

Circle City Curling Club, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2025

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Circle City Curling Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 19th, 2025 (virtual)

Attendance:

Present: Jim Puckering, Matt James, Jeff Timmons, Sharon Martin, Andrew Sand, Jim Gangnon, Linda Brennan, Todd Shelton, Jonathan Intravia, Angie Jones (Chair, Marketing Committee)

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Dec 15th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes are unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Dec special expenses:
 - Liquor liability expense \$728
 - Depreciation expense \$48,544
- \$108,000 in cash
- In 2024 calendar year, ran at a profit of \$7,000 (without depreciation)
- December financial statements unanimously approved

Membership Update

- Total 172
 - 113 Renewals
 - 10 Student
 - 5 Social Members
 - 44 New 2024/25
 - 103 Male/69 Female (60%/40%)

Program/Committee Reports:

Facility

- Ken Roth has agreed to take over some of the facility management duties (Quartermaster?) - supplies ordering, managing service contracts - from Sharon Martin

Fundraising

- \$5,050 in donations in 2024
- Tax statements will be provided to donors
- Plaque to record yearly donations needs to be made

Bonspiels

- Gaming license has been received; can now offer 50/50's and raffles at events – subject to certain limits
- Midwest Arena Invitational
 - Have decided to not offer this event this year given other events
 - Can revisit for next year; hopefully will have fully functioning bonspiel and hospitality committees next year
- Friendlies
 - Signups open for Seven C's (Cincinnati) and Hoosier Hospitality Classic (Ft Wayne)
 - Hoosier Cup (Ft Wayne – Competitive): teams have been chosen from the competitive league
- Shamrock Spiel signup open
- GLCA 5&U Championship
 - 7 external, 4 internal teams so far
 - Reaching out to Ft Wayne and Cincinnati to encourage sending a team or two

Private Events

- Event requests are down 33% from same point last year
- Private event revenue down 76% from same point last year
- Larger pool of instructors is proving beneficial
- Instructors are doing a great job and feedback is very positive

Education (LTC) Programs

- Big thanks to Geoff Randolph for developing a very well-run program
- An open house will be offered to Curling on the Canal participants on either 2/2 or 2/16
- Youth league is progressing well

Communications/Marketing (Angie Jones)

- Will look at cross-promotions with other organizations or companies, possibly breweries
- Will look at effectiveness of print ads
- Will look at potential for other special events (Bowling Green holds a "Beer Festival")
- Focus – how to best capitalize on next year's Olympic boost

Hospitality Committee

- Have not identified any committee members or chair

Sponsorship Committee

- Have one interested individual, need to find other members and a committee chair

Leagues

- Currently 20 curlers under capacity so no need at this point to increase league space
- Tue Competitive League – will not be capped at 7 teams; if more than 7 teams sign up, a second (late) draw will be added
- Doubles – to be moved to Sunday
- Makeups games for cancelled league nights will be schedule during available ice time (Sunday afternoons); Session 2 5&U League can be extended by one week to accommodate makeup games
- The issue of whether we should have a Forfeit rule regarding number of subs has come up
 - In order to encourage as many games as possible, we do not have a rule that having 2 or more subs results in a forfeit. To do so could discourage members from getting subs and causing the other team to be out of a game.
 - A forfeit rule will not be instated at this time

Old Business:

Youth Program

- Program has been changed to Saturday morning only
- Ages 9-16 divided into 3 age groups; one on each sheet
- The potential exists for a competitive youth team
- Coaching certifications
 - May not be worth pursuing this year but should be looked at next year for any member working with youth; but definitely needed for any coach taking youth to away games

College Program

- IUI – Todd has brought 4 students and may possibly have 6 more
- Ball State – Tyler Miller has recruited 5; for next season to become an official club will need a faculty sponsor (Jonathan Intravia)
- Anderson – 4 consistent participants
- Together with Butler, we have the nucleus of a solid college league

Club Gripper Replacement

- **Action Item:** Jim Puckering to place order

Member's Children Access Policy

- Policy has been written and adopted
- Will be sent to members via email and posted on website

New Business:

Debit Card for Ken Roth

- Motion to approve a debit card for Ken Roth to use in his role as Supplies Manager/Quartermaster is unanimously approved
- **Action Item:** Jeff Timmons will get debit card set up
- **Action Item:** Add to next agenda – define spending authority policy

Next meeting: Sunday 02/16/2025 at 7pm

Adjourned at: 9:30pm

Minutes Prepared by: Sharon Martin