



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

March Board Meeting Minutes 3/27/2023

Board Members:

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

Absent: Aaron DeGagne

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

CCC: *None*

Club Members: Greg Torkelson, Lauren Visser, Mike McHugh, Matt Kirchhoff, Matt Ault, John Miskovic

Opening Proceedings:

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

Old Business

- February Financials - Jon H.
 - Financials presented via Zoom Screen Share by Jon H.
 - Net Income: \$11,222.51 for Feb 2023
 - MOTION) Accept Financial Report - Jon H.
 - SECOND: Eric B.
 - MOTION: Passes
 - Jon H.: Tax Return for FY2022 accepted by the IRS
 - CCC: Profit share update - Matt G.
 - Tabled due to Matt G. absence
- Merchandise - Ray S. & Tonya H.
 - Ray provided list of members who still need their t-shirt
 - Some people were missed; Ray is investigating the gap in who is missing shirts
- MCA Updates - Eric R.
 - Officiating Clinic Level I/II
 - Eric R. & Mike M. went through two classroom sessions
 - Bonspiels
 - MCA is asking we host two bonspiels in the upcoming season
 - U18 Playdowns (Nov/Dec) & MCA 5 & Under (Jan/Feb)
 - This is a request, not a requirement
 - Board Vacancies
 - MCA is looking to fill open positions for next year
 - Should post the information in our next newsletter

- **Bonspiels and Events**
 - Hosting a Clinic - Matt A. & Eric R.
 - John Epping - Proposal/pricing offered for curlers (Matt A.)
 - Potentially not available for any weekend other than May 20-21, 2023
 - Would need to reach out to John E. for other dates/pricing changes
 - Jamie Sinclair - Reached out to potential clinics (Matt A.)
 - Jamir is already booked through the summer
 - Interested in future potential clinics in future seasons
 - Brian Chick - Reached out to host another clinic (Eric R.)
 - July 8th & 9th would be the only weekend this could work for all
 - This includes a conversation with Matt G. from CCC
 - Get proposals emailed to the Board ASAP for a Vote in Slack
 - 5 & Under Cashspiel - Matt A., *Bonspiel Coordinator*
 - Date options - Sep. 22-24 -OR- Sep. 29-Oct. 1
 - Matt's Option for Dates
 - 24 Teams seems feasible with finances and how to do pay-outs
 - Would need to formulate a committee team to help
 - MOTION: Set the Fall spiel as the "\$5 & Under Cashspiel", Eric B.
 - Seconded: Eric R.
 - MOTION) Passes
 - PVA "Pick Up Sticks" bonspiel - Barry H.
 - "What a weekend!" -Barry H.
 - High praise for the volunteers in service to the veterans
 - Four 80+-year-olds among the group who came, all had a blast
 - Ray S. & Team won 1st Event
 - Photos for social media to follow (Barry H., from Keith C.)
 - USCA Paralympic Head offered congrats via email
 - Offer to help promote next year's event
 - WC3 Open - Aaron D.
 - 19 teams signed-up already
 - Putting a call-out for volunteers and teams in the next newsletter
- **Leagues**
 - Eric B. to set up a new survey of the membership for what leagues to offer/when
 - Need this info ASAP to start building the calendar for '23-'24 season
 - Eric R.: Request we update League Descriptions
 - Will expedite urgency in feedback from people
 - Will set League Nights and calendar at next meeting April 23rd
 - Idea: Setting up a Women's League as Draft League (Kelly Z. via Barry H.)
 - Rookies plan for Summer
 - Barry H. to get with Lauren V. and discuss Summer dates
 - Changing the weekend and Rookies league to five-week sessions - Eric R.
 - Borne out of calendar necessity than preference, sadly
 - League Behavior
 - There was discussion on how to improve league behavior
 - Eric R. & Lauren V. to get together to create a presentation on the Code of Conduct to remind people about it, what it's for, and how to submit reports

- Summer curling - All 5-week Leagues
 - Dates and Days
 - Session 5: May 7th-June 19th
 - Session 6: June 20th-August 1st
 - Sun Brunch, Sun Chaos, Tues Open, Wed Open, Fri Happy Hour, Sat Brunch
 - League Registration: Opens April 1st, 2023

- Board nominations update - Aaron D.
 - Deadline April 3rd
 - Check By-laws on voting procedure, should Eric B. stay unopposed
 - Current Nominees -
 - Vice President) Lauren V., Kelly Z.
 - Secretary) Eric R., Sara H.
 - Director) Anne P., Kent M.
 - Treasurer) Eric B.

New Business

- Club Championship - Eric R.
 - May 1-6
 - Need to confirm with Matt G. of CCC to confirm Saturday availability for Finals
 - Format based on Number of Team Entries
 - \$200/team (Pro-rated refunds to be issued to team who may only get one game)
 - Shooting for a 3-game minimum across the week

- Starting to Juniors Program - Greg T.
 - After communication with USCA, Greg Torkelson has volunteered to be on a Juniors Committee
 - Greg T. would like to get a Youth Sports Juniors Program underway at Windy City
 - Has already spoken to the USCA about getting this underway
 - Would need someone to help run things
 - Start with Youth Leagues, hopefully to expand to Colleges
 - Would need to form some sort of Committee to get things started
 - Would need to create a presentational packet for schools
 - Times, Expenses, Expectations
 - Questions to Answer: When? How much time would need to be devoted?
 - Discussion: Would be ideal to start a year from now
 - Greg T. suggests more urgency given we have USCA ear now
 - Recommending 4-6 people on the committee
 - Coaching, outreach, league coordination, fee structure, calendar needs
 - Greg T. would be willing to head up the committee
 - Next Steps –
 - WCC: Confirm with CCC on rent costs, schedule availability, practicalities
 - Greg T.: Reach out to potential committee members & generate a proposal

- Subbing Policy - Lauren V.
 - Seeking clarification of what Windy City Curling policy is on sub rules
 - Need to check to make sure WCC did or did not send out a policy
 - If so, we need to stick to it; if not, no changes to be made this session
 - Will re-iterate and re-visit the current policy post-league

Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn - Barry H.
 - Seconded by - Eric B.
 - MOTION) Passed
- Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel