



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

May Board Meeting Minutes 5/29/2023

Board Members:

Present - Barry Hutchings, Lauren Visser, Aaron DeGagne, Eric Reithel, Anne Pettinger, Kent MacKenzie

Absent - Eric Baudais

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

CCC - Matt Galas

Club Members - Kurt Makaryk

Opening Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Barry Hutchings

Welcome New Board Members: Barry H.

- Quickly cover Board procedures, responsibilities, and what expectations are
- Have each member explain why they joined the Board and what their goals are
 - Lauren V.) Using communication background to help the club; pilot new leagues and improve league structure; building on the club's momentum
 - Anne P.) Wants to be the change she wants to see within the club; wants "to-do" instead of "watch"; many hands make lighter work
 - Kent M.) Previous Board experience with other clubs offers insight; knows the amount of work it takes; wants to help and do the "routine things" that often get overlooked
 - Barry H.) Bridge divides within the club to make things run smoother; improve on the Rookies program and keep the successes going strong, while improving upon the areas that need growth and attention
- Ask what responsibilities each would like to do and assign Board responsibilities to all
 - Anne P.) Point person for some volunteer-based committees
 - Kent M.) Handling our club email and external communications
 - Lauren V.) Rookies; volunteer-based committees; compile and build a "process docs"/"go-to manual"
 - According to by-laws, terms of Directors should alternate (one elected every odd year, one elected every even year)
 - PROPOSAL) Anne P. - Whoever receives more votes in the election may decide whether to be one-year or two-year term
 - SECOND) *Not seconded*
 - MUTUAL AGREEMENT)
 - Kent M. will stay on for a full two-year term (May 2023-May 2025)
 - Will assist in rounding up League Coordinators

- Anne P. will stay on for the second year of a two-year term (May 2023-May 2024)
 - Will help with Drawmaster responsibilities
 - Cover Board access to Curling Club Manager, Mailchimp, Slack, and any other operational items
 - Perhaps need to create a Volunteer Coordinator role in the backend of CCM
 - SafeSport training
 - NEED TO DO) Barry H. & Kent M.
 - DONE) Lauren V., Eric R., Anne P., Aaron D.
 - UNKNOWN) Eric B.

Old Business

- April Financials - Eric Baudais
 - Financials presented via Zoom Screen Share by Eric Baudais.
 - Net Income: \$3,887 for April '23
 - Q&A) We should have enough cash on-hand to get us through the summer
 - Still need to get in touch w/ Brave Space Alliance to donate the \$1,800 to them
 - Submitted in May '23
 - MOTION) Accept Financial Report - Aaron D.
 - SECOND: Kent M.
 - MOTION: Passes
 - CCC: Profit share update - Matt G.
 - Planning to meet with CCC Accountant before/in July for an update and to go over financials
 - PVA: Need profit-share info from them as well
- Merchandise - Tonya H.
 - Tonya will continue to volunteer manage this aspect of WCC
 - Board needs to know when to submit ideas/design by (long-sleeve vs. short-sleeve)
 - Connecting Tonya w/ Sara H. for design ideas
- MCA Updates - Eric R.
 - New MCA Board sworn-in
 - New Treasurer still catching up
 - Will get Mike McHugh info on reimbursement for Officials course
 - Bonspiels calendar updated
 - We're hosting U18's and the MCA 5-and-Under
- Bonspiels and Events
 - 5U Cash Spiel - Matt Ault
 - Two teams paying via check - received
 - 16 Teams registered already
 - USAC Qualifier Status: Still unknown, although we check two of the three boxes (geographic impact, maximum teams allowed, history)
 - WC3 Open - Aaron D.
 - 20 Teams brought in \$4k profit
 - Need more volunteers to help
 - SUGGESTION) How to generate a feedback form to improve future spiels

- Food Truck - Matt G.
 - Set for August 24th-27th
 - Last year's teams already contacted
 - Will put registration on our website this year
 - Waiting on registration info from Galas
 - Summer Camp w/ Brian Chick - Eric R.
 - PROPOSAL) Anne P. - Keep the camp at 36 people
 - SECOND) Kent M.
 - MOTION: Ayes (all but Eric R.) - Passes
 - Nay) Eric R.
- Leagues Update - Aaron D.
 - Tiebreaker feedback - Aaron D.
 - Teams unhappy with using Point Differential as a tiebreaker
 - Something to discuss/decide ahead of the new season
 - How to bring wheelchair players into other (non-PVA) leagues
 - Tabled for a future meeting
 - Summer Curling Session 2 (starts June 18th)
 - Sunday Brunch – 2
 - Sunday Chaos – 1
 - Tuesday Open - 17
 - Wednesday Open - 6
 - ACTION) Send out a MailChimp/Facebook blast to drum up registrations

New Business

- Sponsorship Package - Matt A.
 - Proposal posted on Slack
 - No expenses or costs to the sponsorships until they pay (i.e. - namesake of the 5 & Under Spiel would pay \$8k, \$2k of which would be expenses, \$6k to the club)
 - Profit sharing between WCC & CCC will be discussed as we go
 - WCC like the outreach support into the community; will retain right to respectfully refuse sponsorship from any business not in line with our club values
 - PROPOSAL) Kent M. - Approve the Sponsorship Proposal, and allow Matt Ault to continue working with Matt Galas on this project
 - SECOND) Aaron D.
 - MOTION: Passes (unanimous)
- Cameras and streaming - Matt G. & Matt A.
 - UPDATE: Proposal submitted via email in a Google Sheet
 - Questions fielded and answered regarding Warm Room TVs; the setup and where/how it would be built; install in July
 - Would need a streaming committee to help Troubleshoot tech issues
 - SUGGESTION - Aaron D.) MailChimp blast asking for donations
 - SUGGESTION - Barry H.) Reach out to DuPage County Sports Commission for donations
 - PROPOSAL) Anne P. - Agree to spend up-to \$1,500 on the Streaming proposal on the Club Share from Matt Ault & Matt Galas
 - SECOND) Barry H.
 - MOTION - Passes (unanimous)
- Creating a volunteer Ice Crew this summer
 - Tabled for future meeting
 - *(from last mtg.)* Plenty of people are eager to volunteer for an Ice Making crew to alleviate the burden on Matt G. & Scott M., and to help maintain and improve the ice conditions at Windy City Curling
- Setting a newsletter schedule - Eric R.
 - A number of members expressed a desire for better, and more regular communication, from the WCC Board
 - Eric R. to head up a Newsletter Committee
- Setting League Coordinator Responsibilities
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - ACTION) Generate ideas on what this should entail
 - *(from last mtg.)* We need to look into better defining what is expected of League Coordinators, especially in regards to rescheduling games, making announcements, and relaying concerns to the Board
- Club signage - Eric R. & Matt G.
 - Idea Board shared between Matt G. & Eric R.
- Club calendar/setting leagues for the first-half of the year - Eric R.
 - SUGGESTIONS)
 - Monday) Open Teams
 - Tuesday) Mixed Teams
 - Wednesday) Competitive Team
 - Thursday) Open Balanced/Leveled Teams

- Moving Doubles) Given everyone option to rank: Sat @ 10am, Sun AM/Afternoon, Fri @ 9pm
- MOTION) Eric R. - Accept S proposed suggestions for Sessions 1 & 2
 - SECOND) Kent M.
 - MOTION: Passes (unanimously)
- Independence Day Parade - Lauren V.
 - It's a networking/marketing opportunity
 - Need a cool car to walk around, and hand-out flyers to people
 - \$100 deadline to register is June 15
 - Kurt M. to coordinate
 - Check-in w/ Eric W. for candy to hand-out
 - Matt G. to create flyers to hand out
 - Loudspeaker for music, people dress in curling stuff, bring brooms(?)
- Next Rookie League - Lauren V. & Matt G.
 - Next league - Sept. & Oct.
 - Will get Rookie league posted on website for registrations
- USA Curling update - Aaron D and Barry H
 - We are tentatively 2024-2025 Wheelchair Doubles Championship
 - All else tabled for next meeting

Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn - Aaron D.
 - Seconded by - Anne P.
 - MOTION) Passes (unanimous)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel