



## **Midwest Curling Association: Meeting Minutes**

November 5, 2017 @ Chicago Curling Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Attending were Russ Brown, Mark Striblen, Jim Wilson, Dave Jamros, Everett Wilson, Peiyao Chen, Jeff Wright. Paul Lange departed as the Exmoor CC representative, and Jeff Wright joins as the new VP. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented was made by Jim Wilson, seconded by Russ Brown.

### **Treasurer's Report by Mark Striblen**

The transaction history since the last meeting was presented. A discussion was had to about moving the ICA dues due date to December 15<sup>th</sup>; however, no action was taken for this year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was done by Russ Brown and seconded by Jeff Wright.

### **USCA Report by Russ Brown**

The USCA Members' Assembly was well attended by 175 people. The USCA has created a new category for arena clubs that have no ice. The WCF has adopted a 5-rock rule for free guard zone, and the next USCA meeting will be via telephone.

### **USWCA Report**

The USWCA sponsored the 5 Year & Under for all curlers – men and women. The event will be held at Chicago Curling Club on February 9-11 with an Olympic theme. Chicago CC will also be hosting the 2019 Women's National Bonspiel in February 2019.

### **ICA Event/Club Reports**

Exmoor CC's Wednesday night interleague is in progress, and the club has decided to waive the \$10 fee to play and is only requiring participants to buy two drinks. Northwestern curling is practicing at Chicago CC and has increased their fee for ice time. St. Louis CC provided the ICA board with a presentation on their new facility with the intention of receiving a loan from the ICA. The facility would have four sheets with slightly smaller sheets than normal. A local city (Hazelwood) has pledged a \$250k loan with an interest fee. They hope to have a facility set up by February for the Olympics. Waltham CC is hosting the 5 Year & Under in 2 weeks with six teams signed up thus far. A request to allow out of states teams was made. The board accepted the request with a registration fee of \$100 per team. The Illinae event is also scheduled for December 9, 2017. Wilmette CC has been struggling to get ice from Chicago CC. Windy CC stated that their old arena wants them back, but they will remain at Seven Bridges this year with the hopes of moving to a new facility next season.

### **Old Business**

David has taken over the website project, and it is expected to be completed in time for our next meeting. Work is progressing well. The O'Grady trophy had ten years taken off to make way for more years to be added. This trophy is for the Illinois Men's Championship. The Dar

Curtis trophy is still in progress. The Vice President position has been filled, and the secretary position is open and needs to be filled.

### **New Business**

Kevin Behrens is in charge of the Mixed and U18 Playdowns, and Tracy Lawless is in charge of the Men/Women's Club Playdowns. There is enough sign up to run the Illinae and 5 Year & Under events. The ICA Board discussed the St. Louis CC loan and decided to table the discussion pending more information. The ICA would like to help St. Louis CC, however, any loan given out by the ICA would need to be attached to a specific item that can be taken back, if defaulted. Currently, three years of pins remain for the 5 Year & Under. An order for Prairie State pins is being made. A discussion was had about potentially renaming the ICA to be more inclusive of our new out of state clubs, and this item was tabled.

With there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM. Next meeting will be on January 15, 2018.