



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

May Meeting (05.31.2026) Meeting held on Google Meet

Current Board Members:

Present: Amanda Pizarek, Jeff Sherry, Eric Baudais, Julia Makiejus, Josh Richardson, Matt Butts, Matt Kirchhoff

Quorum present: YES

Others Present:

CCC: Matt Galas

Club Members: Scott Gerstenkorn

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm (Amanda)

Agenda:

1. 2026-27 Board Member Election
 - WCC held an election online using OpaVote from April 23 through May 8, 2026. The results were announced at WCC's annual members' meeting on May 9. The following members were elected:
 - Vice President: Jeff Sherry
 - Treasurer: Eric Baudais (*re-elected*)
 - Director: Matthew Kirchhoff
 - Outgoing members
 - Director: Anne Pettinger
 - Director: Sara Heatherly
 - Continuing members
 - President: Amanda Pizarek
 - Secretary: Julia Makiejus
 - Past President: Josh Richardson
 - Director: Matt Butts
2. Financial Update
 - Reviewed April statement
 - **Motion to accept: Josh / Second: Amanda / Approved: Unanimous**
 - Simon Ganet's memorial donations

- Collected approx. \$4,000 so far; anticipating a few more, including from CanAm group
 - Will work with Simon's family to figure out the best way to use these donations in his honor
 - Will plan to write written thank you's to the donors
 - Will create a plaque for "Donor of the Year" in Simon's honor
 - WCC Brokerage Plan
 - Would only add funds that aren't needed for at least the next year
 - Will allow us to receive securities and stock donations as well - more tax advantageous for donors
 - Plan to invest in low risk funds; all dividends and interest payments will be reinvested
 - Anticipate investing around \$30k, will keep the other \$30k in savings
 - **Motion to initiate brokerage plan: Eric / Second: Amanda / Approved: Unanimous**
 - Stripe Fee Analysis
 - Considering lowering website payment fee to align more closely with current Stripe fees
 - Eric will continue monitoring and suggest a new fee percentage
3. Facility Update
- Matt will send new board members BASSET Training info to help tend bar when available
 - Scott has been low on help during summer leagues
 - We will need to push for more volunteers to help during league nights with tending bar and ice prep
4. MCA Update
- Officiating Clinic - Sept 12
 - Free event, open for registration
 - One day, two sessions: Levels 1 and 2
 - Priority registration for our club, Fort Wayne, and Portage, WI (clubs hosting upcoming university and National events); registration will open to all on June 15
 - MCA Arena Playdowns
 - Doesn't appear to have any teams signed up yet; Scott is waiting to hear from Kate
 - Will require timer volunteers for this event
 - Mixed Fours Playdowns - tentatively set for March
 - Preference for early in March; Scott will share with Kate
 - MCA is seeking nominations for Secretary and USA Curling Rep
 - Will add to the upcoming newsletter
 - Reach out to Scott G. with any interest
5. Board Responsibilities
- @Info inbox and phone number (need owner)
 - Matt Kirchoff will take over from Amanda
 - Rookie league
 - Josh will lead Fall Rookie league

6. Logo use approval

- Women's tank top - request for two to be made
 - Approved

7. Bonspiels & Events

- Vaughan PVA Spiel - June 12-14
 - Currently only 2-3 teams signed up; Keith expects more teams to register soon
 - Will need volunteers
- Arena playdowns
 - See above notes under 'MCA updates'
- Food Truck Spiel
 - Currently 17 teams registered
- Villa Park Music Fest
 - Free event for us, we were invited to join for promotion purposes
 - On Sept 12 all day, same day as Officiating Clinic
 - Will decide how we want to support this once we see how many Officiating Clinic registrants there are
- Officiating Clinic
 - See above under MCA updates
- Barebones Cashspiel
 - Sara H. reached out to Dupage County Sports Association with a request for sponsorship
 - Scheduled for first weekend of October
- Mixed Four Nationals
 - Amanda has a meeting planned with Denver CC, who previously hosted this event, to discuss plans and tips for running the event

8. League Discussion

- Suggest moving Monday Doubles to a single draw on Sunday afternoon, in order to open more slots for incoming rookies
 - **Motion to accept: Amanda / Second: Matt K. / Unanimous**
- Suggest switching Tuesday Mixed to Monday nights, and making Tuesday night Open
 - Tuesday registration has decreased in recent seasons; feedback from more experienced members didn't like playing consecutive nights on Tues/Weds
 - **Motion to accept: Amanda / Second: Matt K. / 6-0**
- Considering ways to encourage more 'coaching' for newer curlers on either Tuesday or Thursday league; will discuss more during next meeting

9. Volunteer requirements for next year and incentives

- Will push discussion to next month's meeting

10. Qualification parameters for Mixed Four Nationals club team representative

- Will implement requirements to compete in playdowns to ensure the club's team representative is drawn from Windy City's actively participating members
- Considering options:
 - Active participation in at least one Fall and Spring 26/27 league

- Membership from previous and current season
- If a dual member, primary membership should be WCC
- Will plan to have requirements finalized by end of June to post publicly prior to the opening of 26/27 season membership registration

11. Next Board Meeting

- Amanda will send out a few possible dates on Slack
- Add Budget discussion and volunteer requirements to next agenda

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Amanda / Second: Julia / Unanimous**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Monday, June 22 at 7pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary