

Circle City Curling Club, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 15th, 2024

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Circle City Curling Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 15th, 2024 (virtual)

Attendance:

Present: Jim Puckering, Matt James, Jeff Timmons, Andrew Sand, Jim Gangnon, Linda Brennan, Todd Shelton, Jonathan Intravia

Absent: Sharon Martin

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Oct 27th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes are unanimously approved

Outstanding Action Items Review:

- Facilities – burnt out floodlight – landlord is aware, will fix with new light.
- New arming code is established
- New instructor training happened
- Role inventory is being worked on, roles are working on being filled by Sharon (documentation and participation)
- Gripper replacement – on current agenda
- Children's access policy has been developed, will be published soon.

Treasurer's Report:

- Oct:
 - \$400 for new thermostat and AED cabinet
- Nov:
 - \$2,233 for exterior signs and wooden ladder to access dehumidifier
- Oct 2024 financial reports are unanimously approved
- Nov 2024 financial reports are unanimously approved

Program/Committee Reports:

Facility

- Exterior shingle sign and metal cut-out signs have been installed and greatly improve our exterior impression; landlord was impressed
- Ken Roth has been approached to take over some of the facility management duties (supplies ordering, managing service contracts) from Sharon Martin

Fundraising

- \$2,600 in 2024 donations so far; another follow-up email will be sent before the end of the year with emphasis on corporate matching

Bonspiels

- Upcoming GLCA 5&U Championship
 - Feb 28th-Mar 2nd
 - 3 teams from CCCC are signed up; slow signups for external teams
- Hoosier Cup at FWCC on Feb 1
- Seven C's Cup at Cincinnati CC on Feb 8th
- Hoosier Hospitality Classic at CCCC on Mar 8th
- Shamrock Spiel on Mar 15th-16th
 - David and Jan Carlson have agreed to manage the spiel again
 - A budget will be developed
- Midwest Arena Invitational – remains under consideration
- Other bonspiels notes:
 - An emphasis in bonspiel advertisements that we are located in Indianapolis may be helpful; people at other clubs are not always familiar with CCCC's location
 - More member food donations would help boost profit margin on external bonspiels
 - We should perhaps to reach out to the other clubs to see what types of teams they want to play against – most competitive vs. growing the club (new members).

Private Events

- Bookings have been slow so far this season but expect more events to be added to the schedule soon
- Volunteer participation has been good but more volunteers are always helpful

LTC

- Low registration for Session 2 LTC League, but very enthusiastic participants.
- Geoff Randolph is doing a great job on our educational programs.
- ¼ page ad in the Current will be run, second ad to be run in Jan. We will evaluate if ads are helpful in generating some interest/revenue/LTC drive.

Communications/Marketing

- Angie Jones has agreed to chair

Curling on the Canal – Partnership with Indianapolis Cultural Trail

- 2024-25 program has kicked off
- New addition for this season – a three-week “mini league” with teams signing up to play scheduled matches in January
 - signups to be handled by ICT via EventBrite; scheduling and communications to be handled by CCCC
- Possible open house to be scheduled at completion of league

Leagues

- Signups in session 2 were slightly down 136 vs. 139
- Monday night women's league had reduced signups; this enabled the Doubles league to switch to Monday. Because of the small number of women's teams, we have extra bye weeks. Refunds will be issued to Womens league registrants (\$55 refund to 190 payers, \$35 refund to 120 (coupon) payers) to account for reduced number of games. Keep the doubles league as it is.
- Competitive – change in the way signups are happening to avoid having to turn people away, boost to a max # of teams of as high as 14 (with the current format).

Old Business:

Membership Update

- Total 152
 - 113 membership renewals
 - 9 Student/Youth members
 - 5 Social members
 - 25 new members

Reindeer Games Holiday Event

- Event was well received
- Attendees appreciated the opportunity for spectator involvement
- Thanks to volunteers for arranging

Youth Program

- 4-5 kids that are quite competitive, might hope to develop a team with them
- Growth in skill was very good
- 3-4 kids even came to Reindeer Games
- Geoff Randolph wants to move to Saturdays exclusively – divide younger (9-11) vs. older (12-13), (14-15) brackets.
- Family interest (younger sibling of a participant) is high – thinking about how to get these younger players involved.
- USA coaching certification would be good for leaders, and this costs a bit extra (\$125). This would be necessary if kids will travel to participate in external bonspiels. The board might consider paying some portion of this cost.
- Issues related to the club potentially offsetting this cost as opposed to other member-incurred costs (ie. alcohol servers license)
 - We might be able to draw a distinction between this volunteer event vs. others. The background check is a requirement for the coaching, and it goes beyond the typical requirements needed to volunteer in other aspects of the club.
 - Community in Motion could potentially be the funding mechanism for this sort of cost
 - Running a youth league constitutes an entirely different level of responsibility vs. bartending
 - The coaching certification covers strategy, but also how to build and communicate with a team of young players

- Todd Shelton will investigate if it is worthwhile to have this certification for this year; will not be worth worrying about at this stage unless it is possible to generate a team for a youth bonspiel
- Decision tabled for next meeting

Club Gripper Replacement

- Jim Puckering has completed the assessment of our current inventory of grippers and recommends replacing those that are not in good shape
- Potential expense could be around \$1300
- Vote: Motion to approve the purchase of new grippers was unanimously approved
- **Action Item:** Jim Puckering/Sharon Martin to get a quote and purchase new grippers

Role/Committee Charters

- Committee charters have been written
- A communication will be sent to members with a call for volunteers
- Need for sponsorship committee – this is last season for current in-ice (house) graphics

New Business:

Icehouse Decorations

- Should more flags be added to icehouse
- Having international flags could be nice addition
- Armed Forces flags could remain
- No decision reached on whether to add flags

Next meeting: Sunday 01/19/2025 at 7pm

Adjourned at: 8:32pm

Minutes Prepared by: Sharon Martin based on meeting notes by Andrew Sand