



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

December Board Meeting Minutes 12/18/2022

Board Members:

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

Absent: None

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas, Anthony d'Arco

Club Members: Lauren Visser, Christina d'Arco

Opening Proceedings:

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

Old Business

- November Financials - presented by Jon H.
 - Financials presented via Zoom Screen Share by Jon H..
 - MOTION) Accept Financial Report Jon.; SECOND - Barry
 - MOTION: Passes
 - CCC: is it possible to have a quarterly or ½ year estimate of WCC's profit share?
- Merchandise - Tonya H.
 - Hoodies order update
- MCA Updates - Eric R.
 - Dues to the MCA due January 31st
 - Club Nats registration deadline is Jan. 6th
- Locker Fund - Aaron D., Eric R., w/ Matt G.
 - Aaron talked with Matt; planning for end-of-season upgrades
 - Adding lockers to the Womens Locker Room
 - Initial estimate of \$4,000-\$5,000 (to be split with CCC)
 - Member request: frost or masque the windows of the Mens Locker Room for people walking by
- Marketing Work for the board and long-term goals planning - Eric B.
 - Eric B. coordinating a member survey with Karen M. and Matt A.
 - Board will then set a long-term plan and view of Windy City Curling
 - Survey to find ways to check our progress against short-term benchmarks
 - i.e. - 10% Membership growth
 - I.e. - Filling each league

- **Bonspiels and Events**
 - Drag Effect bonspiel - Eric R.
 - Close to having a full lot of 24 teams
 - Will put Board requests into the Slack chat after the next committee meeting
 - 10-year anniversary party - Aaron D.
 - Room for three more teams
 - PVA “Pick Up Sticks” bonspiel - Barry H.
 - March 24-26, 2023
 - All players required to stick curl
 - Exact format to be determined
 - Glen Ellyn Polar Plaza recap - Ray S.
 - Cancellations about a week before
 - Ultimately 12 people = \$180 revenue net of Glen Ellyn portion
 - Kudos to Tom Sikma for helping entertaining them
 - Invoice needs to be sent
 - Ray will confirm the details and will send along to Jon Henderson to create an invoice
 - 12 pins and two shirts given away
- **Leagues Update - Aaron D. and Karen M.**
 - Welcome to the new Drawmaster, Karen!
 - Session 3 update:
 - Proposal) Combining Wednesday Women’s and Wednesday Open Leagues
 - 7pm draw time - With women vices and skips?
 - Will assign teams for balance, and encourage new players
 - Development League update
 - Discuss change to 6:30pm & 8:45pm - Monday Doubles, Mixed, and Competitive
 - Set up the scoreboards to flash an end-of-draw warning
 - Possibly ring the Ice-is-Ready bell a few minutes earlier
 - Kudos to letting League Coordinators input the scores!
 - Waitlist for competitive league (for ‘23-’24 season)
 - Consider ideas for how to generate a Waitlist
 - Expand the field with more Byes per week/Pool Play
 - Top 8 teams guarantee spots in the next league
 - First full-teams to sign-up earn their spot
 - Summer Leagues
 - Need to discuss criteria sooner rather than later
 - Will meet with Anthony first Sunday of Session 3 Brunch
 - Summer league calendar review

New Business

- **Visitor / Drop-in Policy**
 - Several people from other clubs are asking about visiting and playing a “drop-in” game
 - Would need to have visitors sign a Windy City Curling waiver before playing
 - Aaron will look into following up on that
 - One free game for visitors allowed
 - Will charge for future/multiple games (\$20/game?)
 - Will alert the League Coordinator to know to expect guests

- Board meetings:
 - Motion that at least one in person Board meeting be done each Fall and Winter session
 - Board meetings for 2023
 - Monday, January 30th at 7pm - CONFIRMED
- MCA grant ideas
 - Proposing a grant to recuperate Ice Rental costs
- Scholarship Fund for the Students of Jim Sikma's Wife
 - A number of members interested in donating to such a fund
 - Will include in a newsletter, as the development of the fund progresses
- Announcing to the club the inclusion of Karen Miller to the Board
 - A few members don't seem to know - so we should put the word out
- Posting the League Coordinators to the Club
 - In the newsletter (as best we know them)
 - On the website (once they're all confirmed)
- Clarifying Playoff Formats for each League
 - Posting the formats as they're generated so teams are in-the-know as soon as possible

Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn - Eric R.
 - Seconded by - Karen M.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel