



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

January Meeting (01.18.2026) Meeting held on Google Meet

Current Board Members:

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

Quorum present: YES

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas

Club Members: Scott Gerstenkorn

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 11:02pm (Josh)

Agenda:

1. Financial Update
 - Reviewed January statement
 - CCC hopes to have unresolved merch completed tomorrow.
 - **Motion to accept: Josh / Second: Julia / Approved: Unanimous**
2. Facility Update
 - Last three L2Cs were fully booked.
 - Matt G recently purchased another 10-pack of BASSET training coupon codes - anyone interested in becoming BASSET trained should reach out to Matt for a code.
3. MCA Update
 - No MCA meetings since last Board meeting.
 - Gallagher Way update - confirmed not happening this year because of a disagreement over rental costs. Unsure at this time whether future years may run.
 - Scott G. is SafeSport trained.
 - Dar Curtis will be held at Exmoor on Feb 28-Mar 1 (conflicts with our second Olympic Open House).
4. Olympic Open House
 - Three registrations so far, but starting to trickle in.
 - Eric B has website ready, just need agreement to launch it. Will also update the home page to show the link.
 - Eric R. working w/ NBC to see if we can get airtime again this year.

- Sara reached out to WBEZ, NPR, and 101.9 FM to advertise.
 - WBEZ may send a reporter during one of the open houses.
 - Sara requested a kit for “So you want to be an Olympic curler” from USA Curling townhall - caters to kids,
 - Sara will work to send advertisements out to local schools, libraries, and ice rinks for Juniors’ program and Open Houses.
- Social media posting access, aside from Siobhan/Alvin
 - Anne has Facebook access.
 - There’s access info on the Shared Drive.
- Volunteers - so far eight have signed up, with seven of those signed up for both days.
 - Sara will post on Discord again.
 - She will also send a general email to remind all members who don’t currently have any volunteer hours in the log book yet.

5. Leagues

- Wednesday Night - Propose adding a week to the end of the schedule (ending April 22) to make up for missed first night.
 - Scott has confirmed availability and club members seemed to be ok with that plan.
 - Matt B. will adjust league end date by one week and will email members of the update.
- Monday Night - Low enrollment
 - If Doubles doesn’t get enough registration for a second draw in Session 4, do we want to add another Rookie league that night? (E.g., Rookies from 6:30-8 and Doubles at 8pm.)
 - Sara would run the Monday Rookies league.
 - Josh will reach out to Monday league participants to make sure they’d be ok with a shift to 8pm draw times.
 - Board will make a decision whether to proceed in next week or so.

6. Rookie League

- Next league runs Mar 15 - Apr 19
- Should we add another league? When?
 - Will consider Monday nights per Doubles low enrollment discussion.

7. Juniors League

- Five registered as of today.
- Jammer will take the lead to coordinate.
- If kids are interested but can only commit to a few of the dates?
 - Will pay the full fee, but they can drop in when able. Instruction will repeat for newcomers.
 - Purpose of this league is to get kids interested and to spread awareness.
- Instructors will be required to complete SafeSport training prior to assisting
 - Greg T. and Eric H. have already completed training; Jammer and Eric will likely be those primarily involved.

8. Drag Effect

- Currently 18 teams registered; plan to close registration soon.

9. Founders’ Cup

- Do we want to run another one this year? Yes
 - Lots of positive feedback from last year’s format.
- Proposed dates - May 6-9

- Will follow last year's schedule of Weds-Sat, w/ Annual Meeting on Sat night.
 - Plan to open registration soon - Josh will work on it.
 - May hold a few slots for potential new members completing Rookie league this spring.
- 10. Annual Meeting / Elections
 - Annual Meeting planned for May 9
 - Election Schedule
 - Nominations - 30 days (NLT Mar 25)
 - Voting - 15 days (NLT Apr 24)
 - VP, Treasurer, and one At-Large Director positions are open.
 - Amanda and Julia will run elections.
 - Plan to use OPA Vote for election process again.
 - Can use Google Form for nominations, protected w/ password access only for Amanda/Julia.
- 11. Merchandise Update
 - Shirt contest order confirmed and paid with Amanda D. Should arrive prior to first Olympic Open House.
 - Member T-shirts
 - Need to order a second round for those who signed up after first order.
 - Plan to include some Youth Larges and/or Mediums (around 4?)
 - Will add ~10-15 to each size (~60 total to sell at club).
 - Julia will put together a proposal for other merch to restock (focus just on hoodies and member tshirts).
- 12. Community & Library Outreach
 - Wheaton School Library asked for presentation and resource materials for kids - Anne sent them a game website and some other resources.
 - <https://www.flyordie.com/curling>
 - Eric B. mentioned there's a decent app game as well: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/pro-stone-curling/id6755665604>
 - Sara said the USCA kit includes 100 free cards and will pay for an extra 100 cards to pass out along with the marketing info; will share w/ Anne.
 - Amanda is working on the slideshow for the St Charles Library presentation
 - Thursday, Feb 12 @7pm
 - Hoping to have 2-3 speakers, maybe a couple more to help answer questions.
 - After that event is complete, will reach out to other libraries to offer presentations as well.
 - Denver CC has good presentation material (already shared w/ us).
 - Charity R.'s school PT class will use Jason Wieble's curling set. Other schools may want to use it as well.
- 13. Next Board Meetings
 - February options
 - Feb 15 (Sunday) @ 5pm - last day of Drag Effect (following day is Presidents' Day)
 - **Feb 22 (Sunday) @ 5pm - after 1st Olympic Open House**
 - Preferred to prevent fatigue after drag effect and also to regroup after 1st open house.
 - March options
 - **March 15 (Sunday) @ 7pm - Rookie league scheduled.**
 - Preferred

- March 22 (Sunday) @ 7pm - Rookie league scheduled

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Josh / Second: Julia / Unanimous**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 12:07pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Feb 22, 7pm Central

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary