



Annual Dinner Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2011
Cleveland Skating Club
Nancy Seitz, President

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:41 PM by Nancy Seitz, President Nancy welcomed all to Cleveland and to the Cleveland Skating Club. The past presidents in attendance received a special welcome. Those present were Judy Maier, Donna Purkey, Anne Robertson, Janet Farr, Georgia West, Star Pfiffner, Bonnie Dixon, and Jennifer Stannard. Winning teams from events since the last year's annual meeting were recognized. The winner of the first event from the 2010 National Bonspiel was Mayfield Curling Club. Members of the team included Deb Horn, Leslie Cooke, Laurel Cox, and Courtney Schmidt.

The Senior National Bonspiel in December was hosted by Blackhawk Curling Club and the winner was Utica Curling Club. Team members included Susan Williams Skip, M.J. Walsch, Ylva Cortright, and Carol Jones.

President Nancy Seitz introduced the head table:

- 1st VP Maureen Guay
- 2nd VP Shelley Dropkin
- Treasurer Carolyn McLeod
- Secretary Mary Ann Hulme
- Shelley Dropkin, Broomstones Curling Club
- Molly Jenson, St Paul Curling Club.

Kim Barton-Orr this year's 2011 bonspiel chair welcomed all to Cleveland and the Cleveland Skating Club and outlined the events for the weekend.

Presidents Report: Nancy shared it is a pleasure to host the 63rd United States Women's Curling Association National Bonspiel and reviewed with attendees the intrigue, attachment, and social interaction that draws all to this special organization and to Cleveland this week. She reviewed the purposes of the USWCA which was established in 1947 and events the organization sponsors all accomplished through volunteers; thanking those at the head table. She remarked that today the fact is that the curlers have different needs and expectations and thus the organization has embarked on a strategic planning process this week and all will have the opportunity to participate. The ways the organization has poised itself for the future were reviewed including fund raising, the website and history. She spoke of mentors and recognized her USWCA mentor, Janet Farr. Thanks were extended to her meeting coordinator and secretary. Nancy shared she relishes the opportunity to participate in making the organization even better and she hoped that all do.

Quilt drawing: Donna Purkey who was part of the Scot tour fund-raising group conducted the drawing. The winner was Naida Leslie of Nutmeg CC. Congratulations

Secretary Report: Mary Ann Hulme shared there was no report however she thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn MacLeod provided the periodic financial report from May 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 and enthusiastically shared that the organization is solvent. See the attached financial statements that were placed on the tables for review.

President Nancy Seitz called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion made by Gail Arnold; 2nd Suzanne Dick. Motion passed.

1st Vice President Report: Maureen Guay reviewed the strategic planning process and the blue sky method that began at the fall meeting continued at the winter meeting. Club representatives will bring the strategic planning process to member clubs for input.

2nd VP Report: Bridget Matzke shared her primary responsibility is to find locations for USWCA events. The following are confirmed event locations

USWCA National Women's Bonspiel

2012 West Region - Arden Hills Cairn Lassies – St. Paul, MN 2/15-2/19/2012
2013 Wisconsin – Portage Curling Club – Portage, WI – Dates TBD
2014 East – TBD

USWCA Senior Women's Bonspiel

2011 East - Nutmeg Curling Club- Bridgeport, CT - 11/9-13/2011
2012 Central - Mayfield Curling Club – South Euclid, OH -11/28-12/2/2012
2013 West – Itasca Curling Club- Gran Rapid, MN – Dates TBD
2014 WI - TBD

Bridget then provided a summary of some of the unique and funny occurrences during the Scot tour that just concluded. Additionally she thanked those who traveled, curled, volunteered, were drivers, did laundry and for all the hours that so many contributed. She reflected that the tour affects more than the 20 women; having had the opportunity to be on tour and now travel with tour was such an enriching experience. The support for the tour was terrific.

Election of Officers:

President Nancy Seitz called for the election of new officers. Mary Ann Hulme Secretary was asked to read the slate of officers for 2011-2012 as proposed by the Nominating Committee, Chaired by Jennifer Stannard.

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| President | Maureen Guay, Arden Hills Cairn Lassies Curling Club |
| 1 st VP | Bridget Matzke, Madison Curling Club |
| 2 nd VP | Shelley Dropkin, Broomstones Curling Club |
| Secretary | Molly Jenson, St. Paul Curling Club |
| Treasurer | Carolyn McCloud, Broomstones Curling Club |

The President called for nominations from the floor. As there were no nominations from the floor, Nancy requested nominations be closed. A motion to accept the slate as presented was made by Charlene Fitzgerald and second by Suzanne Dick. The slate was accepted and passed unanimously by verbal reply.

Maureen Guay then joined Nancy at the podium for the presentation of the gavel. New President Maureen Guay thanked Nancy Seitz for her leadership and in particular the strategic planning initiative; recognizing her strengths and her ability to communicate for which she received a standing ovation. The tradition of the past presidents pin was shared and was then awarded to Nancy. President Guay spoke to the passion for the sport and asked all to be involved. She recognized the USWCA website as an asset to the organization and encouraged everyone to sign on.

Next year's meeting and events will be in Minneapolis/St Paul area. The dates for the fall meeting in Bloomington near the Mall of the America are 9/16-19th and 2/13-16/2012 meeting is in St. Paul followed by the national bonspiel hosted by the Arden Hills Cairn Lassies at the St. Paul Curling Club. Hotel information is available. Molly Jenson is the contact person present.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Farr and second by C. Fitzgerald. Motion carried. Kazoo encore closed the meeting at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Hulme
Secretary