

Windy City Curling Center Board Meeting
Wednesday Jan 16th 2019
7:00pm @ Seven Bridges Ice Arena, 6690 Rt 53, Woodridge IL 60517

2018/19 Board Members

In Attendance:

Simon Ganet, Jon Henderson, Greg Stewart, Heidi Osburn, Mike Lerner, Jeff Sampson

Members In Attendance: Megan Maples

Meeting Called to order: 7:12pm by Simon Ganet

Bonspiel:

- As Megan Maples was in attendance, we started with Bonspiel update
- Chicago Curling Club originally booked April 5-7 for the Windy City WC3 Open Bonspiel, although they booked a LTC that weekend that they are trying to move.
- Still need to confirm rate. Margaret had asked what we paid last year.
 - Last year we paid \$2000 for ice
 - Bartender Cost
 - Ice Maker time and hotel
- As with last year we will need to pay for:
 - Ice time
 - Bartender (Margaret and Ryan can serve when Bartender not available)
 - Ryan hotel once again
- Ryan would really like to have a Windy City Ice Crew to help throughout the bonspiel. As we ask for volunteer we can put together dedicated volunteers for ice crew.
- Will need to get website set up for registration. Once official confirmation of dates we need to provide information to Brian to set up website page.
- We will focus on 24 team bonspiel
- Cost of Bonspiel: Last year we charged \$360 and did tickets for craft beer\wine.
 - Numerous complaints about ticket system and cost of craft beer
 - This year target \$400 per team and include beer and wine
- Will purchase room at hotel for the Kitchen Staff Volunteers. Last year some put in 14-16 hour days, and need rest breaks.
- Will use Bonspiel channel on Slack for discussions
- Heidi and Megan will work on Flyer for event within the next week.
- Will need donations for raffle. Last year the raffle was very successful and was a large part of our profits.
 - Suggestion made to get input for Lucy in regard to past raffles she has managed
 - Will need Tax Status letter for some donations
 - Suggest Barry to be the MC for Raffle
- Last year food donations were great. Reach out to those who donated to see if will do same this year.
- Prizes: Would like to move away from the glass awards.
- Volunteer Signup form will need to be created

Learn to Curls:

- We experienced a mix up with LTC Bookings for Jan 13th. 16 Spots were available but 36 people showed up. Instructors on hand were able to make it work and it appears all had fun time.
- Appears problem result of the two websites and transitioning to new site
- In review of future bookings additional issues found:
 - Feb 10th did not have cap on signup. Currently 72 people have registered
 - Reach out to league and see if willing to post phone league an additional week to allow for full use of sheets for learn to Curls (Mike will ask league members on Sunday). If league members ok the delay of league, will only need to rebook around 20 people as opposed to over 50. Last week of league play would end on March 17th.
 - Send out email to all registered for Feb 10th offering incentives to move to another date:
 - \$5 refund per person
 - Entry in draw for Windy City Gear
- Need better check in information and setup
 - Updated list of participants
 - Set up of sign up table register, provide drink tickets and name tags.
 - Heidi and Greg will check in participants Jan 27th
- March dates will be available. But will keep closed until overbookings are managed.
- Continue to push for Volunteers

CCC Construction Update:

- Had some minor contractor issues
- Demo finishing up this week
- Nice to have pictures of progress to share with members
- Current target is early summer. Allow for possible Summer League
- Simon to discuss possibility of member visit to new location

MCA:

- Member fees are \$14, with a Junior Fee of \$5 for ages 0-21.
- Working on new pins and logos
- Ask that member clubs push/promote the MCA website to their members
- MCA Website has nice write up of our move to dedicated ice
- With Jeff retirement from board in May, we need to designate a new MCA representative for Windy City

Merchandise:

- Need to continue push to sell old merchandise
- Members asking for new items, but until old is gone we don't have room to store
- Board approved discounting prices to what is needed to get sold
- Will try to push more merchandise at LTC
- Windy City pins are available at \$2 each. No bulk discount.

Arena Nationals:

- January 31 deadline for registration approaching
- As of now only aware of a single Men's team (Eric) and a Single Women's team (Tonya)
- There is still member of Tonya's team that needs to Sub by end of month to qualify to be part of team
- Include reminder in next news letter asking for any additional teams interested to contact Greg directly
- Exmoor Country Club has offered use of their ice for any practice or necessary playdown.

League C:

- We had a member back out of league after week 1. Need to refund prorated league fees.
- Replaced with member off of wait lists. First member on wait list declined, Tonya was second on waitlist and accepted.
- League apps is working well for league

Rookie League:

- In past has been hard to fill or had many no shows
- We will set one up in March:
 - Two Weeks: March 24th and March 31st
 - Cost will be \$80 per player for two week league
- Heidi will print up cards again to pass out to LTC participants

Financials:

- Reviewed Dec financials as presented by Jon (see Excel spreadsheet for specifics)
- Board approved the financials

Next Board meeting:

- Feb 10th @ 4pm at Seven Bridges

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:15pm by Simon Ganet