



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

September Meeting (09.27.2026) 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: N/A

Opening Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm (Amanda)

Agenda:

1. Financial Update
 - Reviewed August statement
 - **Motion to accept: Jeff / Second: Amanda / Approved: Unanimous**
2. Facility Update (Matt G.)
 - No major updates; appreciates the participation/assistance on league nights.
 - Mouse update:
 - Improved but mice are still present. Tenants next door are moving out which will hopefully help.
 - Will be setting up an ozone generator to help with odor/cleanliness.
 - Receiving more practice requests than ever before, and it is going well.
3. MCA Update
 - Prairie State Bonspiel
 - Sold out; several WCC teams participating.
 - MCA Grant (~\$450)
 - Considering options for using MCA grant money.
 - Receipts must be submitted by Dec 31st.
 - Streaming cameras need to be upgraded but full cost would be around \$5k.

- Long view cameras for feature sheet is highest priority.
- **Motion to use MCA grant for streaming cameras: Amanda / Matt K. / Unanimous**

4. Session 1 League Updates
 - Going well, no noticeable concerns.
 - No issues with games running long.
5. Session 2 Closing Date
 - October 18 is the last day to register. Will add to next newsletter.
6. Simon Ganet Memorial Fund
 - Update on the plaques
 - Josh is confirming previous winners for Mixed Fours and Doubles.
 - Trophy/Plaque business has limited hours which has made progress slow.
 - Use of donated funds
 - Considered streaming cameras, something related to volunteerism (in addition to Volunteer of the Year plaque), or Juniors support.
 - Matt G will reach out to Simon's wife to see if she has a preference.
 - Will aim to decide and vote by the next meeting.
 - Thank you letter drafted for donors, will go out this week.
7. Rookies Update
 - Status of current session
 - Going well.
 - 10-15 participants seem committed to learning and two are already planning to sign up for Session 2 leagues.
 - Huge thanks to those who have been volunteering.
 - Subsequent sessions
 - Next Rookies league starts Oct 25th; eight are currently registered.
 - Matt G will send a list of previous L2C participants and Josh will follow up to remind them about upcoming Rookies leagues.
8. Juniors Update
 - Eight instructors have completed Safe Sport training.
 - Currently have 5 juniors registered.
 - Will do a final advertising push before the start date.
 - Might consider breaking up the league into smaller sections or offering other options to boost enrollment.
 - Will consider emailing previous participant's parents for feedback.
9. Competitive Curler Discussion
 - Considering providing support to teams who attend a national-level competitive event
 - Teams who qualify for a nationals event could automatically become eligible for a donation of support from the club.
 - USA Curling membership renewal issue
 - Renewal doesn't occur until December, but some teams need to register for competitive events prior to when renewal is submitted.

- Beginning in 2027, USA Curling will offer an early roster for members registering for an early competitive event. This will allow them to upgrade to a competitive USA Curling membership prior to when club dues are typically paid.

10. Club Shirts and Merch Update

- Club shirts are ready; Tonya will be picking them up.
- Looking into reordering additional merch: traditional logo blue shirts, baseball caps, and beanies.
- Also need more stickers, but Boomer T's only sells apparel.
- Julia will send Amanda details on previous reorder numbers.

11. Holiday Party Dates & Plan

- Will host on Thurs, Dec 17 during league.
- Will include a Save the Date in the next newsletter.
- Considering options for a theme or other way to draw interest from members.

12. Next Board Meeting

- Sunday, Oct 25 at 7pm

Closing Procedure:

- **Motion to adjourn: Amanda / Second: Julia / Unanimous**
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm
- Next meeting set for:
 - Sunday, Oct 25 at 7pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Julia Makiejus, Secretary