



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

September 10, 2018 @ Chicago Curling Club

David Jamros called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Attending were Dave Jamros, Mark Striblen, Russ Brown, Sara Gaum, Steve Parke, and Lon Peper. Peiyao Chen is departing as the Northwestern curling representative. One meeting minute update was to add Jeff Wright as attending. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented was made by Russ Brown, seconded by Dave Jamros.

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

The financial highlights sent out before the board meeting were presented. Tax returns have been filed. Notes payable: 1 stone payment left. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was done by Sara Gaum and seconded by Dave Jamros.

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

The USCA meeting in Albany will coincide with the Members' Assembly. The 5-rock rule will be enforced, and Omaha will be the United States site for the World Cup Curling Tour.

### **MCA Event/Club Reports**

MCA event flyer is up-to-date and ready to be distributed. Cedar Rapids CC will start a league on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They held a fundraiser for the United Way and raised \$6300, and the ice arena has a new general manager who is trying to help improve ice conditions. Chicago CC Mixed event currently has 11 teams, and the Windy City open is full. The club has officially adopted the 5-rock rule. Exmoor CC will not have jet ice hoses, new lights, new scoreboards, and 12 new curlers. Their interleague club event will continue to be held on Wednesday nights this season. St. Louis has purchased land for a new dedicated facility, and they are working to build a new facility. Waltham CC will be hosting the Illinae and the Dar Curtis MCA events. They will also be hosting the St. Louis CC's Winter Classic Bonspiel in January. Windy City CC started their leagues with five full sheets. They are working towards a new facility and will not be hosting the Dar Curtis this year. Windy City CC plans to hold their bonspiel at Chicago CC again.

### **Old Business**

A proposal for the Wrigley Learn2Curl event has been submitted. More support and better ice were requested, and they are looking into having merchandise available. In regards to the conference telephone purchase, the MCA is still working on the hardware.

### **New Business**

The MCA website has been launched, and events will be up soon. The website is still going through corrections to the website. The MCA is looking to get a new logo and are looking into using our members to brainstorm. Drafts due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The only requirement is that the Midwest Curling Association must be spelled out. The MCA is looking at creating an

insurance program like the GNCC. This has been tabled pending more information. The MCA dues for the upcoming season will stay the same at \$14 per curler. The USCA is raising dues this year to \$34 per curler. The MCA is looking at creating a new position to help with the website and social media for the MCA. Anyone interested should contact Dave Jamros. The MCA had a request to look into hotel rooms for MCA events. It has been decided that the MCA will not be securing hotel blocks as most teams tend to book their own rooms for MCA events.

With there being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next meeting will be on November 4, 2018.