



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

## Board Meeting Minutes 8/31/2022

### Board Members:

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

Absent: N/A

Quorum present: Yes

### Others Present:

Club Members: Joseph Placek, Rachel Ault, Matt Ault, Karen Miller

### Opening Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President, Aaron DeGagne
- New order: Financials, Trophies, Summer Work, Wheelchair, back to Old Business

### Old Business

- July Financials - Jon Henderson
  - Monthly income - \$12,532.83 profit
    - Includes profit share from CCC
  - Fiscal Year '21-'22 - \$17,676.70 profit
  - Motion to Accept Financial Report - Jon H.; Second - Eric R.
    - MOTION: Passes
    - LeagueApps - How much are we still paying?
      - Nothing anymore (only TYD previous payments are reflected)
    - Model review: Are we on track with AYCC vs PPL numbers
      - 67 AYCC out of 126 members
- Plaques and trophies update - Barry
  - Barry taking in Club Championship plaque in to be engraved
- Merchandise - Tonya
  - 73 long sleeves (15.19 ea), 100 short sleeves (10.18 ea)
  - Total is \$2,126.87
  - Motion to approve cost - Ray S.; Second - Eric C.
    - MOTION: Passes
- MCA Update - Eric R.
  - No movement since last meeting

- Locker Clean-out - Eric R.
  - Put a poster in each locker room advertising locker rental
    - Post members' numbers as a reminder to start off the year
  - Locker fund - \$565 brought in
    - Considering shifting this money into Locker Upgrades
      - Talk with CCC about cost-matching
  
- SafeSport - Aaron D.
  - Required by Board Members & Conduct Committee
  - [Safe Sport](#) ← *link*
  
- Gift Cards - Ray
  - Tabled for next meeting
  
- Basset training for bar mandatory for Board Members
  - Due at midnight, August 31st
  
- Name Tags - Aaron
  - Seeking approval for expense on member name tags dating back to March '22
    - \$400 cost estimate
  - Barry asking about size of name tag - we have a few different sizes out there
    - 1.5"-sized nametags
  - Karen seeking possibility to add pronouns to nametag
    - Karen volunteered to organize pronoun Google spreadsheet
  - Ray mentioned members wanting "Member since (year)"
    - Rejected in favor of simplicity of design
  - Aaron to fact-find
    - Tabled to next month
  - Motion for Aaron to spend up-to \$500 on nametags - Ray S.; Second - Jon H.
    - MOTION: Passes
  
- Summer Work for the board.... Marketing and calls.... Email blasts and Video messages - Barry
  - Tabled for next month (circle-back with Barry)
  
- Leagues Update
  - Session 1 updates
    - 126 Members
    - Room to grow most of the leagues moving further into the year
  - Possible issue related to gender split in Mixed league:
    - 24 males of 40 open spots total
      - Five men are currently without women teammates
      - Eric C. to build teams based on requests
        - Will reach out to men without teammates about finding women to play with, or running the risk of being removed

## New Business

- Wheelchair League and potential Bonspiels associated with it - Barry
  - PVA: Providing a \$30,000 grant
    - Used to pay coaches, the remainder is going towards ice costs
  - October 15-16th - Wheelchair Clinic
    - USCA provided coach
  - October 19th - Start bi-weekly leagues, 6-7pm
    - Eventually run leagues 5-7pm
  - Potential bonspiels with other clubs down the road
- Promoting upcoming bonspiels and events - Aaron D.
  - Oktoberfest - Aaron D. & Eric C.
    - Six teams now (need 12 to run)
    - Decision date: Sept. 16th
  - Founders Cup brainstorming
    - Dates: Oct. 29-30
    - Sort plans by next board meeting
      - Ideally, within two weeks
  - Drag Effect planning - Eric R.
    - Committee: Kelly Zahn, Karen Miller, Matthew Ault
    - Open Registration after Oktoberfest Spiel's closes (set a cut-off date, too)
      - Marketing the Spiel ASAP
- State of Illinois grant - Aaron D.
  - \$10,000+ available for groups who can increase tourism
  - Aaron to work w/ Jason Wieble and DuPage County Board
  - Deadline: Sept. 23
- Board Zoom 'office hours' - Aaron D.
  - Aaron D. to establish times outside of Board Meetings for people to reach out to the WCC Board
- Competitive League playoffs
  - Need to figure out format and scheduling - Aaron D.
    - Proposals below
- Club Championship
  - Format and Qualification System to be Determined at the Next Meeting

## Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn by Jon H.
  - Seconded by Ray S.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel

## Championship Proposals:

### Aaron's idea - Thursday Competitive Playoff Proposal

\* 14 weeks + 1 makeup week (15 weeks total)

With 11 teams (10 weeks of matchups, 1 bye week)

>full round robin (12 weeks including makeup)

#### A Bracket:

>top 4 teams play page playoff for championship

#### B and C Brackets:

>>Week 1: #5 has a bye, #6 vs #11, #7 vs. #10, #8 vs #9

>>Week 2: #5 plays along with the 3 winners in B bracket, remaining 5 teams in C bracket

>>Week 3: B and C bracket finals and consolations