

Windy City Curling Center Board Meeting
Wednesday Nov 7th 2018
7:00pm @ Peet's Coffee 5100 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515

2018/19 Board Members In Attendance:

Simon Ganet, Brian Stoiber, Jon Henderson, Greg Stewart, Heidi Osburn, Mike Lerner, Jeff Sampson

Members In Attendance: None

Meeting Called to order: 7:05pm by Simon Ganet

Old Business:

- Previous Board meeting minutes approved

- Discuss Lawyer Feedback regarding CCC Proposal (See Document Share from Brian for more specifics)
 - Brian had call with James Bernicky Law
 - Annual rate increase should be formula based. Protects against WC3 from being "Double Billed"
 - Board Member protection from liability recommended. We have example of coverage used by Chicago curling club.
 - Non-Profit status is not a concern at this time. Club will not be profiting a large amount, and as long as money goes back to club not a worry. Can pay "employees" fair market value (ie \$12/hour to help with LTC, Corporate Outings Etc)
 - James Bernicky would charge \$250/hour for work. Does not charge for small emails or phone calls. Would be interested in taking us on a client.
 - Current proposal as written does not have enough legal weight for us to rely on. Offered to underwrite a contract but would need explicit consent from CCC. Cost would be around \$500.
 - Simon will discuss with CCC
 - Gift Affidavit information still in the air. Simon will discuss with Matt.

- League Play\Learn to Curls
 - Rookie league has 6 people signed up. We need two additional members to help.
 - Mike Lerner and Jim Schneider have offered to help. Perhaps reach out to other members.
 - The interest for Rookie league was very low.
 - We are seeing high interest for LTC purchase for holiday gifts.
 - Only Dec booking is a Dec 12th Group Outing
 - No ice available in December for additional LTC or outings
 - League moral seems low and pretty quiet (not alot of on ice socializing)
 - Numerous complaints on ice quality during leagues. Does not appear zamboni driver is covering entire play area. Suggest we ask to go back to "paper-clip" cut instead of cross cut, to ensure entire surface is scrapped.

- January\Feb LTC
 - Begin push for January (13th and 27th) and Feb (10th and 24th) Learn to curls that can be purchased for holiday gifts.
 - Cost will be \$50 per person. Limited to 16 people each date.
 - Jeff Sampson will coordinate volunteers for these LTC's.
 - Need to come up with ideas on how to promote these as we do not have the Olympics to feed interest this year.
 - Facebook Advertising
 - Coasters

- Championship League
 - Set up a 8 team, 7 week round robin league starting January 6th.
 - This league will continue to end of Feb, with Super Bowl weekend off.

- Financials
 - Reviewed Oct financials as presented by Jon (see Excel spreadsheet for specifics)
 - Board approved the financials

- Miscellaneous
 - Holiday party scheduled for December 1st
 - Did discuss possibility of a mid december members night on ice, but interest in past has been low. Also with 7B not making other requests available for December, we decided to pass.
 - Brian will be getting new stickers for rock handles

New Business

- Gwen Hotel
 - They have reached out about doing the rooftop curling event again Thursday November 29th.
 - This event includes free winter drinks, and a simulated\condensed curling experience.
 - WC3 logo will be on all printed materials
 - Would need a couple volunteers. They should contact Simon directly.

- Wrigley Field
 - Simon will be coordinating volunteers again
 - Needs help transporting rocks back and forth. Will pay a driver fee of \$50 each time.
 - We will need 32 rocks transported. Simon will take care of U-Haul rental. Jeff Sampson would help on one of the days.
 - This year we will be getting additional equipment for our club (brooms, sliders, grippers etc)
 - We are able to sell merchandise, with a special event logo
 - Simon reaching out to local graphic design schools to see if they would be interested in coming up with a unique logo. Perhaps offer LTC or merchandise for their services.
 - Kerri Galas was suggested again as a possible logo designer

- Merchandise
 - Heidi continued to look at new vendors for WCC merchandise
 - Does not appear we own design from previous Jackets, so moving vendor will result in completely different jackets. Board approved to continue to look for new Jacket vendor.
 - Discussed last year Women's Arena Nationals Jackets. Used company in Glen Ellen and cost was \$124 per Jacket. Team very happy with fit, but did notice some loose threading on logos.
 - Will look at online options for WC3 Coasters
 - Currently have 500 pins, will sell to members at \$2.00 each. No bulk discount, as this is lower price then previous pin prices.

- 2019 USCA Arena Nationals
 - We have received confirmation that we are still eligible to enter teams for this year Arena Nationals, even if we open new facility in Feb-Mar time frame.
 - Teams will be self formed.
 - Entering teams does not guarantee we are picked to participate. Last year we only were selected for Women's team to participate.
 - Members interested in playing need:
 - Be paid member of WC3 for 2018-2019 Season. WC3 members who are also members of Chicago/Waltham are not eligible, as cannot be member of dedicated facility.
 - Must have participated in a minimum of one current season league at Seven Bridges.
 - Last opportunity for league participation will the Championship League starting January 2019.

- 2020 USCA Arena Nationals Host Application
 - We received information about placing a bid to host 2020 Arena Nationals
 - Board voted unanimously to not pursue

- USCA SafeSport
 - Board decides to implement SafeSport
 - All board members will take online courses by EOY

- Website
 - Brian working on new design for website and planning on working on it over Thanksgiving break and through December.
 - Continuing to look at LeagueApps integration.
 - There will be a \$495 Setup fee with LeagueApps, to brand with our information. Brian requested approval for this expense. Board approved motion for league apps setup expense.
 - New site would launch with new facility
 - Brian and Mike, would run championship league in parallel on both websites, to see how league management process improves
 - Once again, any other fees after setup would just be 3% fee on any online fee\payment management
 - Eric will be helping Brian with website
 - New site will also allow for member number assignments. This will allow use of member numbers when using Chits at other clubs. People were making up membership numbers this past weekend at Exmoor.

- WC3 Open Bonspiel
 - Simon stepped down as Bonspiel chair for this years bonspiel
 - Heidi will reach out to Megan to see if she is willing to be part of a Bonspiel committee.
 - Determine what information is available from last year to help with this year
 - Talk with Chicago to get time booked while determine status of Villa Park

- Administrative
 - Next Board meeting. Wednesday Dec 12th @ 7pm
 - Location: BlueLine Bar at Seven Bridges

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40pm by Simon Ganet