November 25, 2015

Dear USWCA Members,

It is with great hopes that this finds you enjoying your holiday season and winter curling activities! With great pleasure, the Fairbanks Curling Club and Grand Forks Curling Club take this opportunity to welcome you to the Northwest as we host the USWCA Winter Meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska. The dates are February 22-24, 2016. Below is an overview of the plans.

The **Westmark Hotel, 813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701** will be the headquarters for the meeting. Rooms have been reserved at a rate of **$84 + tax** per night for double occupancy with some suites available for $94 plus tax. This rate is available 2 days prior and post the event. Continental breakfast is included. Reservations may be made via our website, www.uswca.org, using code: CURL022116 or by phoning the hotel at **800-554-0970** and asking for the USWCA block (or copy/paste the following link into a web browser) **at www.westmarkhotels.com** Hotel reservations must be made **by January 21th**, 2016 in order to get our contracted rate. There is a link to the hotel's reservation page on our website, www.uswca.org, or you can call the hotel at 888-627-8558 or (248) 827-4000 for reservations. Ask for the USWCA rate.

There is a full week planned for you. The meetings will begin Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. – see attached Meeting Schedule. That evening, the President's Welcoming Dinner will be held at the Fairbanks Curling Club. Details are included in your welcome packet. Transportation to the President's dinner is provided as you indicate such when you register. The Hospitality Suite will be open following the President's Dinner. Just a reminder that the Suite is BYOB!

Tuesday will be a full day with committee meetings starting early in the morning. The Executive Council meeting begins promptly at 2:30 p.m. The Representatives Meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. In the evening, cocktails will be available (cash bar) at the Pump House with dinner to follow. While there is some open time, box lunches are available for those having meetings.

Wednesday, the Winter Board of Directors Meeting will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, followed by a trip to Chena Springs for lunch. The Board meeting includes all officers, committee chairs, and Club Representatives. Visitors are also welcomed.

I look forward to seeing each of you. Please contact me if you have any questions. If you are unable to attend, make sure you **submit two copies of the proxy form** found on the USWCA web site (www.uswca.org). According to the by-laws, the proxy should be registered with the Secretary prior to any duly called meeting. Therefore, send one of your proxy forms to the USWCA secretary (Dawn Zimney email: dzimney@gmail.com) with your vote clearly stated and give the other proxy to another voting member to vote for you at the meeting. Better still, find someone from your club who would be willing to attend the meeting and check out the USWCA in your place.

Return the Reservation and Information form and entree selection sheet to the Meeting Coordinator, Deb Sather, with your check by January 10, 2016. Be sure to complete the entrée selections on the second page of the registration form. **Please note that we specifically need to know the count for the Chena Springs trip.**

Save the date and join us as we are looking forward to USWCA February Meeting and the National Bonspiel in Fairbanks, Alaska!!

Warmest regards,

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