

Circle City Curling Club, Inc.
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2023

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Circle City Curling Club was called to order at 7:34 PM on October 11, 2023 (In person and virtual)

Attendance:

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

Review and Approval of Minutes:

- Sep. 11, 2023 regular board meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Building fund was at \$53,000 before beginning expansion project; \$24,000 was raised through fundraising, giving a total of \$77,000
- So far \$44,000 has been spent, leaving \$33,000 in building fund
- Original estimate for project was \$150,000 and was trimmed to \$120,000 through design changes
- Should be able to complete event space with remaining funds but may not be able to purchase appliances or furniture, or add security fob access on office and ice crew space doors, or move on to completion of changing area without raising additional funds
- Sep financial reports were unanimously approved

Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee Report

- Office and check-in area complete
- Sprinkler system is complete
- Ice crew area is almost complete (lockers need to be moved back into wall formation)
- New event space drywall has been primed and has received first coat of paint
- Flooring to be put down as soon as paint is complete, then cabinets will be installed
- Electrical fixtures (lights) still being installed
- Looking for used double-oven
- September financial reports are unanimously approved

Bonspiels Committee

- Patriot Games Spiel – registration closed at 16 teams
 - 13 teams from other clubs
 - 3 teams from CCCC
 - Friday – 5 draws, Saturday – 4 draws, Sunday – 2 draws
 - Will be an A-B-C event with three finals

Private Events Committee

- Jim Gangnon has complete following up on recent enquiries

Learn to Curl Committee

- Committee has developed a working document for committee goals and scope

- Held an Instructor Training Session on Sep 30 in partnership with Jim Gangnon (Private Events)
- Revised instructors guide
- Developed educational plan for weeks 2-4 of Rookie league
 - Off-ice classroom sessions (developed by Andrew Sand)
 - On-ice education – new drills
 - Week 2 – Delivery
 - Week 3 – Sweeping
 - Week 4 – Throwing Weight
- Adding to educational videos available on website and sharing with Rookie league participants
- Working on scheduling a USCA sponsored Instructor Clinic

New Member Integration Committee

- Recommendations:
 - Pizza and curling night on Sat Oct 28th for rookie league participants and other members
 - Create video tutorials for how to use website (sign up to sub, request a sub, etc)
 - Way for teams to record points (tablet in warmroom, QR code to results page)
 - Publish game results in Anderson newspaper to publicize club activities
 - Drop in league on Wed nights
 - Schedule date for Brooms Up to visit

Leagues Report:

- Registration for Session 2 opens Sep 12th
- Players who are registered in a Session 1 league will be given preference in same league in Session 2 (for one league if they are registered in more than one)

Old Business:

USCA Curling – Athlete Outreach Initiative

- Jim Puckering, Matt James, and Sharon Martin met with Dean Gemmell of USCA (virtual) to discuss opportunity and options
- Athlete would arrive on Friday night (Dec 15th)
- Tentative schedule for Sat Dec 16th:
 - 9am-12pm Clinic for members
 - 12pm-2pm Lunch
 - 2pm-4:30pm Help with LTC/Rookie league
 - Possibility – dinner with major Dedicated Ice donors
- A motion to proceed with the Athlete Outreach Initiative was made and unanimously approved
- **Action Item:** Matt James to confirm date and price with USCA

Membership Update

- 53 members returning from 2021/22 and prior
- 53 members returning from 2022/23
- 22 new 2023/24 members
- 3 social members
- 131 total members

New Business:

2024-25 USCA Senior Championships

- Information from meeting with USCA's Dean Gemmell & Aaron Kaylor:
 - USCA is looking for host venue for Senior Women's Nationals
 - Potential dates:
 - Jan 20-28
 - Feb 10-18
 - Feb 17-25
 - Mar 2-10
 - Club will receive \$250 per day
 - Estimated number of teams: 10-12
 - Likely over 5 days
 - Volunteers needed: 1 time keeper per sheet each game, hosts, icemakers
 - We may want to offer welcome reception
 - Over ice monitors could be used for time clocks
 - USCA ice tech may want to arrive a day in advance and do a flood
 - USCA will handle all pre-event communications and will provide news releases for local media
 - Klutch system does not necessarily need to be removed as long as competitors do not have access code
 - CCCC would provide food for officials
 - CCCC can charge admission for spectators if we want
- Taking on the Senior Women's championships would mean we would have to forgo the planned spring open spiel
- Timing – Feb 19th-25th would work best
- A motion was made to accept USCA's invitation to host the event; unanimously approved
- Matt James will serve as board sponsor of the event; will seek input from David Carlson on organizational details

Women Curler Development

- Ladies' Night scheduled for Wed Nov 1st
 - Expecting 16-20 members to attend
 - Will have potluck social hour followed by 6 ends of curling
- USWCA All-American Internal Club Spiel or League – From Tammy Hoffman
 - Can be run as a league or a spiel
 - Teams can include men as long as they play lead or 2nd; women must play back end positions and call game
 - **Action Item:** Sharon Martin to work with Tammy Hoffman to find a way to add to schedule

Sheet C Scoreboard TV Issue

- Display is not working properly
- Replacement cost is \$400
- A motion was made to approve the replacement; vote was 6 to 2 in favor with one member abstaining; motion was passed
- **Action Item:** Keith Hammer/Sharon Martin – talk to Ernie Forney about ways to protect scoreboard TVs from condensation/water

Need for Technology Team

- To manage:
 - Internal network
 - Security system – fobs and door access scheduling
 - Operation of scoreboards/streaming
 - Klutch/Smartbroom
- **Action Item:** Sharon Martin to send list of tech respondents from interest survey
- **Action Item:** Matt James to review list and form team

Whether to adopt No-Tick Rule

- Will not adopt for regular leagues because it would slow down play
- Could consider adopting for competitive league
- May have to adopt for bonspiels
- Action Item – Keith Hammer will let Patriot Spiel registrants know that we will not be using no-tick rule

Safe-Sport Training

- Board members should wait for an email from USCA/Safesport for renewal instructions

USCA Members Meeting

- Friday October 18th

USCA Instructor Training

- Cost is \$50 per person with a \$500 minimum
- A motion is made to subsidize our members at \$25; motion is unanimously approved

Special Needs Curling/RHI Sports Opportunity – Tabled

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 7pm – Regular Board Meeting (virtual)

Meeting was adjourned approx 9:48pm

Minutes submitted to the Board by Sharon Martin