

**Minnesota Curling Association Board Meeting – November 1, 2008 – 11:00am**  
**Cassidy's Restaurant, Hinckley MN**

**Members Present:** **Norma O'Leary**, MCA President (Two Harbors CC); **Jim Newman**, MCA Rep. (Curl Mesabi); **Cyndee Johnson**, USCA Representative (Duluth CC); **Darcy Ellarby**, Club Representative (Dakota CC); **Nancy Haggemiller**, MCA Rep (Vikingland CC); **Kent Beadle**, USCA Representative (St. Paul CC); **Linda Christensen**, MCA Representative (Duluth CC); **Jay Osbakken**, MCA Treasurer (Two Harbors CC);

**President O'Leary called the meeting to order at 11:00am.**  
**(because a quorum is not present, no official action can be taken)**

**Minutes from the October 2008 meeting reviewed.**

Osbakken corrected the minutes to indicate that Mapleton (not Mankato) has not yet paid 2007 MCA dues.

**President's Report – Norma O'Leary:**

Six MCA clubs have not paid 2007 USCA membership dues:

International Falls, Cook County, Stephen, Detroit Lakes, Thief River Falls, Hallock  
Beadle will help try to encourage these clubs to maintain their memberships

Discussion about lack of quorum at so many meetings. Darcy will coordinate using an Internet Conference website for the January Meeting for approximately \$35. Computer terminal will be set up at St. Paul Curling Club for those that would like to attend meeting in person while participating in Internet Conference.

Other solutions:

Contact each Club President to find out their MCA representatives.

Ask for RSVP from each MCA rep prior to meeting to ensure their participation

**Treasurer's Report – Jay Osbakken:**

Current balance in the checking account: \$4,655.56

Current balance in the Putnam Fund: \$24,541.19

Osbakken reported that 4 clubs (Detroit Lakes, Hallock, Mapleton, Thief River Falls) have not paid their MCA dues for 07-08.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report – Matt Rudig:**

O'Leary reported for Rudig who could not attend the meeting.

Two Harbors will host State Mixed Championship – Feb. 19 – 22, 2009

O'Leary will make sure Gopher Patches get ordered

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report – Mike Floerchinger:**

Mike was not present, but Haggemiller reported that U of M, Morris is attempting to add college curling as an extra curricular event.

We're not sure how the calendar is progressing.

**USCA Directors Reports – Kent Beadle:**

USCA Pin Donation Program will now allow donors designate how 50% of their donation is to be utilized. Choices will include the following:

- Senior World Travel Expense
- World University Games
- Junior Camps
- WCF Stone reimbursement

- No designation
- Mixed Doubles Host Club
- Junior Nationals Host Club
- Men's/Women's Qualifying Host Club
- Men's/Women's Challenge Round Host Club
- Olympic Trials Host Club
- Club Nationals Host Club
- Mixed Nationals Host Club

Two other USCA fundraising initiatives to help generate operating money:

- Corporate Sponsorship and Large Donor Program
- Planned Giving Program (Create Endowment)

#### **Junior's Report – Troy Gorans:**

Troy was not present, but discussion about whether teams must represent a specific High School. The consensus is that teams should be allowed to represent a club, since many clubs have High School aged curlers that attend a variety of schools in their area.

#### **Regional Training and Instruction Report- Darcy Ellarby:**

Darcy reported that Curl Mesabi and Itasca will be hosting Level I Instructors Clinics (dates not set yet)

Darcy would like to set up a discussion Forum on Yahoo for Instructor to network, similar to the forum that is currently running for Arena Curlers to network

#### **No Gopher State Report.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2009 via Internet Conference. Computer Terminal and live meeting place will be during the State Championships at the St. Paul Curling Club**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Erickson, Secretary