



**The Annual Meeting of  
The Potomac Curling Club of the National Capital Area, Inc.  
MINUTES: Season 2008-09  
May 30, 2009 5:30pm Lundin Room**

- 1) **Call to order** *Warner*  
5:36pm  
Approximately 37 member plus Members of the Board (Armiger, Black, Drummie, Fry, Nichols, Sethi, Shirk, Warner)  
Board Members Absent: Andrew, McMakin, Morris
  
- 2) **Approve minutes of June 7, 2008 Annual Meeting** *Warner*  
Ann will correct the typo in expenses.  
Motion – Bob Pelletier  
Second – Bob Leonard  
Vote – Passed
  
- 3) **Financial Report ending April, 2009** *Nichols*  
Barry Nichols presented a comparison of the current year to date versus fiscal year 07-08. We're approximately tracking equally to last year. We'll close the books for 08-09 on June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
We have \$100,000 in the bank.  
Our long term debt (Sandy Spring, bond holders, private loan, WCF loan) is about \$350,000. Our payments are on track.  
Q: What do we expect in expenses through the end of the fiscal year? A: Expenses left in May and June are about \$3,000 and we have funds to cover them.  
Q: Why the \$8k jump in ice costs? A: We're at a point that we're encountering failures in equipment ex. starting compressor this year, and fluorescent lights.  
Q: Why the drop in the mortgage payment? A: We renegotiated the rate of the loan (down by 2%).  
The 2007-08 year is also high because we made a principal pay down.
  
- 4) **Updates**
  - a) **Membership** (overview of membership counts and trends) *Sethi*  
Rachel Sethi gave a colorful powerpoint presentation.
    - We ended with 153 curling members, in addition to 25-30 youth curlers and about 15 social members.
    - The % from VA has dropped to 10%.
    - Almost 1/5<sup>th</sup> of our membership has joined in the last year.
    - 36% of our members have joined in the last 3 years.
  
  - b) **Facility** (listing of achieved and planned improvements; work days) *Nichols*  
Ken Wray reviewed the achievements in the shed since we shut down in April, and the highlights on the to-do list for the upcoming work days.
    - Saturday, July 11
    - Sunday, August 16The target for firing up the chiller again is September 15.
  
  - c) **Events** (recap of season; dates to remember for 2009-2010) *Fry*  
Michael Fry reviewed the season:
    - Had several events
    - All went off fairly well
    - Came in around the target of \$15-16k
    - Still about 45% local participation which is higher than desired but we're in the southern end of the GNCC perhaps this will be our norm?

- We've done well with the organizing of external events. Not as much focus was given on the internal events – hopefully that can change.

Next season:

- Inaugural
- Cherry Blossom
- Meltdown
- Men's Qualifying Round for World Track

The Kayser is not coming to Potomac until next season, 2010-11. (This year it is at Schenectady.)

Folks like having the business cards with dates.

Olympic open house is scheduled for February 20 – in the middle of the Olympics.

- d) **Youth Program** (update) *Chalmers*  
Virginia Chalmers reported that we had about 21 juniors and 5 loyal middle rockers, with a good parent group. We have upped our coaching this year with Sandra McMakin leading a full team, coaching technical skills with all juniors as well as focusing efforts on our playdown teams. We've had new success with sending kids to nationals (Becky Andrew, Becky Vanarsdall). Thank you for support for sending kids to Devil's Lake.  
Similar to our other bonspiels, it is difficult for the Junior Bonspiel to attract players from the other end of the GNCC. It is though a good event for those who come.  
Juniors are being active in regular league play too.  
We are still looking for a coordinator for middle rockers for next season.
- e) **Rentals** (summary of interest and revenue) *Pursell*  
George Shirk reported for Bob Pursell that we increased our rental income by over 50%, to approximately \$9,000. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to teach the rentals, and particularly to Bob.
- f) **Advertizing** (update) *Hale*  
John Hale explained a new effort to form partnerships with local businesses, to get them to know that we exist. Revenues from this effort are a positive by-product.  
He has developed a brochure and a price list: where advertizing can go, how big, how much it costs, how to contact us, etc. Posters go to the advertisers to display in their places of business.  
He already has a list of potential advertisers and will be at the banquet asking for volunteers to contact 4 specific potential advertisers. He even offered to continue the conversations once a volunteer got them started.
- g) **Leagues** (topics for summer discussions) *Shirk (for Morris and Andrew)*  
George Shirk reported for Lisa Andrew and Emily Morris that it has been a challenging year but it went well. Thank you to all league coordinators.  
There was a committee meeting on May 3 to start discussions about enhancements for next season.
- Not changing any nights.
  - Friday will be planned to finish by the Olympics to allow for post-Olympic programming. TGIF is focusing on a team entry system.
  - Considering changes to M and T league to focus on developing all players.
  - Next meeting, Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30pm in the warm room.

h) **GNCC (update)** *Drummie (for McMakin)*

Ann Drummie highlighted from Sandra McMakin's previously distributed report:

- Members will be asked to confirm if they would prefer to receive GNCC communications electronically ex. newsletter and directory
- The Women's Challenge has been renamed in honor of Elizabeth Childs.
- The GNCC is debating if the GNCC Senior Men's and GNCC Senior Mixed should change their age limit from 55 down to 50 per the World and USCA Senior events. The vote on this is expected at the next GNCC Annual Meeting in May 2010.

i) **Goals and Objectives** (topics for summer discussions; Olympic planning) *Drummie*

Ann Drummie referenced that the GNCC gave us some great resource materials for planning an open house at the time of the Olympics.

The theme of most of the presentation has been about more planning this summer. Every committee will be looking for new faces, and we may even be shuffling the committees themselves too.

5) **Announcement of Election Results for the Board of Directors** *Nominating Committee*

Bob Pelletier thanked the rest of the Nominating Committee: Dawn Findlay, Ron Aubin, George Shirk, and Karen McQuillan, and supported by Howard Griffin.

The vote was conducted electronically this year. 101 out of 148 eligible voters participated.

Thank you to Howard Griffin and Dawn Findlay for setting up the system.

Thank you to the ten members who ran this year.

Elected to three year terms:

Ann Drummie  
Ken Wray  
Jeff Erickson  
Rachel Beyerle

Elected to a one year term:

Richard Chin

The committee will meet the week of June 8 about further structuring the nominating committee and potentially developing a survey about the electronic voting.

6) **Open Q&A** *Warner*

First-Aid Course: George Shirk reminded members to sign-up for the first aid course, scheduled for June 18 at 7:30pm.

Silent Auction: John Bittner informed the members that there are two tables of curling art from an old member of the club who recently passed away, in tonight's silent auction.

7) **Next Meeting**

Next Annual Meeting will be about the same time next year.

Next Board meeting is June 9, 2009 7pm.

Adjourned at 6:36pm to begin the banquet and awards presentations.

Submitted by Ann Drummie