



Windy City Curling
Back of the Strip Mall
146 Roosevelt Rd, Villa Park, IL 60181

Board Meeting Minutes 7/27/2022

Board Members:

Present: Raymond Stone, Barry Hutchings, Eric Reithel, Eric Clifford, Eric Baudais, Aaron DeGagne, Jon Henderson, Eric Reithel

Absent: N/A

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

Club Members: Karen Miller

Opening Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President, Aaron DeGagne

Old Business

- June Financials - Jon Henderson
 - Jon H., Motion; Eric R., second,
 - MOTION: Approved
- Plaques and trophies update - Barry
- MCA Update - Eric R.
 - USCA Discussion on the current situation with the GNCC
 - Windy City's stance, should we need to make a decision
 - Member survey for feedback on the matter
 - Questions for the MCA
 - What benefits does the USCA offer?
 - Insurance situation?
 - Does the entire club membership need to be in USCA?
- Locker Clean-out - Eric R.
 - 40 People replied wanting a locker
 - 30 have claimed a spot
 - Few waiting to have a spot assigned
 - Matt G.) People can re-claim their spaces in September with the new season
 - Remind people the Locker Income is for Trophy Fund
 - Put a poster in each locker room advertising locker rental

- SafeSport - Aaron D.
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/16hqQGdDAJhWGAIWKGFrug7Geytz2pnK>
- Gift Cards - Ray
 - Following up with Curling Club Manager after he's done setting up our site for the upcoming season
- Name Tags - Aaron
 - Seeking approval for expense on member name tags dating back to March '22
 - Barry asking about size of name tag - we have a few different sizes out there
 - Karen seeking possibility to add pronouns to nametag
 - Ray mentioned members wanting "Member since (year)"
 - Aaron to fact-find we'll revisit next month
- Summer Work for the board.... Marketing and calls.... Email blasts and Video messages
 - Work to bring back former/inactive members
 - Board to talk and inform of changes, new leagues,
 - From League Apps get contact information for the people. Aaron will work to pull data (try to cross reference vs active members)
- Survey Results - Eric B/Aaron
 - Eric B. notes:
 - Most people wanting Mixed and Open Leagues
 - Competitive League is next
 - Most requested time slots
 - Weeknights 6-8pm (we already offer this)
 - Fridays 8-10pm
 - Would have to try Friday nights 9:30pm
 - 6-end Fun League
 - Late-night Pricing
 - Use open spots to invite L2Cs just finishing up
 - Saturdays 9am-1pm ← Can try Saturday mornings
 - Majority of people wanting to do 2-3 leagues per session
 - To increase Continuing Education, find Skips/Vices willing to work with new players & fresh rookies
 - Should re-work league descriptions to advertise the "vibe" and potential draw times better
 - Aaron notes:
 - *Seems to be demand for a Friday night 9pm 6-end league*
 - *Multiple comments about not having early and late draws for the same league (and more preferences for earlier)*
 - *Couple requests to extend mini-leagues into longer sessions (including Rookies)*
 - *2 comments on making Competitive league 'more competitive'*
 - *Announce playoff format once leagues begin (I know Eric C. has this on his radar already...)*
 - *Issue with PPL players getting canceled on: "half the scheduled games were forfeited by the other teams. They all declined to reschedule."*
 - Tabled for a bigger discussion to August

New Business

- Launching '22-'23 leagues
 - Paul from CCM is still working on back-end things for leagues for us
 - Hoping to have descriptions and leagues set and open for registration ASAP
 - Asking the Board to poke around more in CCM to know how it works
- Club Championship playoffs
 - Need to figure out Format and scheduling
 - Tabled for August
- Verify with Matt: Windy City's annual fee gives our members exclusive practice or pick-up games any time they want as long as someone from CCC is at the club
 - Confirmed, with caveats:
 - Suggestion: Practice time should be a privilege for AYCC'ers
 - Pick-up games should be limited to make-up games and one-offs
- Budget for next season - Eric B.
 - Requesting a monthly budget for the club
 - Creating this is a heavy undertaking
 - Jon H. expressed reservations about having the time to do it
 - Eric B. to look into accounting firms/pricing
 - Tabled for August
- White Sox curling night
 - Sept. 25th at 1pm - Block of tickets are at \$20/ticket
 - A fun night out to be more social outside of the club
- Bonspiel planning for upcoming season
 - Committee for the October spiel has been formed
 - Aaron D., Eric C., Aaron V., Sara H., Anne P.
 - Registration is now open and on the website
 - Matthew Ault expressed interest in
 - Check with CCC about 5U

Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn by Eric R.
 - Seconded by Eric C.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel