

Minutes  
KMCC Board of Director Meeting  
6:30 P.M., January 11, 2018  
KMCC

- A. Call to Order – 6:44 pm Present – Tess, Tom, John, Jeff S, Jeff N, Herb, Michele, Phyllis, Herb. Absent – Jerry.
- B. Secretary’s Report (J Nelson) – Previous meetings minutes approved and posted to website.
- C. Treasurer’s Report (J Holding) – Submitted, reviewed, no concerns.
- D. Agenda Addition – F3 – Website, F4 – Pins/Nametags, F5 – Dues refund, F6 – Jim Ellis, F7 – Couch reupholstering
- E. Old Business -
  - 1. Directory – It is out and copies are available at the club. Issues – late again, part of this is due to the change in responsibilities. Patron’s list not included. 1 full page paid ad left out by mistake. Email will be sent to ad purchaser, along with a letter of apology from the board and a full refund of monies paid for ad.
  - 2. Ice Committee – Flood planned for next week, will help fix some inconsistencies in ice that have developed.
  - 3. Parking - Three new parking signs to post our lot were brought in by Herb to show to the board. Signs will be posted as previously discussed.
  - 4. Rule Changes - five rock fgz/Mixed & Classic Play Down – rule changes have been noted but not yet posted to website. This will be done in the near future.
- F. New Business -
  - 1. Priorities (roof, other equipment, rocks) – Through discussions it was found that 5 sheets of stones were available at Steve’s Curling supply. The stones were used for about 10 years at the Grand slam curling tour. Steve’s has allowed us, for no cost, to trial 1 sheet of these stones, to see how they play on our ice and how they differ from our current stones. This past Sunday a series of tests were run to compare the stones as objectively as possible to our current stones. Preliminary results show that the loaner set curl more and have more action on angled hits/ticks than our stones but they aren’t necessarily faster. Larry Laux’s opinion is that these stones would be an asset and improvement to the club for decades to come and should be seriously considered.

The stones would cost \$36,000 for all 5 sheets. Steve's has offered a minimum of \$100 per stone trade-in for our stones, sight unseen.

There are other structural/equipment expenditures that must be dealt with as well. The roof repair options will be compared by April as previously discussed as this is the top priority at this time. The ice equipment is another concern. Portions of the system are old, however when the chiller was replaced it was decided that the entire system wouldn't be replaced as it is the most efficient type of system available. The brine pump will need to be replaced over the summer. The main concern is the remaining usable life of the condenser. This will be tested and evaluated after the current curling season. A new one would have to be custom built for our current set up.

In regard to the new set of stones, because it is an Olympic year, the stones will not be up for sale for long. Tom Munich will investigate fundraising options to see what member committed funds would be available, and if we can get more for our current stones, which would reduce the potential capital expenditure for the club. The board will also try to quickly evaluate what other options exist, such as what is the cost of a brand new set of stones, or are there any other matched 5 sheet sets of stones available. We will request an extra couple weeks from Steve's curling supply to evaluate the need and options available, as the board realizes this is a rare opportunity. A special meeting will be scheduled in approximately 2 weeks (possibly Jan 28<sup>th</sup>) to evaluate all additional data gathered regarding stone options.

2. Volunteerism – Jeff S, in reviewing the Wausau club handbook while up there for a bonspiel, discovered that they as a club have the board decide a minimum number of volunteer hours expected from each member for each curling season and what the penalty is if the minimum hours aren't met by a club member. Jeff will try to get impressions of this rule from current Wausau curling club members.

3. Website – Phyllis and Tess met with Kelly Burian, the Wauwatosa curling club web designer. The 'Tosa club uses a canned program/website created by a guy in Canada called Curling club manager. It is a web design created specifically for curling clubs. Dave Lewis provided his login information to the board in the fall so that anyone could check out their website set up. There are numerous positives compared to our current web design. The cost is \$400 per year, which WCC considers a steal and have actually tried paying more for it and the webmaster wouldn't accept it. We would need to get started in the near future with paperwork and the initial steps to transition if we want the website up and running for the fall.

The downsides are that subs are called “spares” and that the webmaster isn’t immediately available, but that usually will respond to email within 1-2 business days. The website also supports credit card payments. WCC pays for paypal pro at \$30/month which is integrated with the website. Sarah Kirchoff and Michele Heinze have offered to help transition to the new website if it is decided we should change. Tom Godar moves that we transition to the new website setup, Herb seconds. Motion passes.

F4. Pins/Nametags – Jim L. can’t be running around for everyone in need of pin engraving. He is requesting the board’s help on what to do regard pins. He doesn’t mind continuing to order pins as needed. He is considering giving the pins to their respective chairpersons. He has gotten several engraved at a couple locations and they are averaging \$2.50-3 per pin which is more than the pin in several cases. It was asked if we could hire Dave Lewis. He would consider it. In the meantime, it was suggested that we use Rudig as they have the ability to do both nametags and pins and Dave Lewis would be willing to facilitate the relationship and will work with Jim L and Jeff N on pins and nametags.

F5. Craig Schambow has requested a partial refund of dues for medical reasons. He had shoulder surgery. He will continue to be an active club member otherwise. It was recommended we refund ½ years dues minus \$35 for a ½ year social membership. Herb moved that we refund dues as recommended, Tom G seconded. Motion passed.

F6. Jim Ellis along with Pat Van Till have requested to be able to give a more complete curling experience to the high school PE classes that have been coming out this season. They would like to put on a 1 day mini-spiel on March 11<sup>th</sup> with 4 end games, bracketed based on number of teams to get those really interested back out to the club as well as some of the parents to potentially get them interested as well. This would be made free to the high schoolers and Jim and Pat will contact the curling school for support with food, etc. The board supports this proposal.

F7. The red couches are in need of reupholstering. The kettles will be handling the reupholstering as they did several years ago.

H. Adjourn – Tom G moved we adjourn, Herb seconds. Motion passes.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Nelson

**Communications and Major Assets Report**  
**January 11, 2018**  
**Herb Rasmussen**

Website is operating and we will have a verbal update from our administrators.

Facebook Sarah Kirchoff sent me a detailed report on the use of our Facebook site and her using this to advertise out 'Learn to Curl' event. We need to use this media more because the print media is so expensive and is difficult if not impossible to find the best venue. I have attached a copy of her email analysis, please thank her for her work when you see her.

Lake Country Reporter advertising, I will discuss as an agenda item.

Parking lot signs Have them and will install at the Oakwood entrance, near to the 'Ice Makers' parking and in the dumpster area, these approximate sites have been protected from frost.

**Major Assets**

**ROOF**

o We have a bid for replacing the flat roof but last month, we deferred making a decision pending further consultation and expert input due in spring, After John Geason's repair we have not had any additional leaks, but also no snow or rain.

**SEPTIC SYSTEM**

o Our system has operated adequately by pumping the tank 10 or so times per year. We are treating our system as a holding tank but will bury adequate pipes to accommodate a system if any parking lot improvements are made. No need to make this a near term concern.

**PARKING LOT**

o Our parking lot will need repair but needs replacement soon, with the next few years. I contacted Merit Asphalt for an estimate on a complete replacement but have not heard back as of now. Their estimate for an overlay on top of the existing asphalt was \$25,351 last year but we should do this correctly and pulverize, add gravel, grade, compact and lay 3" of asphalt. I guess this would be in the range of 50,000 to \$60,000 for budgeting purposes.

Ice Report  
January 11, 2018  
Submitted by John Geason

We are already half way through the curling season and all equipment is performing at its normal capacity. Next week the ice crew will put down a flood to help level off the ice which has developed in a few problem areas.

**Club Promotions Report**  
**January 11, 2018**  
**Tom Godar**

Directory

The Directory has now been printed, and like all years, it takes far longer than anticipated, but now I actually know why. I am sure there is at least one glitch for which I will present an apology to an advertiser, but otherwise, I am pleased with the great efforts put in by Jerry Holding to pull together information and keep me on track, and Brandon Esser and his group for publishing the Directory. Please thank each of them.

Youth Events

Dave Kawecki indicated there is nothing to report here. However, he did note that Jim Ellis and others are deeply involved in the Kettle Moraine and other school curling.

Corporate Events [from Sarah Kirchoff]

The first corporate event of the year is complete! TIP Technologies brought in a group of 25 people today yielding \$775 for the club. I had 8 great volunteers, allowing us to split the 25 among both ends of 4 sheets for teaching, which made it go much faster and allowed us to get to game play sooner. Thanks volunteers!

We have 2 other events confirmed at the moment:

- Jan 25th - Corporate Event with ADC (Advanced Design Concepts) - 17 people
- Feb 10th - Private Event for 40th Wedding Anniversary (Mckelvey) - 13 people

We've gotten 23 inquiries so far this season.

- 3 Confirmed
- 6 No Go due to lack of ice availability on requested dates/times
- 1 Pending as Member-Sponsored event
- 11 Pending/Awaiting reply (6 are low likelihood due to small group size)
- 2 I just got today as phone messages so will follow up on tomorrow

Two of the groups I haven't heard back from are larger in size (25+), so I will follow-up by phone tomorrow as these would be great to secure.

From my experience so far, events don't pan out for the following:

1. Lack of ice availability. Some groups cannot do weekday daytime and all weekday evenings are busy with leagues. Most weekends in February are booked with bonspiels, leaving a few Saturday and Sundays in January and March. I don't think there's much we can do about this, but still something to be aware of.

2. Group size too small. The \$500 minimum makes groups smaller than 16 cost-prohibitive. Is there any reason we'd waive this? What is the main reason for the minimum?

That's all for now.

**KMCC Events Report**  
**January 11, 2017**  
**Phyllis Kirchner**

**KMCC Euchre “Spiel”**: We added a new event this year! The First Annual KMCC Euchre Spiel! Members came with friends and family to play cards and curl in pick-up games. There were 14 teams (28 players) entered in a 16 team spiel format that competed for the coveted KMCC Euchre

Champions Pins! Mark your calendars for next year's tournament on December 26<sup>TH</sup>! Thanks to Jim Ellis for organizing!

First "Event" winners: Ethan Heinze and Mitch Wilson  
Second "Event" winners: Tim Langer and Jeff Van Dam  
Third "Event" winners: Mike and Joey Neiman  
Fourth "Event" winners: Joanna and Dona Seboth

## **CHAIRS NEEDED!!!**

**We have KMCC events that are in need of chairs!!!!**

**KMCC/MKE Challenge: . We need chairs to run the event next year to be held at KMCC on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please let me know if you are interested**

**Miller Men's: We are looking for a men's curler to run the event next year to be held at KMCC in early December. Please let me know if you are interested**

**Kettle Cup Golf Outing – TBD – still looking for interested party(ies) to chair the event**

### **Upcoming events**

Five and Under Intraclub Spiel – February 24, 2018. Lisa Canaday and Jennifer McCarthy Chairs. Watch for signs on the bulletin board!

We are looking into providing more "intra-club" fun events/spiels at KMCC. Please forward any ideas that you might have!

The WILLY – March 17-18 at Exmoor Curling Club – Jim Ellis and Phyllis Kirchner, Chairs.

Closing Party – March 24, 2018 – Janet and Scott Banaski, Chairs.

The Mini-Spiel – March 25, 2018 – Tess Munich and Phyllis Kirchner, Chairs

**Bonspiel Report  
1/10/18  
Dave Lewis**

Stick Spiel

**Just held last weekend. John will know.**

College Spiel  
per Mike Schuder

**I have 10 committed teams and will likely have 14 teams by that weekend**

**All seems to be going good**

**I will put together help request forms early next week**

**How are those posted now?**

**Mike**

**\*\*\*\*Should discuss this, sign-up genius, paypal, etc**

The Classic  
per Pam and Rick Stegehuis

**Given the last couple reports, all is fine and they are ahead of schedule.**

Mixed Bonspiel  
per Jeff Nelson as conveyed from Carey Alber-Milazzo and Joe Milazzo

**Filled and moving smoothly**

Junior Bonspiel  
per Jen Mc Carthy

**All is good.**

**They are on schedule.**

**They need nothing.**

The Men's Invitational  
per Joby Boland



All good. Invites are out. 20 responses in first week. 15 checks in hand. More coming every day.

**League Report  
1/10/18  
Dave Lewis**

Monday Wisconsin Event  
per Dale Clark

**Fall Session was played with 20 Teams. First Event Winner was Craig Heinze, Bob Flemming, Chris Canaday, Chad Ostram. 12 new members participated.**

**Winter Session will have 22 Teams, which will require one game per week on either Tuesday or Thursday night. (needs to be determined quickly, the schedule will be put together Thursday night after the draft) 11 new members in addition to the 12 from the Fall session are registered.**

**Let me know if you need anything else.**

Tuesday Moon Rocks/All American  
**No communication at this time (NoCom)**

Wednesday Biersach  
per Herb Rasmussen

**Biersach is fine I think  
Herb**

Thursday Granite/All American  
**NoCom**

Thursday TATT

per Rick Baldry

**TATT continues to provide a Fun format. Good participation. All is good.**

**Rick**

Thursday Open Competitive  
**NoCom**

Thursday Drop in  
per Janet and Scott Banaski

Fellow Curlers:

I just wanted to send out the upcoming dates and times for Thursday evening drop-in curling. The Drop-In is for those of you who wish to get some additional curling time/practice in. We form teams right before we curl and are there to help with any questions you newer curlers may have.

Below is a list of dates and times to drop in and have some fun! Since the majority of you seem to like the earlier time, I bolded those dates

**Thursday, January 11th 6:30pm Yes - that is this week - Come and join us!**

Thursday, January 18th 8:30pm

**Thursday, January 25th 6:30pm**

Thursday, February 1st 8:30pm

**Thursday, February 8th 6:30pm**

Thursday, February 15th 8:30pm

**Thursday, February 22nd 6:30pm**

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**Thursday, March 22nd 6:30pm**

Enjoy the remainder of your curling season and we look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!

Janet and Scott Banaski

Friday Oakwood  
per Jeff Nelson

**Dave,**  
**Second session is up and running with 9 team, lots of 6 man teams due to bonspiel season. First session was won by Team Godar.**  
**-Jeff**

Saturday Mixed  
per Neil Feil

**Dave,**  
**Everything is going great for Saturday Mixed. We added another team so we have 3 full sheets now with no byes. Everything is good for the Sunday Mixed Doubles as well.**

**Thanks,**  
**Neil**

Sunday Mixed Doubles  
per Neil Feil

**See Above**

Kettles Report  
January 10th, 2018  
Michele Heinze

The Kettle Christmas Raffle was very profitable. The raffle made \$3,515 which us up about \$1,000 from the previous year. \$430 will go to the curling school for the purchase of the curling stone and 2 Last Rock prints that were sold in the auction and donated for the purpose of funds going to the curling school. The auction raised @ \$1,500. Tickets for the raffle were sold during the Biersach event as well as Tuesday and Friday evening and Thursday morning.

The Kettles had their one-on-one event on January 9th. Janet Banaski was the winner and Megan Macnamara was the runner up. 16 curlers participated in the event run by Millie Buege.

The Kettles welcomed back Heather Betzhold and new curler Kay \_\_\_\_\_ for the All American event. There are 10 teams for this session.

House and Grounds Report  
January 11, 2018  
Jeff Seboth

Nothing to report. A couple of minor problems. But all in all everything is OK.