



**The Board of Directors of
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.
MINUTES: Season 2009-10 Meeting 12
May 8, 2010 4:30 p.m. Warm Room**

Board Members Present:

Susan Armiger
Rachel Beyerle
Bruce Black
Richard Chin
Ann Drummie
Jeff Erickson
Sandra McMakin
Emily Morris
George Shirk
Richard Warner
Ken Wray

- 1) **Call to order** *Drummie*

- 2) **Approve minutes of April 11, 2010 Meeting** *Beyerle*

Ann Drummie requested that Rachel insert context from Drummie email on rentals dated 5/4/10.

Motion to Approve: George Shirk

Second: Jeff Erickson

Minutes approved.

- 3) **Financial Report** *Armiger, Warner*
Susan Armiger handed out the financial report through April 30. For comparison purposes, the club is \$25,000 ahead from April 30 of last season. Cherry Blossom expenses and Meltdown expenses are not yet final. As is tradition, Meltdown profits will be shared with the Chesapeake Curling Club. The USCA sent \$1,000 toward Men's Playdowns costs.

Expenses are projected through September 2010. Electric bills are less than last year. Sandra McMakin asked whether the hotel sponsorship revenue is included. Armiger commented that a check has been received from the Sheraton six weeks ago but not sure for what event.

Richard Warner commented that he has custody of the insurance policy.

4) Selection of Awards (Closed Session)

Shirk, Drummie

The Board moved into closed session to select winners for the club's annual awards.

Waddell

Recipients: Virginia Chalmers and Dominique Banville

Narrative: Sandra McMakin and Michael Fry

Ambassador

Recipient: Howard Griffin

Narrative: Sandra McMakin, Emily Morris

Curler of the Year

Recipient: Sean Murray

Narrative: Jeff Erickson

Volunteer of the Year

Recipient: Lee and Rachel Vanarsdall

Narrative: Rachel Beyerle, Bruce Black, Sandra McMakin

Spirit of Curling

Recipient: Irwin Freed

Narrative: Ken Wray

Junior Curler of the Year

Recipient: Ryan McMakin

Narrative: Sandra McMakin

Ann Drummie stated that Bruce Black will package the pin design announcement and information on the 50th anniversary gala.

5) Planning for Annual Meeting and Dinner

Drummie

a) Meeting Agenda Ideas

Ann Drummie noted that plans for the annual meeting include a financial update, overview of membership, plans for 2010-11 season, and an overview of connections with the Gardens Ice House, USCA, and GNCC.

b) Dinner Program

The dinner program will include thank yous, announcement of league winners, pin competition announcement, and presentation of awards.

Bruce Black mentioned that there are 8 candidate pins. The winning and runner-up design will be announced. The runner-up will receive a \$100 discount on next season's dues.

The 50th anniversary dinner will be April 30, 2011 at approximately 5:30 pm. Ten guest rooms will be reserved at the Sheraton. The bar will have a Maryland theme, and Bruce is exploring a wine sponsorship, a Maryland beer sponsorship, and possible single malt whiskey sponsorship. The estimate is for approximately 125 people with an approximate \$50 per person cost. A contract is expected the week of May 10th. The estimated cost is in the \$5,000 to \$8,000 range. The Board of Directors granted approval and a 10% deposit to secure the hotel contract.

The Board received an email from Brian Galebach with comments pertaining to the Saturday afternoon league. The Board received an email from Dominique Banville about the Saturday afternoon league.

Drummie thanked Susan Armiger, Richard Chin, and Richard Warner for their terms on the board. Dinner thank yous will include Harvey and Virginia Chalmers for their service to the Junior program, Bob Pursell for Rentals, Howard Griffin and Charlie Jennings for Thursday nights, the ice maintenance crew, and outgoing Board members.

The Women's Scots Tour will visit Potomac January 11-13, 2011. Games will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The tour will leave on Thursday. There will be 20 curlers and 2 alternates. Potomac will need to provide curlers for games as well as host houses.

Bob Leonard has volunteered to take over Bob Pursell's role as rental coordinator.

For Annual Meeting: Jeff Erickson and Emily Morris will focus on league retention plus development. Sandra McMakin said that she can talk about training and the Junior program. Richard Chin can do a recap of great things from 2009-10 season. Rachel Beyerle's membership report will focus on the Olympic membership and retention into next season. Ken Wray stated that he can comment on the status of equipment—what is in good shape and what is in need of repair. George Shirk volunteered to provide the season overview with Richard Chin and thank volunteers for the great things that happened this season. Ann Drummie will address the USCA and the club's relationship with the Gardens Ice House.

Rachel Beyerle will address getting a microphone for Tim Harwood. Bob Leonard is checking into making awards for club award recipients. Drummie mentioned that additional awards are needed for Team Faircloth winners from last year.

6) Working Session: 2010-11 Membership Structure

Drummie, Beyerle

Ann Drummie stated that she would like the Board to begin a discussion on reviewing the membership structure with a goal of relieving the membership committee from having to review the structure and focus more helping members. One of the questions that may be addressed through the conversation is when the club may be able to move to a base plus league structure. Drummie handed out the membership categories sheet for Fall 2009 and asked Board members to take a look at it. Drummie presented a spreadsheet with scenarios for different membership formats. A question to consider is how allowing one-league participation would affect revenue. Drummie asked Board members to review the

spreadsheet models. The Board would essentially need to know one year ahead to let members know in advance.

Sandra McMakin commented that two years ago a survey was sent out that yielded comments on why curlers can't just play in one league at this stage.

7) Brief Updates

Drummie

Ann Drummie announced that the USWCA will increase dues by \$1 in 2010-11. There are new World Curling Federation rules for competitive 10-end games. Competitors will be able to have a coach come out on the ice but it needs to be on a running clock of one minute. Potomac will host the Kayser in the 2010-11 season. FL Ettlin and Rebecca Baxter will serve as chairs.

a) Bonspiel Working Session

Drummie

The bonspiel discussion included lessons learned and shared. There were 31 attendees. Inaugural chairs have been determined, and Rich Warner will serve as the overall chair. One of the main goals of the bonspiel planning session was met: exposing new people to the idea of chairing an event in the near future.

b) Golf Outing

Brian Parsons will chair the golf outing on June 19th and is preparing a flyer. The scramble will take place at Northwest Golf Course. The golfing fee is \$45 with a \$10 food donation.

c) Baseball Game

Erickson

The Baysox baseball outing is set for June 5. There are 12 RSVPs so far with more expected.

d) Facility/Summer Work Days

Wray, Black

Ken Wray will send an email reminder out that the next work day is June 12. Ann Drummie stated that a committee will prepare a warm room design to address recommendations for moving furniture. George Shirk mentioned that a former club member donated money for a sound system, but it's never been installed. Jeff Erickson noted that additional bar stools, a flat screen TV, and a trophy case would be welcome additions to the warm room.

8) Other Business

Ken Wray will change the Gardens door access code. The hot water heater has been replaced. The stovetop will be replaced. Wray and Barry Nichols are looking at auction house items for some replacements. As of the Board meeting, Ken had not yet heard from PK Mechanical. Club member Mike Cherlow is getting a quote. Boland still owes the club a new part for the dehumidifier. Wray has filed release forms in the back. Barry Nichols is

supplying new plywood and servicing the nipper. The club will be looking to get rid of the unused glycol drums.

Drummie reported that the GNCC annual meeting is the weekend of May 15 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Drummie is planning to attend, and one item on the agenda is nominating a new USCA president.

9) Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 16 at 7:30 p.m. [Note: the date was later changed to June 15.]

7:40 p.m.