

**2009 Annual Business Meeting Agenda**  
**Copper Country Curling Club**  
**Michigan House Café and Brew Pub, Calumet**  
**April 11, 2009, 1:00pm**

**1. Old Business/Review of Year**

- a. Minutes of 2008 Meeting- Sue Mickus
- b. Presidents Report- Gordon Maclean
  - i. Membership
  - ii. Drill House Improvements
    - (1) Post Removal
    - (2) Power Wash
    - (3) Crane and Overhead Scrap
    - (4) Concrete
    - (5) White Plastic
    - (6) Logos
    - (7) Circles
    - (8) Scraper and Burner
  - iii. Regularly Scheduled Events
    - (1) Tuesday League
    - (2) Thursday League
    - (3) Wednesday MTU- Defer to Victoria's Report
  - iv. Special Events
    - (1) Open House
    - (2) Winter Carnival
    - (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Copperspiel
    - (4) Other Usage
  - v. Insurance/Waivers
- c. MTU Curling Club Report- Victoria Demers
- d. Equipment- Barry Tippet/Gordon
  - i. Club Sliders/Brooms
  - ii. Old Scraper
  - iii. New Scraper
  - iv. Ice Burner
  - v. New Stones
- e. Financial Report- Noel Hanson
- f. Club Incorporation- Gordon Maclean
- g. Signage
- h. Ice Making Lessons
- i. Adopt A Stone

**2. New Business**

- a. By-Laws
  - i. Discussion
  - ii. Approval Vote
- b. Election of Board Members
  - i. Three Year Terms (3 Members)
    - (1) Floor Nominations
    - (2) Vote
  - ii. Two Year Term (2 Members)
    - (1) Floor Nominations

(2) Vote

iii. One Year Term (2 members)

(1) Floor Nominations

(2) Vote

c. GLCA Representatives

i. Nominations

ii. Vote

d. League/Playdown Discussion

i. Make Up Games & League Standings

(1) Mike Maksimchuk

ii. Scheduling Concerns

iii. Playdown Format

iv. New League Night (Day)

(1) John Meyers

e. Dues Discussion

f. Webmaster

g. Drill House Coordinator

h. Copperspiel Chair

i. Reunionspiel Chair

j. Other- Floor

**3. Other Business**

a. Outside Bonspiels

i. Green Bay Summer

ii. Bismarck Summer

iii. Madison Halloween

b. Other- Floor

**4. Adjourn Annual Meeting**

**Board of Director Nominees**

*Three Year Terms (Ending April, 2012)*

Noel Hanson, Mike Mickus, Sue Mickus

*Two Year Terms (Ending April, 2011)*

Gary Lassila, Gordon Maclean

*One Year Terms (Ending April, 2010)*

Paul Eisenman, Fraser Strome

**Board of Directors Meeting**

1. Convene

2. Elect Officers

a. President

b. Vice President

c. Treasurer

d. Secretary

3. Adjourn

## **2009 Copper Country Curling Club Presidents Annual Report**

### **Membership**

The 2009 Copper Country Curling Club season was another very successful season. Thanks to everyone for getting Membership forms and signed Waivers in to us in a timely fashion. As a result of that we had 63 people officially registered with the Great Lakes Curling Association (GLCA), and with the United States Curling Association. This may not seem like a big deal, but it is HUGE from the standpoint of the influence that we now hold in the GLCA. Board Membership at the regional level is based on membership. We have jumped from having 1 vote on the GLCA Board to having 3 votes, the maximum. That puts us in line with clubs like the Midland CC, the Detroit CC, the Cleveland and Columbus CC's. I have asked Noel Hanson and Paul Eisenman to serve alongside myself as our representatives on the GLCA Board, and look for your approval of this slate later in the Annual Meeting. This influence can only be maintained by keeping our membership levels up above 60 members. Let's set that as a goal for next year.

### **Drill House Improvements**

Last fall saw a lot of hard work in the interior of the Drill House. Work that I am sure you all noticed right from the start. It took a lot of effort, but the posts that infringed on the playing surface were all removed and the ceilings and joists were power washed. After that the rails that the crane moved along and the overhead heavy machinery were all removed and sold as scrap (this was regrettable in that it removed an element of the post-industrial decay "aura" of the building, but it was required to reduce the structural load on the building). We were fortunate to catch the peak of the scrap metal market and this funded much of the concrete. The concrete was probably the most notable improvement. Because of it we were able to start curling several weeks earlier than in the past, with a much more level surface. Water costs associated with building up the ice base were less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of past usage. White plastic laid down under the playing surface greatly brightened the interior, and new circles made of a mesh material were used for the first time. Thanks to Mike Maksimchuk for making the logos that were inlaid into every house. A formal letter of thanks was sent to the Board of the Appleton Curling Club for their donation of a used ice scraper and a used ice burner in December. Also, thanks go out to Stan Kaczmarek for bringing those up here from Appleton, to everyone who helped unload them and to Barry Tippet for his work on getting them operational (more on this later)

### **Regularly Scheduled Events**

Our regular league schedule grew from one 8 team league to two 8 team leagues. INCREDIBLE. The Thursday League went the entire season without a weather postponement, while the Tuesday League had two. Congratulations to Team Lassila for capturing the Tuesday night title (7-2) and Team Rowe for an incredible run on Thursday night (10-1). Regrettably the weather caused the cancellation of the playdowns this year so we did not have an overall club champion. Wednesday night MTU Curling activities are covered separately.

### **Special Events**

Despite a great lead in, thanks to a video announcement courtesy of WLUC-TV, and radio and newspaper announcements, our two Open Houses were very lightly attended. HOWEVER, everyone who did come to those events became members. Blue Key was, once again, the biggest outside user of the facility for Winter Carnival. Once again, around 40 teams were involved in that that activity. The MTU Curling Club hosted one party for residence hall RA's, but there was no other outside use this year. This can be explained by the economic climate.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Copperspiel**

This year's Copperspiel had 10 teams participating, including 2 from in house. Thanks to Teams Rowe and Strome for joining in the fun. I think "fun" is turning out to be the key word associated with this event. Much of the positive response from those who participate are that they love the "feel" of the facility, and that they have a lot of fun here, and enjoy our hospitality. The big fund raising event "The Draw to the Button" was well received, and we have ideas to make it even better next year. Thanks to Barry Tippet for his piping the athletes onto the ice, and to Stan Kaczmarek for coordinating the food efforts again this year.

Good Curling

Gordon Maclean- President