

Circle City Curling Club, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Circle City Curling Club was called to order at 7:02 PM on May 19, 2026 (virtual).

Attendance

Present: Jim Puckering, Jeff Timmons, Sharon Martin, Andrew Sand, Linda Brennan, Anna Carpenter, Jim Gangnon, Jonathan Intravia, Todd Shelton

Review of Bar Plans and Bartender Impact – Chris Gross

- Board is very happy with most of the changes made to the bar this past season and thanks Chris for his effort and enthusiasm.
- Noticed a large downturn in bar volunteers last season. How will we correct that for next year?
 - For league night, Chris proposes that we encourage all bartenders who sign up for a league to take at least one night each session to spread the responsibility.
 - Bonspiels struggle to get volunteers.
 - Shorter shifts suggested to allow for more flexibility and possibly to include members who are playing in the spiel.
 - Chris also suggests allowing bartenders to receive tips to provide incentive to volunteer, but the board does not want to move forward with this idea currently.
 - Complexity of menu seemed to be intimidating for most bartenders. How can we fix that next season?
 - Cocktails brought in \$488 in profit last year. This is great, but if it eliminates our volunteer pool then this is not worth it. Could we simplify this for spiels moving forward?
 - Chris plans to survey bartenders to determine what made last season difficult (length of shifts, shift ending time at spiels, menu complexity, etc.). He will work with Anna as the point person from the board for feedback on the survey.
- Additional changes for next year:
 - Jim P. suggested offering pre-mixed drinks to eliminate some of the complexity. Chris is willing to try some, but last year the premixed drinks moved pretty slow.
 - Chris is also open to lowering the number of offerings overall to reduce complexity but would like to keep cocktails for now.

- Chris would like to offer additional non-alcoholic drinks at the beginning of the year just to see how they sell.
- Suggestion was made to keep 2 beers on tap and then use the third tap for a seasonal to keep the offerings fresh.
- We will need to come up with a plan for cups next year since we threw away the reusable metal ones at the end of the season. Chris has sent a proposal to Sharon on this, but she has not had a chance to review yet.
 - We need to ensure that whatever we choose is dishwasher safe as we cannot use anything that is not washed in the dishwasher.
 - We are unable to use the mini beer shot glasses moving forward.
- Chris will communicate with the board by end of August/early September to let us know his plan on offerings and what he plans to purchase to start the season.

Review and Approval of Minutes

- April 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes are unanimously approved

April Treasurer's report – review and adopt.

- Limited revenue in April as expected but it did include some early renewal membership dues and a donation. Some of the donation will need to be used for youth curling. Youth leaders will need to set a budget then we can utilize the funds as needed.
- YTD we are at \$27,000 in net income which is a decent spot to be in.
- Last year at this time we were at \$121,000 in cash and we currently have just over \$174,000.
- April treasurer's report is unanimously approved.

Old Business:

April Action Items

- Follow up on Put-In-Cups refund — Anna / Jeff
 - Have not received it yet. Cassie followed up with the company as recently as yesterday.
- Schedule technology tasks meeting — Sharon
 - Nothing to report
- Set up Facebook monetization — Sharon
 - Nothing to report
- Schedule youth program fee structure meeting — Jim G.
 - Proposal was sent to the board, will discuss later this meeting
- Respond to USWCA hosting request — Jim P.
 - Jim has notified USWCA that we would be willing to host.
- Finalize and send member survey — Sharon
 - This is complete
- Fill Bonspiel Coordinator role — Jim P. / Anna / Sharon
 - Tammy Hoffman has been appointed to this role.

- Fill Private Events Coordinator role — Jim G. / Sharon / Anna
 - Still an open item.
- Order membership recognition pins — Anna
 - Pins have been ordered and arrived this week.
- Obtain dehumidifier repair quote — Jim P.
 - Dehumidifier has been repaired. Have not received the final bill yet, but it should be between \$8,500 – 9,000.
- Document Olympic cycle lessons learned — Anna / Sharon
 - Anna and Sharon will work on this asap. Jim P. owes a response to Fort Wayne club and is waiting on this.
- Send club update on Olympic cycle success — Jim P.
 - This was sent.

New Business:

- Carry-Over From Special Planning Meeting
 - Leagues and Special Events
 - Discuss league offers (days, hours, structure, etc.)
 - Sharon has compiled the survey results and shared with the board.
 - Anna, Sharon, Linda, Andrew and Jim P. will take this offline and discuss then bring a recommendation back to the board. Based on current survey results we don't anticipate any major changes in the schedule, but we need to ensure we have enough spots available.
 - Andrew reviewed last year's survey results and they indicated that we would need approx. 137 league spots and we ended up filling over 150. With additional members this year we likely will need around 200 league spots.
 - Discuss timing of special events (youth camp, bonspiels, etc.)
 - Youth Camp will be 10/2 – 10/4
 - GLCA Mens was moved to 1/20 – 1/24
 - Friendlies are penciled in, but may be moved. Hoosier Cup and 7Cs are not on the calendar yet, but they will be hosted outside our club. Once we have those dates we will add to the calendar for informational purposes.
 - Indiana Stones is currently scheduled 4/2 – 4/4. It has been submitted to a qualifier, but if it is not selected then we would like to move this to another weekend. We would coordinate with the GLCA to ensure there is another weekend that works with other club schedules before moving.
- Special Initiatives
 - 20th Anniversary Planning
 - Club was founded in 2007, making the 2026-27 season the club's 20th year of play.

- Potential Ideas:
 - decorate the club all season for the anniversary
 - incorporate the “main celebration” into the shamrock spiel since it is already and inter club event
 - host an open house and invite the public (date of 9/25 to kick off the season was suggested)
 - create anniversary merchandise to sell
 - Initial committee made up of Linda, Sharon, Anna and Jim P. will be formed to lead these efforts. Will ask for additional participants at the annual meeting.
- Club Cleanup Day:
 - Jim P. is happy to lead this effort. Preferred date will be Saturday, June 6 if we can get volunteers to help. Will need at least 10-12 people to assist. Sharon will setup a sign up genius.
 - Cleanup may not be as difficult as originally anticipated as the grease buildup appears to wipe away pretty easily.
- Locker Discussion
 - Of the people who completed the survey, 18 said yes they would like a locker and 18 said maybe. Not a great response which was surprising.
 - Would like to propose to the members that they can sponsor a locker for next year at cost. Then rent at the rate of \$50/season each year after next year. We will not plan to purchase any additional lockers that are not sponsored.
 - Will ask Ron to research additional suppliers and provide recommendation along with lead time required.
- New Club Pin Design Discussion
 - Board reviewed two new club pin designs.
 - 20th anniversary pin revisions requested:
 - Move the dates to the brooms, add Indianapolis back to the front stone, and move the 20th Anniversary to the bottom of the pin. If enamel is required on the brooms to have the date there, we would like those to be yellow and switch the yellow and red stones.
 - Car pin revisions:
 - Would like to add Indianapolis to the tail of the car.
 - Board voted and unanimously approved the purchase of two new pins after suggested revisions are made to the designs. Will start with a qty of 250 each.
- Survey Response Review
 - Board members were asked to review member survey comments to better understand member feedback.
 - Action items may be developed after the new board takes effect.
- Other New Business
 - Youth League Fee Proposal – Todd, Jim G., Anna
 - The club will begin charging a nominal fee for youth league participation.
 - Madison County residents will receive a discounted rate through the

Community in Motion grant.

- A no-questions-asked 100% discount coupon will be available for families experiencing financial hardship.
- Board voted and unanimously approved the fee structure.
- Board Election
 - Three board seats are open and two self-nominations have been received so far. Deadline for nominations is Friday, May 22.
 - If a third nomination is not received, the board will nominate an additional candidate.

Schedule Next Meetings

- Next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 7 pm.

Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.