

Windy City Curling Center Board Meeting
Sunday Oct 8th 2018
8:45pm @ Conference Call

2018/19 Board Members On Conference:

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

Members on Conference: None

Meeting Called to order: 8:48pm by Simon Ganet

Old Business:

- October 7 LTC Recap
 - LTC run by Jeff, Heidi and Mike
 - Had 9 people show up, but only 7 expected (Extra 2 were same day signups)
 - Should have more formal check in procedure
 - Good Group, a couple traveled from Peoria
 - We have another this Sunday (10/14) - 21 people

- League B
 - 6 Teams Registered
 - 3 New people
 - Frequency of sub requests are a concern. A couple subs needed to renew membership.
 - Seems people are hesitant to play, or are just waiting for new location

- Rookie League
 - We will have 2 sheets available for a rookie league.
 - Would like to to have members sign up to coach. Ideally have 1 coach per team.
 - Perhaps speak directly with our members to participate. Definitely would want 4 very interactive members to take on the coaching role.
 - Mike L, and Jason L have shown interest in helping with rookie league
 - Each player responsible for finding own sub.
 - Should have something to give out to LTC participants promoting Rookie League
 - Used to give out business cards
 - Heidi will mock something up to give out
 - Perhaps attach drink ticket to ensure everyone gets one

- Miscellaneous
 - Location of LTC sign currently unknown. No longer have access to previous office we were using, so perhaps in back area.
 - Crokinole boards are missing.

- Merchandise
 - 4 member shirts left to give out
 - \$65 of merchandise sold at 10/7 LTC
 - Heidi motioned to sell old merchandise at cheaper cost to help reduce inventory. Board approved for Heidi to reduce whatever she feels is right amount.
 - Members are asking for new merchandise, and do not want to order from Dan\Anthony
 - Heidi will begin looking a new vendors for WCC merchandise.
 - Suggestion to contact Kerry G. as she designed all our previous items.
 - Need to find out if we have ability to get design from Dan for Jackets. It was suggested to speak with Noel about the Jackets they purchased for Area nationals.
 - Some items Heidi looking into:
 - Sweatshirt, Polo Shirt, Decals, Popsocket, Shirts, Pins, Winter hat (Toque)
 - Simon has key to cabinet in blueline that can use for merchandise advertisements and other business

- Website
 - Brian has been looking into new league management software. Brian and Mike both spoke of frustration with current setup
 - Brian spoke with Darcy E. at Dakota Curling Club. They are using LeagueApps.com
 - No fees, unless use for payments (3% fee - standard)
 - Darcy willing to give demo to show how they have set up
 - They manage 20 draws per week with it
 - For LTC or outings they use Ticketspice.com to sell tickets
 - Brian will continue to investigate impact on users. Perhaps roll out change with new location.
 - Ask others to participate as a Web Team. Members showing interest include Eric, Mike, Heidi, Greg, Brooke, and Tom.
 - Question raised regarding CurlingClubManager.com, but Brian likes idea of having full control of website. Also CurlingClubManger is \$500 per year.

- CCC\WCC Status Updates
 - Architectural drawings are done, addressing some details with Villa Park building codes
 - Demolition has commenced, and should be done soon
 - CCC in process of selecting general contractor (short list of 2)
 - Construction start date still unknown
 - Compressors have been ordered. Ice Mats in final stages of ordering.
 - Selecting water purification system, hope to have done in next week
 - Liquor licence has been officially applied for and expected to be obtained early 2019
 - Insurance purchased and put in place.

- CCC\WCC discussion
 - Members expressing concern about cost of curling at new facility. Complaints have been voiced about the increased league fees this year to \$100. Do not feel they have seen extra benefits from the extra money.
 - Previously we had discussed different membership tiers. Until we have established membership levels, we may need to continue per league pricing for the short term (first year or two)
 - Dakota curling charges \$200 per league for 8-10 week leagues. Also charge a \$80 annual membership.
 - In order to get a good starting point, we need to figure out what our break even will be for when new facility opens up in new year. Jon going to look at estimating what our prorated fees would be for Feb-April at new facility.
 - Greg will give some thoughts for what events we should begin with. Present sign up sheets at next town hall to get idea of demand for particular nights to determine minimum number of slots we may need.
 - Simon will continue communication with CCC as member of combined board.

- Newsletter
 - Communicate current CCC\WCC status
 - Halloween Party information
 - Costumes and Pizza
 - LTC and Rookie league information and call for volunteers
 - Safety Town Trick or Treat
 - Still accepting candy donations. Need 2000 pieces, club will purchase extra if needed.
 - Will give out cards with candy
 - Wrigley Field Event scheduled again for January 2019. Will need volunteers

- Wrigley Field
 - Reviewed contract as presented. Board approved.
 - We will be able to sell merchandise this year in tent. Will need additional volunteers for this.
 - There has been approval for a special event shirt, but cannot use any Cubs logo. Question about possibly wrigley facade. Simon to follow up.
 - Also question about partnering with other clubs on the special event shirt and splitting proceeds. But if selling for fundraising, may be best to go on our own.
 - Heidi will try to come up with design ideas.

- Group Outings
 - Another Group booked for Wed Dec 12th (American Tower)
 - Jeff S. also booking corporate outing, would prefer a Friday afternoon. Simon will work with Jeff.

- Financials
 - Reviewed financials as presented by Jon (see Excel spreadsheet for specifics)
 - Minor questions raised for clarification of line items.
 - Board approved the financials

- Administrative
 - Jeff shared original bylaws with board. Will need to be modified to incorporate changes voted on a last year annual meeting related to terms of board members.
 - Windy city will be using the 5-Rock free guard zone in our leagues. Expect to soon be official USCA rule.
 - December league times. We are going to cancel december time slots with Seven Bridges. Will continue to pursue group outings throughout December.
 - January will focus on LTC and Group outings depending on CCC schedule.
 - Complaints have been voiced about scoreboard hooks. Jeff will purchase velcro to replace hooks and fix scoreboards this coming weekend.
 - Schedule for next board meeting to be discussed via slack\email. Would like earlier in November so that we can possibly have a Town Hall meeting second half of November.
 - Website will have links to bylaws and meeting minutes for membership access. Greg will send links to past meeting minutes to Brian.
 - Reminder to board members, that if have not renewed membership, you need to as soon as possible. Need to be member so serve on board.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:32pm by Simon Ganet