

## Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Of The

Board of Directors of the

### **Mountain Pacific Curling Association (“MOPAC”)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Mountain Pacific Curling Association was held pursuant to our charter via teleconference on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

All the current officers of the Board attended the meeting, including Nick Kitinski, Don Eshelby and Erik de Vreeze, with the exception of Merwyn Nash who was unable to attend. Also present at the meeting (or portions thereof) were, Tim Irish, Eric Hazard, Mike Wolfe, Barry Ivy, Richard Cruz, Francesca Somma, Matthew Ginn, Debbie Basrak, Fred Maxie, Justin McBride, Peter Hicks and Gabriele Coleman. Nick Kitinski served as Active Chair and Erik de Vreeze served as secretary of the meeting.

The first item discussed was the potential reorganization of the USCA and how it effects our region. A vote on the potential changes will be cast at the USCA spring meeting. MOPAC has one vote, which will be cast by our President. Gabrielle provided detailed information at our last meeting regarding the potential changes. Each club was asked to email Nick Kitinski directly with their thoughts/comments/concerns on the subject of the reorganization if they would like their opinion considered before Nick casts the MOPAC vote as President.

The next segment of the Board meeting was devoted to the upcoming opening of two board positions and a review of the current charter and potential bylaw changes. The two officer positions that will become available are President and Vice President of MOPAC. These positions run for a 2-year term and begin July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected. We then discussed the eligibility, nomination and voting process for these two positions. Nominations should be sent in to the board members and Erik de Vreeze will send out the final list of nominees.

A general conversation then ensued on the potential bylaw changes as they relate to voting within MOPAC. Potential changes to the bylaws may include a distinction between the club representative (directors) and board members (officers) as voting members. Don Eshelby will draft an A, B & C version of suggested changes that will be sent out to all club representatives to vote on at the next MOPAC board meeting with the possibility of an electronic vote prior to the next meeting. Any comments should be directed to Don after he sends out the initial drafts.

Don Eshelby then discussed MOPAC patches, pins and banners. It was decided on the call that Don would manage the sales of the patches and pins. A general conversation then ensued on the pricing of these items and it was decided that the proposed pricing would be sent out by email for electronic voting. As we discussed the banners, it was requested that Erik & Don check the previous minutes for commentary on what was previously decided in regards to the number of banners that would be given to winning club teams. Don/Erik to report back to the President on what, if anything, was found.

The next topic discussed was the MOPAC 5 & Under Bonspiel. Apologies went out for booking our 5 & under spiel the same date as the AZ bonspiel (Coyote Curling Club). Emails went out to all MOPAC members alerting them of the bonspiel. Nick then explained that the event will end up paying for itself and will include a skills clinic that will focus on helping them compete in

play downs. Michael Lively has been doing a great job taking registration for up to 20 teams. We will use everyone's input to discuss changing the process for future 5 & under bonspiels after this first one has been completed. It was then suggested that MOPAC send out a survey after the bonspiel to help gather feedback for future 5 & under bonspiels. We will also make an announcement letting everyone know all of the teams participating in the 5 & under once registration closes.

The next topic discussed was a review of The Tankard nominations. MOPAC has 4 individuals being sent to The Tankard. There were a low amount of nominations this year and Nick ended up taking over the Tankard committee after not receiving a response from multiple communications sent to the current Tankard committee members.

The Board next reviewed the outstanding MOPAC club memberships. It was noted that MOPAC continues to grow and is heading in the right direction. Klamath Falls will apply for membership when they find the time, which is believed to be this summer. Salt Lake City will be joining MOPAC as they would like to be able to play in our regional play downs, but we have had no further response from that club past their initial interest. Whitefish (Montana) was sent the information they requested and we have not heard back from them as of yet. The USCA forwarded a request from another club from Montana that is interested in joining MOPAC. Nick will follow up with that request.

Don then provided an update on MOPAC finances. We currently have a balance of \$1,720.84. Don will send out a financial report to the board. We are also waiting for Sandy from the USCA to send money to us for the club/mixed nationals.

A general conversation then took place on mixed/club nationals. Mixed had 7 teams, double knockout and used all of the draws with a 2 game playoff to complete. The SFBACC team won and received MOPAC patches. Nick requested feedback of those who attended and wanted to comment. Fred Maxie stated that the format needs to be looked at, Tim Irish required more ice time to prep and that we should probably look at other arenas for the next play downs. Erik de Vreeze commented that the facility was beautiful but there was no hot food or alcohol on premise for broom stacking and that the schedule didn't allow for playing, participating and having time to eat and travel between the hotel and facility to get some rest. Justin McBride also commented on the facility being a dry facility and that broom stacking wasn't an option. Nick suggested that we set up a new committee for mixed/club national play downs and after nominating themselves and the board agreeing unanimously, Fred Maxie and Erik de Vreeze were selected to co-chair this committee for 2012.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.

*[Signatures are on the following page]*

Respectfully submitted as of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 by Erik de Vreeze, Meeting Secretary.

Approved:

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Nick Kitinski

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Merwyn Nash

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Don Eshelby

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Erik de Vreeze