



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

November Meeting (11.16.2025) 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: N/A

Opening Proceedings:

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

Agenda:

1. Financial Update
 - Reviewed November statement
 - **Motion to accept: Eric B. / Second: Matt B. / Approved: Unanimous**
 - Update on bookkeeper: Eric asked for recommendations if anyone knows one; Sara's dad is an accountant and may be interested.
2. MCA Update
 - Curling at Gallagher Way
 - Sara: MCA quoted Marquee Development Group (MDG) for \$10k to rent stones; they are currently negotiating that rate and may reach an impasse if they can't agree.
 - Rate was based on Great Lakes Curling Association receiving \$10k from Detroit for a similar type of event.
 - MDG proposed only allowing the option to hang a sign at the event, and they will pay instructors \$50 each.
 - Tentatively scheduled for weeks of Feb 2nd and Feb 9th (Mon/Tues/Thurs, 6-9pm), each session for 1 hour.
 - Will request volunteers for 1 hr time slots.

3. USWCA Update (Sara)

- Sara has been emailing full membership women curlers about the USWCA Nationals; so far no interest.
- Dues are due Jan 15; Sara coordinating w/ Eric B. to finalize membership list and confirm dues amount.

4. USA Curling Membership

- Club has paid Basic Membership dues for 2025/26 season for all members.

5. Bonspiel Updates

- MCA 5U (Dec 5-7)
 - Estimate only 1-2 teams registered so far. Will wait for an update from Scott G.
 - No registration cutoff date is posted online.
 - Some volunteers will be needed, but not to the full extent of a regular bonspiel.
 - Simon G. requested to help w/ draw schedule.
- Drag Effect (Feb 13-15)
 - ~34 registered so far
 - Will need to start promoting - both at clubs w/ flyers and also on social media
 - Amanda will reach out to Siobhan to learn how to boost posts on social media
- Windy City Cinema Spiel (Apr 30-May 3)
 - Only 1 registered so far
 - Will need to start promoting this one as well
- PVA Pick-up Sticks (TBD)
 - Jan 10-11 was offered to Keith; Josh waiting to hear back for confirmation - he will follow up
 - Josh will start planning as well

6. Olympic Open Houses w/ Curling Club Community

- Schedule:
 - Saturday, Feb 21 (4–8 PM) and Sunday, Mar 1 (12–4 PM).
 - Will push back ice maintenance to week of March 7-8 to allow back-to-back weekends for the open houses.
 - Matt G. may have a conflict on Feb 21, but will have everything prepped for those volunteering.
- Format & Capacity
 - Estimate 200–300 attendees per day.
 - Plan for 20–25 minute rotations, allowing each participant to throw one rock and play one end.
 - Target \$20 per person.
- Registration
 - Will run through CCC website; Matt G. will publish within the next week.
 - Will begin advertising ASAP.
 - CCC and WCC will split registration proceeds 50/50.
- Volunteers
 - Will need to define volunteer roles and requirements (e.g. 2 on ice per sheet, 1 in warm room)

- Plan to use Sign-up Genius as well as a clipboard sign up sheet at the club.

7. T-Shirt Contest Update

- Only 2 submissions so far, but have heard several others say they intend to submit as well.
- Discuss Voting Options
 - Plan to upload to a Google Form.
 - Will also add shirt color options for voters to select as well.

8. League Updates

- Competitive League Format
 - Amanda talked to Skips, but most don't have a preference. Only ~3-4 people have strong feelings about a relegation league format.
 - The club's competitive roster has declined as a result of member relocations and transitions to other clubs.
 - One way to increase competition is to invite newer curlers onto competitive teams so experienced players can coach them.
 - Will keep the league format as-is for Winter 2026.
- Installation of Timer and Timing Rules
 - The Club has all equipment and software ready; the TV just needs to be hung; Matt B. will try next Sunday after Brunch league.
- Tuesday Mixed
 - Switching back to two sessions, instead of one long combined one.
 - Finalized new registration details: Members will register as individuals, with the option to list a full team, one partner, or by themselves. Priority for forming teams will be given in that order. If registration maxes out or there are uneven numbers/genders, individuals may be dropped from the league.
- Session 3/4 Opening Dates & Details
 - Plan to open Session 3/4 registration next Sunday, Nov 23rd at 3pm.
 - Julia will work to get a newsletter sent out ASAP (coordinate w/ Matt B. to confirm all is ready prior to sending it out. Aim for late Monday or Tuesday.

9. Windy City Curling Transgender Participation Policy

- Create Policy for WCC
 - Amanda has examples from a few other clubs that based their policies from USA Curling's previous policy prior to the recent changes. We will draft something similar.
- Social Media Post Statement
 - Still working on wording; we are aiming indicate full inclusivity, but will abide by USCA rules for any national events operated by them

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Amanda / Second: Julia / Unanimous**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 6:04pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Dec 14, 5pm Central

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary