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Wisconsin State Curling Association Fall Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10:00am

Hybrid Meeting at Madison Curling Club, McFarland, WI

Minutes

1. Brian Kopp called the meeting to order at 10:05am
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. **Present:** Clubs: Alpine, Appleton, Centerville, Green Bay, La Crosse, Madison, Medford, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Stevens Point, Superior, Waupaca, Wausau; Committee Chairs: Wendling (Juniors and HS); Wiza (Mixed, Men's, Women's, Arena)
 - b. **Absent:** Arlington, Blackhawk, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Kettle Moraine, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Medford, Rhinelander, Rice Lake, Tri-City, Wauwatosa; Committee Chairs: Hartman (Website), Maskel (Rules), Molter (Seniors); Russell (Bylaws)
 - c. **Guests:** Matt Wheeler, Hayward
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Todd Good moved to approve the minutes, 2nd Greg Dunlop. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** All clubs paid their WSCA dues for last fiscal year. There is slight discrepancy with USA Curling Playdown fees due to them paying them out to us after our fiscal year ends. Reports are attached.
5. **President Remarks:** Kopp thanked everybody for attending. WSCA needs to update our articles of incorporation. Kopp welcomed Matt Wheeler from Hayward, who is looking to get curling going in that area, and acknowledged the role of WSCA in growing curling and new clubs in Wisconsin. He reminded everyone to submit their service award nominations and grant requests in time for consideration at the Spring meeting. Forms for these can be found on the WSCA website.
6. **USCA Directors Report:** At the Members' Assembly, GNCC was voted in and re-recognized as a region. Many clinics were offered on topics like officiating, timing, scoring, etc., that were well-attended and they hope to continue to offer these at future assemblies. USA Curling is looking to grow and enhance this event to encourage attendance and add value to member clubs. USA Curling is seeing robust merchandise sales on their website and does offer co-branding as well as discounts with their merchandise partners for interested clubs. Contact Brian Kopp if interested. Please reach out to Brian Kopp as the WSCA rep to the USA Curling Board if you have feedback for USA Curling on how they can better serve member clubs. USA Curling holds Club Council monthly virtual meetings open to all clubs and share ideas and updates. Contact Kopp for more information.
7. **WCF Report:** No report

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8. Committee Reports

- a. **Rules** – No report
- b. **Website** – No report
- c. **Bylaws** – No report

9. Competition

a. **Juniors** – Jim Wendling updated on registration deadlines for U-18s, which is to be held in Stevens Point this season. Many junior bonspiels have adjusted their schedules to not overlap with U-18s. Clubs have noted a drop off in attendance at bonspiels due to U-21 qualifying model. Wendling is reaching out to HS teams and coaches to try to encourage them to participate. He is also working on getting more information highlighting junior curling and junior bonspiels on the website.

b. **Mixed and Men's and Women's** – Dan Wiza reported that there are some slight changes to the playdown schedule which he will send after the meeting. Men's and Women's State Playdowns will be held in Medford Dec 12 – 15; Mixed will be in Marshfield Feb 7 -9. For next season (2025-26), Men's/Women's will be in Milwaukee Dec 11 -14, 2025; Mixed will be in Racine Feb 6 – 8, 2026. Concern was raised regarding the Milwaukee CC receiving one automatic for Club Nationals for both the Men's and Women's events, as it could be perceived as Milwaukee curlers getting an "extra" chance to qualify. However, this is used by USA Curling as an incentive for clubs to host the event and is outside of WSCA's purview as a regional organization. Discussion followed with no resulting action.

c. **Seniors** – No report

d. **High School** – Jim Wendling reported that they are introducing a Mixed Doubles HS State Championship, which the Pardeeville CC has agreed to host this season.

e. **Arena** - Dan Wiza congratulated the Wisconsin representatives for the Arena Nationals: Team Bessert (Men) and Team Hamann (Women) both from La Crosse CC. 2024 Arena Nationals will be held at the Wausau CC on October 23 – 27, 2024. Going forward, we may need to develop a rotation for hosting the state playdown. Discussion followed. Wiza brought forward a motion:

MOTION: *The host club of the Wisconsin State Arena Playdown shall receive \$600 per day, retroactive for the 2024 playdowns.* Seconded by Kris Lund. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Bessert of La Crosse).

10. **Old Business** - None

11. **New Business** – Greg Dunlop reported that we will be updating the date to match the; Waupaca CC shared the sad news that their ice technician recently passed away, and that they may need help from other icemakers as they get going for the season. Many volunteered to help. Kopp encouraged all directors to consider how WSCA can better serve members clubs and share ideas with him.

15. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by Todd Good, 2nd by Dan Lilla.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Miranda Hofmann
WSCA Secretary