



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

September Meeting (09.16.2024) (Meeting held on Google Meet)

Current Board Members

Present: Josh Richardson, Barry Hutchings, Colleen Koehler, Eric Reithel, Colin Rittgers
Quorum present: YES

Others Present:CCC: Scott Maples

Club Members: Matt Ault, David King, Matt Kirchhoff, Julie Makiejus, Lori Cassidy, Jeff Schmitz

Opening Proceedings

Meeting called to order at: 7:08 pm

Agenda

1. Financial Report - (tabled until next month due to Eric B absence – motion: Eric R, all board (less Colin) agreed)
2. Update on club rebuild (Scott Maples)

Insulation

- o Insulation under the pipes was deemed ruined once chiller was turned back on after absorbing moisture for extended periods during rebuild. WCC Volunteers (Kurt, Ann, Mike O, Tork, Scott G, Jeff Sherry – THANK YOU!)
- o Jeff Sherry (fried of insulation company, yay!) got CCC in touch with insulation company ASAP – order was placed last week and is in process of being created (takes 2-3 weeks).
- o Should take appx a week to get it installed
- o Closed cell insulation should not behave this way during typical thaw and floods, it was due to the extreme amount of water

Carpet is down

Tile is down

Corkboard is even going up for the pins

Scoreboard TVs have not been checked for damage – Josh reminder

“Wishlist” items:

- all new boards in the icehouse!
- No more ‘rubber’ (and rubber debris) blue carpet
- Scott has given the AOK for changing the hacks (discussion with Colin)

Lockers:

- Locker contractor is slow right now, so he could have the job completed in 3-5 days
- Specific budget from Insurance for the lockers. If the quote comes in ‘under’, can use extra funds to add lockers.
 - o Discussion with WCC regarding if members want more lockers, possibility to use Go-Fund-Me to supplement additional lockers
 - o Per Barry – We have instructed to eliminate the tri’s and just have the bi’s lockers
 - o Per Lori – The women need more lockers. Women were sharing – if there *is* room in the budget, Women’s locker-room should come first
 - Per Eric R, ‘mirror wall’ under consideration for becoming lockers



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- Per Eric R, privacy consideration for the door being 'wide open' and having privacy in the women's locker room.
- Per Barry there is a design that accommodates additional lockers and adds privacy

3. MCA Update - Eric R.

- Eric did not attend previous meeting – but he did receive the notes
- WCC received a check which was to be for the Grant for our participation in the Fourth of July parade. We didn't participate, but the MCA board approved the check for WCC to repurpose
- MCA calendaring is TBD (slightly dependent on WCC's availability)
- CanAm Cup (Nov 16th) host – does WCC get the 1/3 of the 1k funds if unable to host, or are the funds split b/w Chicago and Exmoor
 - WCC might still be able to co-host CanAm Cup (per Scott)
 - Separate 1k donation was being used for gifts for the Canadian teams
 - Barry is working closely with Simon, Carrie Dixon and Russ Brown
- Exmoor has another opportunity for people to volunteer to be an official – hosting a training October 19-20. How do people signup for this (John M question)? <insert link, **Eric R**>

4. League Discussion

- Planning for 'regular scheduling' come January 2025
- Consideration: still want to have one night per week leagues, or have 2/night (CR)?
 - Per Barry should have 6 weeks so people can get on the ice
 - Consideration for add'l ice for the Mixed and Competitive Leagues
- Exmor is just getting the ice up and running so no add'l info on availability from Exmor – Jeff Wright will reach out to Barry when there's info
- One or 2 Rookie League pickup for Nov/Dec so they can maybe hit the ice in a different league in Jan?
 - Eric R to help Josh with the targeted Rookie League participants
- Per Barry – Members are going to be joining Chicago Leagues so as to not lose ice time. YES, WCC *will* be back to regularly scheduled programming come January
 - Not a strong opinion from WCC members regarding formatting for the Nov/Dec timeframe. Everyone just wants ICE.

5. Merchandise

- **Dynasty** order outstanding – fire replacements (only) are discounted 40% off. New Gear is full price. Need to check the link, the one in the newsletter didn't work. Email info@windycitycurling.com
- **Club shirts** are being worked on – those will be through Broomfitters

6. Bonspiel Updates (Josh)

- Canceled the **PVA** (pickup sticks spiel)
- **Drag Effect** is Valentine's weekend 2025 – Eric R is kicking around themes... Love is Love, Rain on Me. Etc. suggestions welcome
- **WC3** needs a facelift: Untouchables? Speakeasy theme? Something to give it Chicago-esque
 - Rebrand permanently, or keep WC3? Group consensus to Rebrand.
 - Leave it up to the Chairs? i.e. Milwaukee Kiltie is always a "Mixed" with a different theme each year



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7. Additional Topics

Committee Updates (Josh)

- Committee Meetings upcoming
 - Webmaster group is meeting next Monday (Tom Arra joining first meeting)
 - Party group – Barry has offered to liaison with the Party committee
 - Welcome Back to the Club Party < date TBD>
 - “Meet and re-Greet” per Julia on 10/5/24 in possibly Anyways, “Porch Room” – Sara H calling
 - Holiday party 12/19 – same night as Thursday Open
 - Club Outreach group
- Goal is to have 1 unified Calendar between WCC and CCC – Eric R
 - As soon as a fun ‘club scrimmage ice media friendly’ event can occur, please let Eric R know

Curling in the news: CBS Sports is airing ‘club championships’ between US and Canada – We believe Women’s game is 9/17/24, Tuesday (tomorrow @7pm CT and it’s being simulcast on TSN) & Men’s game is Wednesday (per Matt Ault). Everest curling. If club members see it, please to all members to SHARE it! There’s no bull riding available, so curling it is!

Closing Procedure

- Meeting Adjourned at: 7:59 – motion to adjourn Eric R, seconded by Barry, all approved
- Next meeting set for: Sunday, October 20th, 2024 @7pm
 - Online only
 - Goal is that Nov will be in person

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Colleen Koehler