



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

December Meeting (12.14.2025) Meeting held on Google Meet

Current Board Members:

Present: Josh Richardson, Amanda Pizarek, Eric Baudais, Julia Makiejus, Matt Butts, Sara Heatherly
Quorum present: YES

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas
Club Members: Tom Arra

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm (Josh)

Agenda:

1. Financial Update
 - Reviewed November statement
 - **Motion to accept: Josh / Second: Sara / Approved: 6-0**
2. Facility Update
 - L2Cs are hit or miss lately - fully booked this coming Friday, but previous one only had 8 or so.
 - Corporate events are on par, but group outings are a bit down from last year.
 - Youth leagues are getting renewed interest again.
 - Torkelson, Siobhan, and Eric Hemelseth have expressed interest in being instructors.
3. MCA Update
 - No update, other than Gallagher Way event was canceled.
4. 2026-2027 Spiel Calendar
 - 5U Cash Spiel
 - End of Sept-Early Oct is still our best timeframe.
 - Broomfitters has been unresponsive, so we may drop our sponsorship with them.
 - Will plan to apply as a 5U qualifier, but if we don't get it we may expand to an Open cashspiel format instead.
 - Hot Handles

- Josh said Siobhan thinks March 2027 is the best timeframe, but may depend on whether we host USA Curling Mixed Fours nationals.

5. Merchandise Update

- Need to restock but waiting on updated merch income from CCC.
- Tonya may step down from merch committee. Julia can continue, but would like additional help.
- Merch Reorder
 - Plan to simplify restock: will order two tshirts (contest winner and traditional logo shirt, then future years include the yearly member tshirts), and the hoodie.
- T-Shirt contest
 - We have 6 designs, Amanda will send out a poll to vote.
 - We will use Amanda D for a trial quote/print of the shirt winner.
 - We want the same type of shirt as the previous few member shirts.

6. League Discussion

- Game Timing Policy - Enforcement
 - Tom is requesting we get some sort of timing enforcement implemented soon. Our club does not have a handle on it currently.
 - He has offered a timing option through his scoreboard (and showed a demo). Do we want to use that or our other timer?
 - Matt B. has everything for the other timer, it just needs to be hung and set up.
 - We will plan to start enforcing in January (at least for Weds league), which includes kicking teams off the ice at the end of the 2 hrs (or 1:30 for doubles). This will require teams to throw first rocks at 6:30, not shaking and flipping coins at 6:30.
 - Plan to use Matt B.'s system for the official clock, and will use Tom's scoreboard for the second draw (if teams start earlier than scheduled time).
- Registration Update
 - Currently 13 teams registered for Weds; if another team signs up, we'll have to drop one.
- Cut-off deadline for Session 3 Registration
 - Tues, Dec 30th 8pm.
- Competitive League Qualification
 - Could use a possible point system for tracking teams (CTRS-Curling team ranking system), based on what nights they play, where they land in playoffs, and possibly timing enforcement penalties.
 - Problem: We are losing competitive curlers to Chicago, due to better competition and/or other reasons. How do we fix that?
- Tuesday may need to switch format (from mixed fours to something else) due to low enrollment.

7. Olympics Discussion

- How to promote?
 - Need an easy registration format that is very easy to see when visiting the website.
 - Registration link for open houses is up and running, but it's not displayed on the site yet.
 - Eric B. has some ideas and will make the website updates.
 - General registration website (Olympic Open House is at the bottom of the page): <https://curling.checkfront.com/reserve/>

- Direct link:
https://curling.checkfront.com/reserve/?item_id=19&popup=1&date=2026-02-21

8. Volunteer Hours Update

- Sara is working to tally current volunteer hours in an excel spreadsheet and plans to email members who don't have more than 5 hrs yet.
- Josh is also encouraging members to go out and help on the ice before leagues (mop or run the rock box).
- Ice maintenance is scheduled between Christmas and New Years.
- Can also start requiring rotating teams to show 30 min early to learn how to do ice maintenance.
- Sara/Matt G. will work to implement options listed above.

9. Update on Transgender Policy Progress

- Sara said we need to update our club's DEI page to reflect current information and also remove the old USA Curling links that are broken.
- Josh will talk with Eric R to talk about concerns w/ us hosting USA Curling and their Mixed Fours competition.

10. Next Board Meeting

- Jan 18 at 7pm

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Josh / Second: Julia / 6-0**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 6:04pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Jan 18, 7pm Central

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary