

Brian Patrick	Present
Michael Lively	Present
BriAnna Weldon	Present
Don Eshelby	Present
Gabrielle C.	
Richard Cruz	Present
Nick K.	Present
Tim Irish	
Suzette M.	
Michael W.	
Peter Hicks	Present
Justin M.	
Cherise S.	Present
Steve Liske	Present
Francesca S.	
Fred Maxie	
Lanny Derby	Present
Debbie B.	Present
Julie Breton	Present
Barry Ivy	Present

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors (BOARD) of the Mountain Pacific Curling Association was held pursuant to our charter via teleconference on September 19, 2013

### Financial Report

- Treasurer Don summarized the September financial report for the region. There has been no action since the June donation from Washington State Curling but right now the region is in good shape at \$9,636.64. An accountant is preparing both the tax documents and the NPO report and at this point we are waiting to hear back from the federal government, there is no specific timeline for acquiring NPO status. Accountant fee is being negotiated.
- Discussion:
  - **What is the second 5-Under expense from June 4<sup>th</sup>?**  
Unsure, will check the details when the detailed paperwork is returned from the accountant. Will follow-up.
  - **2014 Membership Dues and Deadlines**  
Want to strategize ways to encourage member clubs to turn their dues in to MoPac and USCA on time. USCA dues are \$29 and must be received by 31-Jan. MoPac dues are \$3. After discussion about dates, the board decided to target 06-Jan to have dues in to get the majority of members a month before the USCA date and track which clubs have submitted.
- Action Items
  - *Follow-up with details on June 4<sup>th</sup> charge*
  - *Email member clubs in the beginning of December to begin collection of dues*
  - *Target 06-Jan date for membership dues and track clubs that submit*
  - *Try to schedule next board meeting before the first of the year*

### Competition Committee – MoPac Playdowns

- Dates and deadlines for all Playdowns have been announced  
Deadlines: Mens/Womens – 10/31, Mixed 11/30. These deadlines are intentionally before USCA deadlines as we are collecting MoPac and USCA fees internally. The early deadline dates also allow teams and the competition committee to prepare.  
Dates: Men's: 12/5-8/13; Women's: 12/13-15/13; Mixed: 1/10-12/14 (all at Evergreen CC)
- USCA fee is \$360, (\$320 early). MoPac fee hasn't been set yet.
- Team limitations were discussed. Theoretically there is no limit but logistically it would be difficult to have more than 20 teams in a 4-day tournament. The competitions committee believes there will be about 13 men's entry and has request that clubs internally rank their own teams.
- The Competition Committee wants to purchase equipment to run the World Curling Federation timing system during the Playdowns at it is one of the biggest surprises at nationals. Timing equipment should be portable to use at the various MoPac events. At Playdowns, the timing stations would be run by (a) volunteers from the host club or (b) competitors (which worked successfully at Arena Nationals 2013) with a training session before the first draw. A 5-7 minute buffer would be applied to make up for any errors and so players can get adjusted to the timing system; thus, teams could be penalized if they go over time. A request for donations was sent out using Facebook with limited results
  - *Motion: To spend up to 1200 to purchase 4 laptops and 4 external monitors for timing equipment that would travel to MoPac facilities for competitions (Michael, Seconded – Barry)*
    - Don thinks its doable and reasonable
    - May be more difficult to find timing staff than to fund it
    - Cost may fluctuate if they receive donations
    - **Approved**
- **Action Items**
  - *Send out a formal email with MoPac playdown information to club presidents and MoPac directors; will include link to timing software*
  - *Further discussion of over-time penalties for teams*
  - *Logistics of timing equipment (wired v. wireless, software, training, volunteer coordination)*

### WCVA Grant Update (Evergreen CC)

- Evergreen CC was awarded a \$13,000 from Washington County Visitors Association and needs to come up with \$7,000 in matching funds. So far they have spent money on stone running surface and striking bands resurfacing (under \$10,000 for all four sets at Thompsons), a new measuring device and biter-measurer, and Ice King blade and nipper sharpening. They plan to spend money on various training devices that will encourage curlers from all over the region to come and train at Evergreen CC such as: speed trap (3-laser rock speed analysis), camera and Dartfish software, mirror and laser (on-broom targeting). They also want to improve their warm room and bar area. They hope that MoPac can kick in some funds to help match the original WCVA grant as the training devices have the potential to serve and increase the skills of the entire region.
- Discussion
  - Talk to Kim at USCA for potential Dartfish software discounts
  - There is some concern about establishing a pattern to fund every clubs improvements and making sure that MoPac membership dues and other moneys are being spent in ways that

benefit as members as possible. Various options to support Evergreen were discussed: kicking in a smaller amount of money; regional fundraiser/training clinic/camp at Evergreen (in conjunction with Playdowns and at other times); and discounted ice rates if MoPac members want to come up and use equipment and ice time. Generally, we feel they should be supported in some way.

- **What is the time frame?** Evergreen is probably going to purchase the equipment and hope some of it is reimbursed
- **How many curlers are currently coming to Evergreen?** Outside of Playdowns and bonspiels not many curlers are coming up. This may change because the training conditions have significantly improved. Some members of SFBAAC want to join as associates of Evergreen CC so they can practice at a low-rate.
- Action Items:
- *Evergreen to put together a formal proposal to send to directors for action.* Proposal should be directed specifically to the competitiveness of the region and creation of a training facility. Several items can be on the list and the Board can choose to approve none, some, or all of them. MoPac would be able to use the equipment at low- or nominal cost if they choose to fund. MoPac will be more active in recruiting and making sure the region gets the full benefit if they choose to fund. Vote electronically after we receive the proposal.

### USCA Updates

Nick and Gabrielle just attended the National meeting that occurs twice a year and has a series of updates from USCA.

- Jerome Larson has been elected to the USCA Hall of Fame
- High Performance program was voted through. National teams will collect OEM points throughout the year in a competitive circle instead of being selected out of one event.
- US may host the 2018 World Championships
- Arena Club Championship was successful and has been adopted as a USCA event. There will be some rule changes on team composition for 2014.
- The College Championship was successful and has been adopted as a USCA event. College teams collect points throughout the season and will be invited to the March 2014 event.
- There is a new region from the formerly At-Large states (Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming) will make up the Mid-America Region.
- There will be a members assembly meeting in September 2014. Potentially will include classes, a bonspiel, and a big curling meeting. Look for more information in the late spring.
- Loans/Grants Update: Triangle CC (NC) was approved for a loan; Denver CC (CO) is breaking ground west of Denver and expects to be ready for the 2014-15 season; Coyotes CC (AZ) declined their loan and have rented a warehouse. They expect to be up and running near the Olympics.; There is going to be a new loan program for ice scraper acquisition similar to the 5-year stone program.
- There is new officiating info that is going to trickle down
- USCA has a new website
- There isn't new news on USCA governance changes. Same ideas are being pushed forward. There was discussion against the current governance changes from multiple sources.
- Growth & Development update: There is a new staff member with Kim (Kristi) and that indicates that there are spending on membership services. USCA is going to hire a full time fundraiser.
- New Level 1 Instructors class: MoPac representatives went through the camp. Level 1 instructors classes will be taught by master instructors and organized by USCA. Member clubs should call

USCA if they want to host a class. Current certified Level 1 instructors are encouraged to refresh their knowledge and it should be free for them.

- USCA approved 40,000 for World University Games and 20,000 for Men's Qualifies for the last Olympic spot. Funding was from General Funds that are fundraised outside of membership dues.
- Hawai'i Curling Fundraiser: teaching curling in a one-day event. USCA makes \$25,000 from the event.

**Announcements**

- Evergreen Ice is open 10/13
- Evergreen Ladies Bonspiel 10/25-27/13
- Vegas Bonspiel 10/25-27/13

**Motion to adjourn: (Steve) (Barry Second) Adjourned 8:48, Meeting 1:50 minutes**