

Windy City Curling Center Board Meeting
Wednesday Feb 13th 2019
7:30pm @ GoToMeeting Conference Call

2018/19 Board Members

In Attendance:

Greg Stewart, Mike Lerner, Brian Stoiber (Quorum not met)

Members In Attendance: None

Meeting Called to order: 7:35 pm by Greg Stewart

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes approved

Old Business:

- **Bonspiel:**
 - Everything is moving along, we just need to keep getting word out.
 - Currently at 7 entries
 - First Windy City Team registered and now given spot in bonspiel (Team Jamros)
 - Another Windy City Team registered and now first on waitlist (Team Stoiber)
 - Rest are non-Windy City or Combo teams
 - Count does not include Arena Teams or League C Team.
 - Windy City Team Definition for waitlist
 - 3+ Team members are Windy City Members
 - Non Windy City Definition for Bonspiel Entry
 - 2+ Team members are not Windy City Members
 - Re introduced previous idea of establishing bank account dedicated to bonspiel
 - Seed with \$1000
 - Bonspiel entries deposited into this account
 - Bonspiel Chair and Treasurer given signing authority to make payments
 - After bonspiel, Check written back to club for any amount over \$1000
 - Issues last year with paying people with cash from raffle or ticket sales, resulting in lack of proper paper trail.
 - Board members in attendance continue to like idea. Other clubs have done this.

- **Learn to Curls:**
 - February 10 Concerns
 - Checkin lists were inaccurate. Did not have anyone who showed up on list until about the 6th group that checked in. This included a group of 8. Number of participants in the end was as expected, but just wrong list.
 - Concerns from instructors about lack of direction
 - Confusions as to where they should go or what sheet should go to
 - Confusion related to how\what to teach
 - Used to have LTC guide put together for how to handle instruction
 - Possibility of having people who are Level 1 or took Level 1 class do a short "Train the trainer" for anyone interested
 - Designate couple LTC leads for each LTC to coordinate the volunteer assignments
 - Notice one sheet was much slower than others in regards to getting game play started.
 - Perhaps communicate to other instructors that once their sheet is established in game play, and have more than one instructor, to look at other sheets to see if can go help them out.
 - February 17
 - Still no volunteers signed up to help. Really need to push with membership.
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- **League Updates:**
 - League C: Running smoothly nothing to report
 - Rookie League: 8 people currently signed up. Pretty good shape with more LTC still on calendar, to pull additional participants.
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- **CCC Construction Update:**
 - Open house had decent turnout. Those who came seemed excited by what they saw.
 - Feedback thus far has been mostly positive.
 - A couple questions raised on facebook about size of women's facilities as related to Men's
 - We continue to receive questions related to dues for new facility
 - Jon previously did a "Break Even" analysis based on current membership levels and expectation of Minimum of 4 prime time slots. This cannot be used for final dues expectations
 - Paid Memberships and league participation did drop this year over last year. Hard to estimate what true demand will be next year
 - Suggestion that we continue with current fee structure until supply and demand levels:
 - Flat fee for club membership (incl USCA, MCA, Insurance, etc)
 - Pay as you play: Fee for each league
 - Different leagues may need to be different prices based on format and time slot.
 - Mixed doubles only will have 12 curlers vs 24 curlers for other formats
 - Our cost for primetime slots will be higher vs non-peak time slots
 - This will be top priority for next board

- **Arena Nationals:**

- 2019 Arena Nationals representatives for Windy City Curling:
 - Men: Team Reithel
 - Women: Team Henderson
- Email sent to skips confirming selection of team and that playdowns not necessary
 - Reiterated teams responsible for all costs incurred
 - Included link to registration opening mid february
 - Included link to host hotel
- Separate email sent to skips related to guaranteed entry into 2019 WC3 Open Bonspiel
 - Ask them to register and pay on website
 - If not interested in playing, they are to notify us so we can open spot to Windy City Waitlist
 - Reiterated guaranteed entry only valid for team consisting of majority of Arena National Lineup
- Teams are looking to purchase gear for arena nationals
 - Teams are looking at same black jackets as used by Women's team last year
 - Men have approached Anthony about jerseys
 - Anthony wanted to ensure board approval before working with teams directly
 - Board approved teams working directly with Anthony
 - Teams meeting on Sunday to co-organize logistics for event
 - Suggestion made that for future national events (ie club playdowns) that we put together a "What to expect" checklist for curlers to give directions on planning and what expenses to be prepared for
 - Suggestion also made to have an "National Event Windy City Gear" guideline to ensure consistency amongst teams and events. Possibly offer some type of gear package to teams.
 - Exmoor Country Club has offered use of their ice for Arena team practices. Will need to pursue specifics if teams are interested.

- **Merchandise:**

- No plans at this time to do bulk membership order for gear.

New Business:

- **Corporate and Special Events:**
 - Wednesday, February 20th: SPR Outing 2pm-5pm. 2-4 Volunteers needed to date
 - Tuesday, February 26th: Pagonis Outing 2pm-5pm* unconfirmed. 3-8 volunteers needed to date.
 - Wrigley: Participant information received. To draft "thank you" and informative page to send out.
 - Member, Matt Butts, looking to host fundraiser for local school with WC. Quoted \$1,200 for outing and waiting on time slot from 7B.

- **2019/20 Board Nominations and Slate Election:**
 - Three positions open for 2019/20 Board
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Director 1
 - People scheduled to be leaving the board:
 - Jeff Sampson (Served 7 Years)
 - Greg Stewart (Served 7 Years)
 - Heidi Osborne (Served 1 Year)
 - A few complaints last year about process and how bylaws currently configured. Some members felt left out of process.
 - Any change to procedure would require bylaw changes and member vote to accept said changes. Feel too late this year to move forward to get bylaw change recommendations, vote and implemented in time for board change over.
 - Will continue with established bylaw procedure for this year
 - Board will ask for nominations of new members
 - Board with present slate to membership for vote
 - Suggestion of having a exploration committee to see what other clubs do and have next board revisit.

- **Donor Gifts per Capital Campaign:**
 - Capital Campaign Committee (Matt G., Dave J., Simon G. and Anthony D.)
 - Donors were made promises based on donations levels
 - We need to be prepared to meet those promises
 - Ideally would be nice to have items (ie plaques, founder stones) in place for Grand Opening
 - Need to review donor list and determine necessary budget and plan to meet promises.

- **Financials:**
 - Treasurer on vacation. Will ask to submit January financials upon return.

- **Next Board meeting:**
 - Not Scheduled at this time.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:39 pm by Greg Stewart