

Circle City Curling Club, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 6th, 2023

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Circle City Curling Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 6th, 2023 (virtual)

Attendance:

Present: Jim Puckering, Matt James, Keith Hammer, Sharon Martin, Jeff Timmons, Jim Gangnon, Andrew Sand, Jonathan Intravia

Absent: Bruce Johnston

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Nov 8th, 2023 regular board meeting minutes were unanimously approved with correction to change Keith Hammer to absent

Treasurer's Report:

- Nov financial reports were unanimously approved

Committee Reports:

Membership Update

- 55 - "Returning" 35%
- 3 - Social Members 2%
- 59 - New 2022/23 38%
- 49 - New 2023/24 25%
- 166 - Total

Facilities Committee Report

- Weekly cleaning service had begun (Office Pride Commercial Cleaning Services)
- Landlord had the sprinkler systems inspected
- Locker room completion to begin this week
- New event/lounge space has been a great addition and worked well during the Patriot Spiel

Bonspiels Committee

- Patriot Games Spiel
 - Everything went very well
 - Received a lot of great feedback
 - Good level of competition
 - Many members contributed generously to food for meals, volunteer turnout was also good
- Shamrock Spiel
 - Jan & Dave Carlson will run again

Private Events Committee

- 37 enquiries have been received, resulting in 9 scheduled events
- Work to do on finding volunteers with daytime availability
- Feedback has been very positive; one organizer suggested that the event could be longer

- We will work on tightening up timing/shortening warmroom portion
- Need to work out in rental policy specifics around incorporating a business meeting

New Member Integration Committee

- **Action Item:** Andrew Sand to send invite to Rookie leaguers re: “Pizza with a Pro”

Leagues Report:

- Monday Competitive League – registration protocol to change to team signups only
 - We can help connect members who want to put a team together but will not accept individual registrations
- Session 3 league registration ready to go
- Session 3/4 Women’s League – will be a 6 week league running every other week until the end of the season
- Motion to increase league fees from \$150/session to \$160/session – unanimously approved

Old Business:

Midland Friendly

- Good representation by our members, close competition
- Good mix of experienced/new curlers
- Friendlies are a good way to get new members involved

USCA Athlete Outreach Event December 16th – Leah Yavarow

- 11 registrants so far
- **Action Item:** Matt James to send reminder email to members

Senior Women’s Nationals

- Matt James and Aaron Kaylor (USCA) holding weekly touchbase meetings
 - Discussing possibility of borrowing or renting necessary equipment (laptops, monitors, radios)
- Email to members re: need for time clock operators will be sent next week; interested volunteers can take free class on World Curling Federation’s website
- Need to think about publicity/promotion
 - **Action Item:** Sharon Martin to reach out to Indiana Sports Corp

Facility Rental Policy - Private/Corporate Events

- Jim Gangnon and Jim Puckering working on written policy
- \$1500 for exclusive use of the facility (up to 3 sheets/24 participants)
- \$500 per sheet for non-exclusive use
- Would be beneficial if we could pre-designated times in terms of when we offer daytime events to make it easier for volunteer scheduling
 - Wednesday afternoons (after Wed am league)
 - Wednesday evenings (every other Wed around Women’s League)
 - Sunday afternoons
- Extra charge for bar availability on full events - \$100 IF guest day is available

Partnership with Indiana Cultural Trail - Curling on the Canal

- Equipment is being installed and could potentially get started Sunday Dec 10th

- Agreement is to coordinate two of our members to be there to give “curling lessons” every Sunday afternoon until Mar 3rd from 1-3pm, weather permitting, with the exception of Dec 24 and 31st
- ICT will pay CCCC \$75 per hour for two members (\$300 total) each week; Keith Hammer will pass payment along to members (will require issuing tax stmts)

Technology Committee

- Matt James working on developing committee – one person has reached out
 - Need to set up some way to log tech issue – trouble ticket system

New Business:

Upcoming Member Opportunities

- Dec 30th open curling – 10am and 1pm draws, \$25/draw
- New Year’s Eve Party
 - Two draws plus dinner – looking for at least 8 registrants
- Cincinnati Friendly – Sat Feb 10th @ Cincinnati CC
 - 3 CCCC teams - mix of experienced/new curlers
- Louisville/Troy Friendly – Sat Feb 17th @ CCCC
 - 3 CCCC teams – members with under 3 years of experience
- Fort Wayne – two events
 - Friendly on Sat March 9th at Fort Wayne CC
 - 4 teams – mix of experienced/new curlers
 - Hoosier Cup on Feb 3rd @ CCCC
 - 3 teams – most competitive
 - Experienced members will be asked to put their names forward if they would like to skip or play other positions; 3 skips will be randomly drawn and asked to put together their most competitive teams
- Shamrock Spiel
 - New members will be encouraged to participate

Arena Nationals

- **Action Item** – Keith Hammer to talk to Dean Gemmell about whether this event is taking place and whether they need a host

Age Limit for LTC participants

- Since the ability to participate is dependent on size/strength, it would be difficult to implement an age limit (10-11 year olds can vary greatly in size)
- For safety, it is necessary that the child is big enough to fit into the smallest size of grippers (about a child’s size 4 to 4-½ - womens 6 to 6 ½)

Injury Protocol

- Tabled for next meeting

Next Meeting:

- Sunday, Jan 14th, 2023 at 6pm – Regular Board Meeting (virtual)

Meeting was adjourned approx 10:20pm

Minutes submitted to the Board by Sharon Martin