



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

January Meeting Minutes (01.19.2025) (Meeting held on Google Meet)

Current Board Members

Present: Barry Hutchings, Colleen Koehler, Eric Reithel, Josh Richardson

Not Present: Eric Baudais

Quorum present: YES

Others Present

Club Members: Siobhan Cogswell, Matthew Kirchhoff

Opening Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Josh

Agenda

Membership Update

Positive Trend!! 43 new members since 8/1/24

122 active members curling in session 3

- Previous high (Olympic year) was 158 members
- Most current members *are* active

6 junior members (2 Richardsons, 3 curling in the Friday Happy Hour League!)

Rookies:

- 40 Active Rookies as of next week!
 - o If we can convert 10-12 into members, that would be ideal!
- Will likely need additional instructors for the session that begins next week, more to come from Josh

Form 990 was submitted to IRS

Financials will be shared next month

Huge thanks to participation from the Wheelchair National Curling Event

- Massive volunteer participation – 2-3 on standby at all times
- Barry donated dinner – thank you! Reithel was a super volunteer
- Three emails to Barry thanking WCC

Bonspiel Updates

Drag Effect

- Budgeting in good shape with additional teams (+\$1400) – food quantities have been adjusted
- Still looking for a team to volunteer to play Thursday night to alleviate pressure from ice crew
- Galas reaching out to PBR to work to get the beer donated (as per previous years)
- DuPage sports commission (Igor) not being super responsive... per Barry, more into “National” and “International” events
- Kirchhoff working on raffle/donations
 - o Richardson basket forthcoming
 - o Check-in with Jason Weible
- Need volunteers: need 1-2 people per volunteer slot (slots are 4-5 hours long)
 - o Closing Shift of the party spiel



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The Untouchables Spiel (Siobhan/Josh)

- Only have 3 teams signed up – need to ensure there's participation before too much more can be done. Looking to remove the number of teams that are signed up from the registration page – as people can see that there's only 3 teams currently.
 - o Assign a few Windy City teams and remove later? Josh idea.
 - o End of Season fatigue
- Room block been contacted

The "Magic Mike" / "Hot Handles" Spiel

- Siobhan generated a BUZZ on social media this week!
- CCC (Galas) is interested in hosting if WCC isn't interested in putting it on
 - o WCC would like to host this in June – June 20-22
 - **Barry** is going to connect with Galas tomorrow
 - Eric raised the motion for Siobhan to be the chair of this bonspiel, seconded by Barry – universal vote
 - Avoiding Fourth of July and Father's Day
 - o Great summer event
- Scarcity idea, not hosting annually
- Tie in to breast cancer – "rocks" on tshirts, etc.
- Event size
 - o Recommended 24 team max (per Reithel recommendation)
 - o 32 Teams require all day Thursday (Siobhan has a draw layout)

Pickup Sticks - Barry will connect with Keith tomorrow to continue this discussion at the next meeting

MCA Update

- Timing Equipment needs to be updated – WCC will store it and curling clubs can borrow it and return it
- Shelves need to be purchased to hold their rocks
- Grant request – Eric to ask for the 'piece of paper', and report back to Barry, Barry needs to include this in the request; as well as the "percentage" allocation due to WCC

Volunteer Update

- Rookie Leagues – 5, 2 hour sessions (volunteering within the same session) = \$100 voucher on your AYCC
 - o Easier scheduling on the coordinator
 - o Better experience / more consistency for the rookies
- Bonspiels - similarly 10 hours of volunteering = \$100 voucher
 - o Drag Effect only had 6 volunteers overall last year
- Josh to draft language to limit the financial incentives, not designed to compensate all volunteers for all events, designed to help support the club in the volunteering 'heavy lifting'
- Will need to be more targeted/coordinated on volunteer requests (track through signup genius, generate an incentive to signup early, so volunteers can "get credit")
- Need to increase membership – do not need 'roadblocks' to membership (i.e. mandatory hours)



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- Josh to draft a writeup on the volunteerism specifics
- Touchbase with Baudais on the finances of volunteerism incentives

Bylaws Discussion

- Josh has a *draft* of what he and Lauren worked on, this topic needs to be revisited.
 - o Josh to upload to Google Drive tomorrow
 - o Consider this for a voting item in Feb 2025
 - o Built upon previous draft and memorialized what occurred in 2024 from a roles/members actions.
- Key idea: Board Term Limits
 - Is the club big enough have term limits?
 - Barry believes yes
 - Of note: Josh, Colin, Colleen ran unopposed in 2024
 - An entrenched board can be disincentivizing for new participation (Siobhan)
 - Currently reads as “ineligible to run for the board, if you’ve been on the board for 4 of the last 6 years”
 - Suggestion that the Treasurer spot should not be held for greater than 2 years from a fiduciary responsibility
 - Membership minimum
 - Run for the board (24 months?)
 - Consideration for the “Eric Zimmermans” of the club (experienced, but new to WCC).
 - o Siobhan: Reduced time period to run for the board for experienced curlers?
 - o Eric R: believes that 2 years should be in place so people can understand the culture/personality of WCC
 - Vote (12 months?) – no Rookies. Only eligible voters can nominate.
 - Develop different term limits by “role”... hold a “Director” role prior to an Executive role.
 - Should likely build the rules so that someone can be a Director/VP/Pres/Past Pres without having to ‘resign’ just to participate (Colin recommendation)
 - Currently the following positions are up for May 2025: (*Josh verify accuracy*)
 - Secretary
 - Past-President
 - President
 - Director at Large
 - Remaining/retaining roles for May 2025:
 - o Barry
 - o Josh
 - o Colin
 - Write in optionality/requirements (Board nominated?) for Past President role, in the absence of having a true Past President (within the current presidential resignation situation)



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- “Past President” should be excepted from the term-limitation rules
 - Dates / timing leading up to the elections
 - Voting for 15 days not 30
 - Do not let anyone who is potentially impacted by voting, count the vote
 - Kirchhoff comment: Ensure we include a statement with a nomination (include in the bylaws)

Wednesday night competitive league playoff – Colin and John to take offline.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn 8:28 (Reithel, seconded by Barry) all in favor.