



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

September 18, 2017 @ Chicago Curling Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Attending were Russ Brown, Mark Striblen, Paul Lange, Jim Wilson, and David Jamros. Everett Wilson and Peiyao Chen were attending by telephone. Jim Wilson and Sara Gaum are new representatives for Chicago CC. Departing members included Michele Rittgers (Secretary), Colin Rittgers (VP), Chris Neseman (Chicago Rep.), and Julie Denten (Chicago Rep.). Previous meeting minutes were tabled due to no minutes being created by the outgoing Secretary.

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

Minimal transactions have occurred in the summer. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was done by Paul Lange and seconded by Russ Brown.

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

There are two weeks until the USCA Members' Assembly. The World Curling Federation has adopted the new 5-rock rule (free guard zone), and there will now be 13 teams at Worlds.

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

Chicago CC has ice, and the parking lot and roof have been redone. Online registration is now available for leagues. Exmoor CC is trying to start a rookies couples league on Monday evenings with instruction. They are looking at holding an interclub league which would take place on 4-5 Wednesday nights and would require guests to spend about \$15 on food and beverages. Exmoor CC's Mixed Bonspiel (College Weekend) will be held from November 10-12. Northwestern curling has an upcoming recruitment event, and they are looking forward to a new season at Chicago CC. St. Louis CC has completed another successful bonspiel over the Labor Day weekend making around \$2k towards their dedicated ice fund. They have just opened registration for their 2<sup>nd</sup> bonspiel of the season which will be held at Waltham CC in the last weekend of January. Membership is up to around 75+ members, and they just began league play on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a doubles league. The club is still searching for a building to purchase for a future dedicated ice location, and they look to have 1-2 teams in the U18 Playdowns. Waltham CC needs more information on the Illinae and 5 Year & Under (provided by Russ Brown). Regular season will begin in November. Windy City CC's building management has decided to terminate their lease, so they are homeless. The club is in the process of securing their own facility in Burr Ridge, and they have started rezoning applications and are working with the village to get passed that stage. After that, Windy City CC will sign a lease and buy equipment. They are working on raising some funds, but member contribution has been helpful. Hopefully, by next meeting, Windy City CC will have their lease signed, construction started, and their first stone at their own facility.

**Old Business**

Russ Armstrong was given the reins by Michele, and David Jamros will contact Russ for the status. The ICA calendar was approved, and David will include this information in the President's Letter, which will come out in September. David will also get information from all member clubs to update the contact list and add a contact for Women's curling (Illinae).

**New Business**

The ICA needs to update the O'Grady trophy and all need to check on the status of the Dar Curtis Trophy. In addition, there are two open ICA positions (secretary and VP). That information will be included in the President's Letter.

With there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM. Next meeting will be on Saturday, November 4, 2017, during the Prairie State Challenge.