



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

WCC Board Meeting 03/26/2024

Board Members:

Present: Barry Hutchings, Lauren Visser, Aaron DeGagne, Eric Baudais, Eric Reithel, Anne Pettinger

Absent: N/A

Quorum present: YES

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas

Club Members: Merlin Howick, Sara Heatherly, Matt Ault, Tom Arra, Colleen Koehler, Scott Gerstenkorn

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by 7:04pm.

Agenda:

- Sponsorships - Matt Ault
 - This season's sponsorships set to expire this Summer '24
 - Looking to pitch in-ice graphic sponsorships with the ice rebuild
 - Branded Houses, ice logos, etc.
 - The present idea is to freeze any sponsored graphics into the ice at a more shallow layer, so they're able to be swapped out without a full melt
 - Matt Ault is requesting to take the lead on generating new sponsorships
 - MOTION: Eric R. - To approve Matt Ault to take the lead on volunteerism
 - SECOND: Anne P.
 - VOTE: *Tabled pending a conversation with Matt Galas*

- Bonspiels and events and year end meeting and Spiel - Aaron D.
 - Host a Funspiel and Fundraiser at Chicago CC in May 4-5, 2024:
 - Saturday & Sunday event, culminating w/ the Annual Meeting
 - Colleen & Colin volunteering to take the lead
 - Need to figure out the particulars yet - Pricing, Registration Setup
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 - Hold a League-friendly tourney in tandem with a fundraiser?
 - Saturday, April 13th to play Two 6-end games
 - Need to field four teams from Windy City

- Rebuild Overview - Matt G.
 - Mitigation and Demo is complete
 - Currently “sitting and waiting” for everyone else to catch up with us:
 - The roof above us needs to be closed up, and approval has been given
 - Rain still comes into our space at-present, although it’s minimal
 - Goal is to have everything sealed up and waterproof by next week
 - Timeline is to have us open again in mid-August
 - Dependent on the roof above us being fixed first
 - Chiller coil fix likely coming in May, to help for the Fall

- Club Financials - Eric B.
 - February 2024 financial overview
 - Expenses came in at 92% of budget
 - We’re under budget by \$3,000 this year (based on last year’s projections)
 - Mix of: Lower membership this year & AYCC vs. PPL
 - Overall liability vs. Cash-on-hand - we’re in a good spot
 - Link:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ybWUJgnQs_eikW4X7VYcKtHDnyJyokRR/view?usp=drive_link
 - MOTION: Accept February Financials - Aaron D.
 - SECOND: Eric R.
 - VOTE: Motion passes, 5-0 (One vote absent)
 - Refund Update:
 - 42 people have donated their league fees
 - 17 people have requested refunds
 - All except 1 WC3 bonspiel teams have been refunded
 - 1 team requested to donate their fees
 - Refunds to be issued for remaining league fees on April 10
 - GoFundMe currently sitting at \$42k+ out of a \$50k goal

- Leagues and length of leagues for next year - Anne P. and Eric R.
 - Competitive Leagues (Mixed, open competitive, and doubles) will run a half season ~15 weeks.
 - Social/ developmental leagues will run a quarter season ~5 to 8 weeks
 - This was decided at the last board meeting
 - MOTION: Host the 5-and-Under Cashspiel on Oct. 3-6 - Barry H.
 - SECOND: Aaron D.
 - VOTE: 5-0-1, Passes (1 abstain)

- Donations - Barry H.
 - GoFundMe plan
 - Update on Donations
 - Stock donation
 - Members gave cash instead to GoFundMe campaign
 - AnyWays Restaurant Brier Watch Party
 - \$300 from Anyways
 - Circle City Curling Club
 - Sent us a \$1,000 check

- How to track volunteerism/offers to help - Eric R.
 - Google Sheets created to track non-financial offers of assistance
 - Financial offers will be redirected to Eric B. to track
 - Link:
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZpaZCuEnPOYVg7wC5WRngOXjFgcmG4di2jHELKnmeu8/edit?usp=drive_link
- Board nominations & election - Lauren V.
 - Candidates are due on April 4th
 - Candidate update:
 - All positions have at least one candidate with enough nominations to run
 - All candidates were sent a questionnaire for the membership to review
 - WCC will send out another reminder to fill-out the questionnaire
- Sponsorship Discussion - Matt G.
 - Ads in the Ice-
 - Non-house ads can be put higher in the ice to potentially swap out every summer “soft melt”
 - Custom-designed ice houses would have to stay in through a full melt
 - Split of income-
 - CCC will collect the income from all sponsorships, which will then pass through to WCC via our annual profit sharing
 - Board will discuss via Slack for 72 hours upon receiving the proposal from Matt A
 - Will then take 48 hours to hold the vote online
- Moving Board meeting to Google services - Anne P.
 - We’ll try this out for the next meeting

Closing Procedure:

MOTION: Adjourn at 9:13pm

SECOND: Aaron D.

VOTE: 6-0, passes unanimously

Next meeting set for Sunday, April 28th @ 10:00am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eric Reithel, Secretary