



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

October Meeting (10.05.2025) Meeting held on Google Meet

Current Board Members:

Present: Josh Richardson, Amanda Pizarek, Eric Baudais, Julia Makiejus, Matt Butts, Anne Pettinger, Sara Heatherly

Quorum present: YES

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas

Club Members: Scott Gerstenkorn

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm (Josh)

Agenda:

1. Facility Update
 - L2C signups are low, but on par w/ previous years for this time of year
 - Event signups have been higher than previous years
2. MCA Update
 - Stones will be sent to Teton, will be packed/shipped next weekend
 - UHaul boxes will be delivered Friday, will get volunteers to help load
 - MCA 5U is scheduled for Dec 5-7, Windy City hosting.
 - Scott G. working w/ Kate on when registration will open
 - Kate recommended doing a flyer for 5U - Anne will work on one
 - Will have to shift brunch league to the 21st to accommodate; Happy hour league may have to be refunded for that weekend
 - Club playdowns - Dec 11-14, Waltham
 - Mixed playdowns Feb 13-15, Chicago
3. League Update
 - Session 2 Leagues
 - Registration closes Weds, Oct 22
 - Rookie League

- Starts next week
 - Seven signed up currently (one sheet), but someone emailed with interest of possibly signing up six more
 - May schedule the next rookie league in Jan; schedule too tight for one in Nov/Dec
 - Discuss Competitive League Format
 - Session 1/2 playoffs:
 - Might set Nov 19 for makeup games
 - Leaves 3 weeks for playoffs
 - Josh/Amanda will talk with all teams/Skips and get their opinions on whether there is enough interest in changing the competitive format to relegation league-style for the upcoming Winter session
 - Sessions 3/4 leagues
 - Will tentatively plan to open registration in mid-November
 - Based on member feedback, will consider switching Mon/Tues leagues to allow a day off between more competitive curlers' typical nights (Tues/Weds)
 - Might poll the members on curling night preferences - Amanda will prep paper polls that can be handed out during broomstacking, to encourage more participation
4. Bonspiel Updates
- Hot Handles will not run this year; ideal month going forward would be March
 - WC3 - "Windy City Cinema Spiel"
 - Dress up as favorite movie characters
 - Registration is live, social media posts will begin this week, and Amanda will work on forming a planning committee
5. Communication with Members - Discord Update
- About halfway prepped, not yet ready to go public
 - Need to do some testing to make sure permissions are set up correctly
 - Considering having certain channels set as private for members only, and will open up other channels to outside curlers/fans
 - Will add a members-only voice chat as well
6. Merchandise Update
- Amanda D. works for a screen printing company and may be able to get us better deals on various items
 - Maybe get a larger sign for events (to hang from a table/tent)
 - Member t-shirts should be ready later this week
7. Community Outreach
- Library Discussion Series (St Charles Library Night)
 - Amanda has sent some information to the library already, and will work on a slideshow for the event in the coming months
 - Will ask the library to share news of our event with other libraries, in case they would also like to schedule an event with us
 - Villa Park Brewfest Update

- Went well, several visitors expressed interest in a L2C

8. USWCA

- National bonspiel will be at Broomstones in Wayland, MA, on Feb 18-22
 - Only one team per club allowed; if more than one team is interested, may have to do a playdown, lottery, etc.
 - Sara will email all women asking about interest to determine a plan
 - Josh will make sure an announcement is made Mon-Thurs before leagues

9. Next Board Meetings

- Nov 16, 5pm
- Dec 14, 5pm

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Julia / Second: Sara / Unanimous**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 5:54pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Nov 16, 5pm Central

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary