



Windy City Curling
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July Board Meeting Minutes 7/28/2021

Board Members:

Present: Tom Arra, Jon Henderson, Barry Hutchings, Anne Pettinger, Eric Reithel, and Ray Stone

Absent: Aaron DeGagne

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present:

Club Members: Matt Galas (CCC)

Opening Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 6:59pm by President, Ray Stone
- Seconded by Anne Pettinger

Old Business

- Financials - Jon Henderson
 - Profit & Loss forms (by June & by Year-to-Date) submitted pre-meeting by Jon H.
 - First time we've made money this year!
 - Balance Sheet form submitted pre-meeting by Jon H.
 - Barry - Look into leaving USCA insurance, if CCC's insurance covers our people
 - Tom - Double-check to make sure LeagueApps is our cheapest option
 - MOTION: Approve Monthly & Yearly Balance Sheets: Jon H.
 - Seconded: Tom A.
 - APPROVED (unanimously)
- IRS Penalty - Jon Henderson
 - No update, as Jon is still waiting to hear back from the IRS
- Annual Fee - Open Discussion
 - Matt Galas gave a primer on the initial reasons behind the yearly fee for new Board members
 - Barry will mull over the discussion and possibly offer alternatives to discuss next mtg.
 - Further Discussion tabled to next month
- Fall Leagues - Eric Reithel
 - Finalize annual league schedule
 - League calendar of options presented by Eric & discussed by All
 - Explainer of benefits of 8-week & 14-week leagues
 - Explainer of switching Open & Draft league nights for new members
 - Contingency plans explained should we need to shift/reschedule nights
 - Founders Cup dates set, 3 other bonspiels tentatively scheduled
 - Pending Scott's approval for ice-making, leagues through April set
 - AYCC fee confirmed to only cover August-April (May will start "summer leagues")
 - MOTION: Approve League nights: Eric R.
 - Seconded: Tom A.
 - APPROVED (unanimously)
 - Communication plan to members
 - Aaron & Eric can start generating copy ideas



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- o IDEA: Name the Sunday Night League after George & Carol Collins
- Tournament of Champions - Aaron DeGagne & Ray Stone
 - o Finalize eligibility requirements
 - Ideas for the 8-week leagues
 - Possibly letting top two teams from the Competitive qualify
 - Wild Card: had to have played as a registered league member (no super-sub)
 - o Should be in the same communication as league schedules
- Founders Cup - Aaron DeGagne & Ray Stone
 - o Moved to Oct. 23rd & 24th
 - o Pricing still TBD
 - o Open Format, Internal Club spiel (Team & Ind. Sign-ups allowed)
- Awards & Trophies - Anne Pettinger
 - o Anne spoke to a shop about a "Perpetual plaque"
 - \$1200 - covers 6 pieces (for each league)
 - \$800 - cover 6 pieces (for each league)
 - \$400 - cover 6 pieces (for each league)
 - Pictures shared
 - o Anne & Barry each to get quotes on further pricing from other companies
 - o IDEA: Run draw-shot raffles each league night to help cover the cost
- New curler welcome and How-to: Barry Hutchings
 - o Eric: Rookie Curriculum
- Pace of Play - Eric Reithel, Aaron DeGagne
 - o Eric researches buzzer/bell systems, all deemed too expensive
 - o Aaron DeGagne spoke to members of others clubs with cheap/free methods to encourage speedier play among members
 - TASK: Generate a system for us to try in the Fall
 - o Buzzer/Bell system tabled until we see member progress/regress
 - o Eric will generate a Demerit System if things stay bad/get worse
- Website Updates - Barry Hutchings & Eric Reithel
 - o Eric has set a date to work with Brian Stoiber on learning website's design
 - o Barry & Eric are working on the design for a "one-stop-shop landing page" to get new people signed-up for Rookies league
 - o Eric to generate plan of attack for website & social media updates

New Business

- Fall/Winter Open Bonspiel - Open Discussion
 - o ITEM: Need to find a bonspiel coordinator
 - o ITEM: Generating theme ideas
- Code of Conduct/Diversity & Inclusion - Eric Reithel
 - o Eric was given blessing to adapt an online CoC for our members
 - o Goal is implement it by Start of Fall leagues
 - o Ray and Barry both agreed to work with Eric on creating the new CoC

Open Forum:

- Barry: Communication via more prominent bulletin board in the Warm Room
 - o Making flyers to go on the boards, and on the tables, and the website



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- o Scheduling updates with the social media updates
- Get a Suggestion Box

Closing Proceedings:

- Motion to adjourn by Eric R., seconded by Barry H.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eric Reithel

Action Items/Tasks

- Tom Arra:
 - o Look into LeagueApps and other services - confirm LApps remains the cheapest option
 - o (w/ Eric) Generate a press/media schedule for informational & fun posts
- Ray Stone:
 - o (w/ Aaron) Lock down Founders Cup format, details, and pricing
 - o (w/ Aaron) Lock down Tournament of Champions format, details, and pricing
 - o (w/ Eric & Barry) Meet and produce ready-for-proposal new member Code of Conduct
- Aaron DeGagne:
 - o (w/ Ray) Lock down Founders Cup format, details, and pricing
 - o (w/ Ray) Lock down Tournament of Champions format, details, and pricing
 - o (w/ Eric) Generate media copy explaining leagues/changes to members
 - o Generate ideas/proposal on how to implement Pace of Play rules for leagues
- Eric Reithel:
 - o (w/ Aaron) Generate media copy explaining leagues/changes to members
 - o (w/ Barry) Generate new web page explaining league registration to L2Cs
 - o Create 4-week classroom curriculum for Rookies League
 - o Work with Brian Stoiber to learn the back-end of the WCC website
 - o (w/ Ray & Barry) Meet and produce ready-for-proposal new member Code of Conduct
 - o (w/ Tom) Generate a press/media schedule for informational & fun posts
- Jon Henderson:
 - o Stay on top of IRS Penalty investigation and report updates via Slack as they come
- Anne Pettinger:
 - o Start building leagues in LeagueApps in anticipation of opening registration
 - o Continue to research more companies & pricing for league plaques/trophies
- Barry Hutchings:
 - o Look into USCA's insurance, compare to CCC's insurance & explore options
 - o Consider alternative approaches to the Annual Fee situation with CCC
 - o Research more companies & pricing for league plaques/trophies
 - o (w/ Eric) Generate new web page explaining league registration to L2Cs
 - o (w/ Ray & Eric) Meet and produce ready-for-proposal new member Code of Conduct
- Unassigned:
 - o Bring in a Suggestion Box
 - o Bring in a Bulletin Board
 - o Find volunteer(s) to host future bonspiels