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Dakota Curling Board of Directors

February 11, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

1.) Call to order Time: 5:10pm
Present: Jeanine Perera, Jon Skyberg, Jerry Schimmel, ~~Jason Armstrong~~, Laura Hakala, Randy Peterson, Jim Gaebel, Brian Mong, Joe Kaus
Absent: Jason Armstrong
Guest:

2.) Set date for next meeting:
We set the meeting times for the next 2 meetings.
a.) Next: - March 11 – 5pm @ club
b.) Future: April 15 – 5pm @ club

3.) Consent Agenda
Motion to Approve: Randy Second: Jerry Result: Motion passes

There were no Business Ops or Presidents reports this month. Other reports were discussed a bit and approved.
a.) January Meeting Minutes
~~b.) Business Ops Report~~
c.) Member Services Report
~~d.) Presidents Report~~
e.) Facilities Report

4.) Discussion of Items Pulled from Consent Agenda
a.) MEMBER SERVICES:
- Private Event volunteers:
  We are having some difficulty filling the instructor and bartender slots for private events and other club events. We agreed that we should engage League Hosts to raise the awareness.

5.) Strategic Discussions
a.) Olympic Watch Party Status (Jerry)
We discussed the status of the upcoming Watch Party. At the time of the meeting…
- We have hosts set up: Jim G 7/14, Joe K 7/14, Jerry 7/21 & 7/22
- There are a few people who signed up to attend and get instruction (~6).
  We expect more so sign up and expect a bunch of walk-ins.
  Jerry will set up a button on the bar to accept the payments ($10 fee)
- We plan to have the bar open during the events provided we have a trained bartender.

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- We are currently light on volunteers.
- Coffee and Curling: 7am 2/14, 15, 21, 22
- Lunch and Curling: Noon 2/14, 15, 21, 22

b.) Learn 2 Curl events
Jerry reported that our Learn-2-Curl events for February and March are nearly full. This consists of 4 events. Jerry will work to add a class for Feb 28 to capitalize on the interest.

c.) Bonspiel Committee Update
Jerry reported that the Bonspiel committee has gained very good traction and interest for committee volunteers. There is a core committee of 5 that is split into 3 sub-committees. There is a much larger "at-large" group as well.

- Chair – Monica Yeadon
- Core: Sam Smeester, Stever Lueschen, Jason Latzke, ??
- Volunteering: Goal to better entice volunteers for bonspiels. Goal of creating an update SOP for hosts to use.
- Guest Experience: How to make our bonspiels better.
- Bonspiel Scheduling: Figure out our schedule for next year. Goal of setting dates by March 1.

They are working to get the bigger group back together.

d.) CIP Committee Update
Jerry reports no significant movement on this meeting. There were schedule issue in getting the group together.

The board spent a bit of time discussing the Chiller as an imminent issue. The Facilities Team has done some consulting with experts. Reported life of a chiller is 10 to 15 years. Ours is 10 years old. There is an expectation that we can get 5 more years out of it, but that maintenance and repair costs will get larger.

e.) Leagues Committee Update
Jim reported that he has been looking through league history information. This includes what leagues have played when and how full they were. He is reviewing post covid participation.

Jim will plan to convene the League Committee (Jim, Luara, Jason Botteril and Rob Graber) and add Jerry and Randy from the board. The goal of the next meeting is to talk through what has been done over time and brainstorm some ideas on change for next year. Ideally, we would like to come up with a plan before the end of this season of play.

6.) <u>New Business</u>

a.) Hot Shots Curling Camp – October 16-18
The board had a brief discussion regarding setting up a coordinator for the Hot Shots Curling

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Camp. It is believed that this is mainly a point of contract to help Hot Shots with logistics around the event.
We will need to set this up in the next few months.

b.) Food at the bar
Erin Sikkink is leading our set up for food at the bar. She is currently completing Safe SERV training. Once completed she will set up procedures for handling food and then train the bar staff. The likely main requirement will be use of hats and gloves while handling food.

Darren Kermes has set up Heggie's Pizza and Von Hansen pretzels as new food we will have at the bar.

c.) Arena Playdowns – April 10-12
Jason A is hosting. We should check back in with him.

d.) Skip Draws Update –
An issue came up in late January where two teams conducted skip draws and neither hit the house. One team claimed they won because they were in play, the other team claimed they needed to rethrow since neither was in the house. The league rules on the website do not address this situation.

After discussing it with the board and other league experts, we agree that the stone needs to be in the house to count. If neither team hits the house, the skip draw is repeated. Jim will create an update to the rule and have Phil Wilson post on the website. In addition to the Skip Draws rules, we will update the Buzzer Rule, Free Guard/No Tick, and explain that we are not doing the new WCF Sweeping Policy.

e.) Playdowns
Randy proposed that we separate DCC Club Playdowns from the TCCA Playdowns (May 1- 3). Randy also suggested that we work on some adjustments to the DCC Club Playdowns. He will convene a meeting with Justin Jelinek and Jason Botterill to talk through possible updates. Jim and Jerry offered to sit in on that discussion.

f.) TCCA Club Playdowns.
In the past we have picked the teams (2) that go to the TCCA Playdowns from the DCC Club Playdowns. However, many of the teams in the DCC Playdowns are not available (or interested) in the TCCA playdowns. Randy suggested we have a separate event (mini bonspiel?) where only teams interested/committed to the TCCA playdowns can compete for the two spots.

Randy will set up and coordinate this process.

7.) Adjournment Time: 6:45

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Member Services Report

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Leagues:
Leagues are up and running. We had some drops and some adds, but ended up very similar to number of teams from the Fall leagues.

The leagues that are not full:

- Sunday 7:30 5 Teams
- Monday 7:30 7 Teams
- Wednesday Triples 4 Teams
- Wednesday Doubles 6 Teams
- Friday 5:30 7 Teams
- Friday Mixed 4 Teams

The Winter Instructional league has 5 teams (20 participants).

Private Events:
January ended with 5 Private Events. Three outside events and 2 member lead events (Toro United Way and Lakeville Lions).

The club continues to get several inquiries each week. Many of these are starting to convert into events. We are struggling to get commitments for instructors. We will continue recruiting instructors through Direct Email, Discord, and Facebook. We may add some direct requests.

February Schedule —- 8 Events!:

- Feb 2 1 Sheet 1 instructor/1 bartender booked
- Feb 12 3 Sheets 3 instructors
- Feb 21 4 Sheets NO SIGNUPS - St Thomas Academy Sons and Dads
- Feb 25 1 Sheet NO SIGNUPS
- Feb 26 1 Sheet NO SIGNUPS
- Feb 27 1 Sheet NO SIGNUPS
- Feb 28 am 4 Sheets 2 instructors
- Feb 28 pm 1 Sheet NO SIGNUPS

Name Tags:
Winter new member name tags were delivered in mid-January. Due to an error and a few people missed, a second order was made. Delivery of those nametags is expected by Feb 13.

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Learn To Curl:
Four Learn-to-Curl classes have been scheduled: Feb 14, 21 and March 14, 28.
We will also have mini-instruction during the Olympic Watch Parties on the weekends of Feb 14 and Feb 21.

Practice Ice: (Pete Segar)
Upcoming Practice Ice:

February	14, 21,28
March	21, 28
April	18, 25

Bonspiels:
Three bonspiels were held at DCC in January!

- Big Spiel- Hosted by Jody Skyberg
  Dakota hosted teams on Jan 8 and 9 as part of the 5 club Big Spiel. Good reviews.
- Daytime/Sr Spiel – Hosted by Jeff Kenedy and Dean Skallman
  There were 8 teams mostly from Dakota and Chaska.
- 5 & Under Spiel – Hosted by Jerry Schimmel
  There were 8 teams representing Dakota, Mankato, Frogtown, and Wilmar

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Facilities Committee Report

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Maintenance items

- Chiller heaters installation seemed to have been a success. We had a couple of really cold days and didn't have the problems we would have expected.
- We have had a couple of chiller issues…both on Compressor 2 and 3 have each errored out with low pressure and/or transducer issues. Currently CP3 is running without error. CP2 is not running due to low pressure AND transducer error. Replacing the transducer will likely fix both issues.
- The Dehumidifier errored out on a generic error. We couldn't find the issue. We needed to call in the technician. He was able to identify and resolve the issue quickly. It was a circuit breaker inside the unit that tripped. (~$600)
- The house vacuum cleaner started to smell like an electrical fire…and didn't work for a damn. Purchased a replacement. (~$300)
- The Pebble water heater was causing the GFCI circuit to trip. We swapped it out and have had no issues since.
- The thermostat on the wall in the Warm Room died. Swapped it out and no issues since.
- 1/14/26 - Power outage to downtown Lakeville. We lost all power to the building for an estimated 2 hours. No chiller. No heat. After power was restored we were able to restart the chiller, the camera system, and the heat. All seems OK. Need to investigate an error message on the dehumidifier. The Wednesday Morning league needed to delay a bit and play on ice that was too warm in a room that was a bit cold. The normal ice maintenance could not be performed that day. The Wednesday night leagues might not have great conditions.
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Ice

- Completed third ice maintenance event…a controlled melt. We moved the schedule up to accommodate the Olympic Wheelchair Team practice. It all went well.
- We abraded the stones over the Holiday Break (all but Sheet A) Didn't make a huge difference but it did improve curl to acceptable levels. Jon is working with Scott B at Chaska to procure a different paper for the next time we abrade the stones.
- Next Controlled Melt is planned for 2/7-2/8.

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Camera System

- 2 house cameras have loosened and need to be manually adjusted. This requires getting to the rafters. Checking on rental of a large step ladder to get this done.
- Periodic issues with the streams failing seem to have been resolved by the vendor.
- There still are a few issues with the TV displays in the warm room
    - Periodically, the connection is lost and the TVs don't pick up the proper IP address. It is resolved by rebooting the switch and cycling the power on the bird dogs (the TVs). No root cause is known at this time.
    - The vendor is sending a replacement bird dog for the TV on sheet B. It will frequently freeze up and/or display just a ¼ image (Rebooting the TV resolves the issue)

OTHER

- Hosted event for Paul and Darcy. It was quite well attended and appreciated by Paul and Darcy. Need to discuss the plan for the Ellarby Juniors Endowment.
- Hosted the Olympic Wheelchair team. Tons of fun They gave us a signed jersey. It has been hung in the warm room.
- Big Spiel went off without a hitch. Great vibes…good ice.
- Smart Broom arrived from TCCA. Need to determine our process for its use.
- Landlord passed on a complaint about the snow that we dump outside the club by the dumpsters when we do a scrape. Jon is working on a solution.

Mezzanine Update ?

- Drawings are complete. The next steps need to be determined and potentially re-group with the Site Planning Committee to discuss the details.
    - Potential timing (summer 2026)
    - Capital Campaign approach
    - Fold this question along with other club items in a survey

Internet Service Provider Update ?

- Contracts signed to switch to Metronet fiber service. Met with the install team and mapped out the scope of work and timing. Still waiting on confirmation for the install timing. Hopeful for January at this point.