top of the agenda.**

Jay Davies reported that the International Rotary World Curling Championship is held every two years. Potomac Curling Club established a committee to put together a proposal to host the 2012 championship. Committee members include Davies, Bob Pelletier, Ken Wray, and Sandra McMakin. The committee has analyzed hotel, food, and sponsorship needs for hosting. The event is part bonspiel, part World-level competition in nature. There are 10 friendly and 10 competitive level teams. The Rotary Championship requires 6 sheets of ice and will be held the week before Easter that year. \$20,000 in profit may be expected

Bob Pelletier reported on facility needs for the event. Ice is needed for 7 days. Gardens Ice House is offering ice on the hockey rink closest to the club. The rink rental is \$5,000 plus three extra days for \$1,000. The Gardens is offering use of the Lundin Room and 2 locker rooms for free. Chesapeake Curling Club is donating rocks and scoreboards. Rings will be painted into the hockey rink and paper markers used for boundaries. There will be daytime-only games. Pelletier stated that there are plans for a Sunday night dinner at the hotel with local dignitaries. A Friday night awards dinner will be held. On the Monday of the event, the DC Rotary Club is offering a luncheon at their club. Breakfast will be part of the hotel fee. The club will offer coffee and doughnuts at the club.

Rotarians will have to compete prior to getting into the event. Rotary will pay for medals. There will be a bar at the club and the Lundin Room. The hotel will provide shuttle service. The club will have to pay for the extra liquor license for the Lundin Room. The committee will look into any insurance needs.

Jay Davies commented that staffing will be needed. Officials will be needed to mark scores and the tote board. The food may be volunteered or catered. There was discussion about the need for day-time volunteers and whether credit or compensation could be offered to those who volunteer to work all day. Pelletier stated that he will check to see if the Rotary will run lunch one or two days.

Davies noted that PCC is competing against the Chicago Curling Club for the event. Chicago has a larger warm room and the rental fees for the hockey rink may be to Potomac's disadvantage.

The committee would like to market Potomac's proposal at the January 2010 Can-Am event, so they would like the Board to make a decision about the bid before January. By the next BOD meeting, the committee will submit budgetary paperwork.

Sandra McMakin commented that the Sheraton is offering \$109 per night including breakfast for this event. The price is guaranteed for 2012 if Potomac gets the bid. The contract would include 80 rooms per night plus two banquets. The club could get a rebate of approximately \$5,000-\$7,000. The Rotary would provide some cash up front, and there is a required cash outlay for the hotel. The typical entry fee for the event is approximately \$600 not including extra food and beverage. Davies noted that tours for spouses are included in the event fees. Sandra McMakin stated that she will send out a spreadsheet with information on the Rotary event before the next Board meeting.

**2) Approve minutes of October 7, 2009 Meeting**

*Beyerle*

Motion – Susan Armiger

Second – Ken Wray

Amendments:

Sandra McMakin requested that Ice Committee section be amended to state that the GNCC region does not have stone refurbishing expertise in the region, but the region has the ability to bring someone into the GNCC region to refurbish stones.

Vote – Approved as amended

**3) Financial Report**

*Armiger*

Susan Armiger provided the October 30 financial report. The club has approximately \$50,000 in cash on hand. The report does not include the Inaugural expenses and the recent expenses for equipment repairs.

Armiger did not have an update report on the auditing process.

The 990 tax report is due November 15. Richard Warner has the form and has asked for an extension to file.

There is a December 31<sup>st</sup> form due to the State of Maryland that requires the 990 form. The World Curling Federation loan has been paid.

The Board approved a \$137.91 expenditure for use of the USCA travel training kit at the recent club skills camp.

#### 4) Updates

##### b) Web Hosting

*Griffin*

Howard Griffin reported that he is moving the Web site to a different host and has prepared an information sheet on the process. The impact on users is minimal. The calendar will have a new look. There is a test site at [www.curldc.com](http://www.curldc.com) but the revised site will be accessible through [www.curldc.org](http://www.curldc.org) when the transition takes place. There is a \$4.95 monthly hosting fee. The transition is set for the Saturday night of Thanksgiving weekend. The only effect will be for those who can send email from the Web site.

##### c) Ice Committee

*Wray*

Ken Wray reported that the total estimated repair bill for the dehumidifier, compressor, and switch repair is \$8,400. The repairs come with a 1-year warranty. In the interim, Wray has left instructions on the warm room doors for humidifier operation when there is no one curling.

Another issue is locking the club. Doors have been found unlocked. Club members need to make sure that the rear side ice shed door close completely. Jeff Erickson said that he will talk with league coordinators about reminding curlers to keep doors locked.

Sandra McMakin asked how much it would cost to replace the entire dehumidifier. Wray said that he is not sure. Wray is checking with Boland to see how much it would cost for an annual chiller service visit.

The GNCC has a Google group for Ice technicians. John Hale and Sandra McMakin are in the group. Wray noted that he has purchased a 1-litre bottle of Magic Ice to use.

##### d) Facility

*Wray*

Ken Wray provided a status report on locker rentals. Rentals are as follows:  
Large: 4 womens/5 mens  
Medium: 3 womens/5 mens  
Small: 11 womens/23 mens

2 lockers are currently being used for merchandise and 6 lockers in the mens room are used for other items.

Wray stated that he can compare with last year's figures to determine and compare gain/loss.

- e) **Membership** *Beyerle*  
Rachel Beyerle reported that as of the most recent roster, there are currently 187 club members in all categories. New curlers (including transfer curlers) total 26. There are 60 non-returning curlers.

Beyerle will provide members by category at the next meeting.

- f) **School and University Curling** *Chin*  
Richard Chin reported that he's had discussions with Augsburg Academy about a Monday-Friday afterschool program. The director is not interested in the weekend program. At this point, Augsburg has the information and is aware of what the club can offer.

The University of Maryland has approved running a curling course in January, 5 days a week for 3 weeks. Only 3 people are enrolled as of November 19.

The University of Baltimore has 6 potential curlers, and they are checking on potential funding from the university.

- g) **Open Houses and Learn-to-Curls** *Shirk*  
George Shirk reported that about 60 curlers participated in open houses. There will be another open house in January along with the Olympic open house in February. The dates are on the calendar but no specific times are available yet.

There have been two rentals held at \$660. Five rentals at approximately \$2,500 have been scheduled.

- h) **Club Development** *McMakin, Chin*  
The October skills camp had 22 attendees and 9 coaches. Stations were set up for curlers. Good comments and feedback were received. Most curlers are intermediate curlers.

Level I and II Instruction classes were held. Ten people attended the Level I course on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen attended the Level II course—7 were from Triangle and one from Philadelphia.

The club is acquiring 32 grippers from Goldline via the club advertising credit.

Friday night league is being used as a training opportunity. There is a half-hour training session prior to the game. Items covered so far include clothing, reading ice, and interval timing.

- i) **Leagues** *Morris, Erickson*  
Jeff Erickson stated that he needs to line up curlers for the Olympic Friday session to instruct and play.

League chairs plan to discuss club standards for tie-breakers.

- j) Internal and Social Events Committee** *Morris, Beyerle*  
The next internal events are the Turkey Skins event being held November 27<sup>th</sup> and the BIG Spiel scheduled for December 3-6<sup>th</sup>.

- k) Bonspiels** *Black*  
Bruce Black reported on behalf of Rich Warner. There were 22 teams in the Inaugural. Bar sales were down due to the satellite TV being out of commission. Beer sales were off by 10 cases.

Board members discussed the Hanging Chad event and whether it should continue. There was low warm room attendance on Saturday night. Board members present agreed that the Inaugural draw schedule or the Hanging Chad event should be re-worked before next year's Inaugural.

- l) Spanner Banner** *Morris*  
Emily Morris sent out an email requesting article ideas for the newsletter. The newsletter will be put out approximately every two weeks. Ken Wray will write an article about the dehumidifier.

- m) Merchandise** *Shirk*  
The club pens have arrived. Richard Warner is taking the lead on merchandise inventory. The Board suggested putting a post in the Spanner Banner about who to contact for merchandise.

Sandra McMakin suggested that the club may want to consider getting a locked rolling cart for merchandise.

## **5) Other Business**

### **Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Bruce Black presented a handout with preliminary concepts on the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the October 2010-October 2011 time period.

## **6) Next Meeting**

Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

9:40 p.m.