

Windy City Curling Center Board Meeting
Sunday Sep 9th 2018
4:00pm @ Buffalo Wild Wings, 6450 Rte. 53t Woodridge IL

2018/19 Board Members In Attendance:

Heidi Osburn, Mike Lerner, Greg Stewart and Jeff Sampson
Not In Attendance: Simon Ganet, Brian Stoiber, Jon Henderson

Members in Attendance: 4 Non Board Members attended

Barry Hutchings, Luiza Hutchings, Eric Reithel and Girithar Reddy

Meeting Called to order: 4:25pm by Jeff Sampson

Old Business:

- Seven Bridges Contract
 - Rates and terms still under negotiation
 - If need to extend, what would coexisting locations look like or what would be feasible
 - Options include:
 - Host 3 sheet rookie league
 - Host Learn to Curls
 - Roadblocks:
 - Volunteers could be problem if they are playing leagues at other location
 - Rookie league would ideally have 6 volunteers (2 per sheet)
 - With only 3 sheets, would cost per curler to break even be too high to get adequate interest

- CCC Contract
 - Continued discussions on contract
 - Lawyer review/discussion will occur early this week
 - Annual rate increase amounts still in question
 - Contract states possible 3-8% increase per year
 - We would like stated escalation rate for entire term (ie 2% per year) to give us better idea for planning and membership rate discussions
 - With Anthony comment about proshop questioning (us not negotiating with proper company), should proshop language be removed from contract? Decided we will move forward with understanding we are not negotiating any profit share with "Proshop Company". Any proshop language could be nulled later but will leave proshop language in current contract.
 - Idea of membership committee of business owners to participate in a contract review was discussed. Barry Hutchings volunteered to be on such committee.
 - Decided we should try to schedule an in person meeting with CCC to hash out the rates questions.

- **Bonspiel**
 - Chicago has indicated they would be open to having us host our bonspiel at their location again
 - With phased buildout of Villa Park location, adequate facilities to host bonspiel will most likely not be available in first year. (ie Bar and Kitchen)
 - Would allow us to attempt getting 32 teams for additional revenue. New 3-sheet location would only support 20-24 teams for 3 day bonspiel.
 - Ideas to display rendering of planned buildout of full Villa Park facility to prepare for, and promote, 2020 Bonspiel at new location
 - Chair of Bonspiel will be Simon Ganet

- **Dar Curtis**
 - Will be hosted at Waltham this year. For same reasons as 2019 Bonspiel, Villa Park phase approach will not be adequate for us to host this year.
 - Side note mentioned, that we should let membership know that “Free” bonspiels like these are only free for MCA members. As such if unpaid members are planning on playing in any of these, they will need to pay for Windy City Membership prior to participating.

- **Equipment**
 - Unfortunately during routine inventory prior to season, we discovered that we had a rock “walk away” this summer. The missing rock was from Sheet F.
 - Board voted to purchase a replacement rock from Steve’s Curling Supplies in Madison at a cost of \$345.25, shipping included. New rock is at Seven Bridges now, but currently marked as a Sheet B rock until we get new stickers to mark as Sheet F.
 - Other inventory information presented:
 - 11 Stabilizers (Jeff is going to repaint)
 - 7 Sliders, may want to buy more
 - Scoreboards need some upkeep (ie replacing hooks with velcro)
 - Jeff requested budget for supplies to perform upkeep. Approved by board with estimation of \$100 should be sufficient.

- **Financials**
 - Jon put together August Financials.
 - Over all for August we had a Net Income of \$2042.91. (See excel Spreadsheet for details)
 - YTD January-August we have net income of \$28,563.41 (See excel Spreadsheet for Details)
 - Current Account balances:
 - Checking: \$39,374.57
 - Dedicated Ice Fund: \$72,781.58
 - Jon is looking into changing our FYE to June 30 to better coincide with Curling Season. Current FYE is Dec 31.

- Website
 - Need to obtain User Guide or additional information from curling.club website.
 - A single person was able to register for League A after registration was thought to be closed down. Mike contacted member, and they agreed to refund league fees, but still pay the membership fees. Member will be added to the Sub list for League A.
 - We would like to consolidate and update to a single site for single source of information for membership.
 - Members in attendance spoke of frustration of multiple sources of info (email, facebook, website etc). We would like to move forward with website being main point of member info.
 - Also enhancements to website were discussed, such as board page with bylaws, minutes and info.
 - Eric Reithel volunteered to help with maintenance and enhancement of website.

- Leagues
 - League A set to begin Sept 9
 - 10 teams total - 24 existing members, 16 new members
 - Pre league meeting will occur at 5:45 in the bleacher area
 - Welcome new members
 - Intro Board members in attendance
 - Discuss weekly setup expectations
 - Volunteering opportunities and needs (ie Oct 3rd Group Outing)

- Bylaws
 - Requested that Jeff share bylaws with group so can be reviewed by others who have not seen them yet

New Business:

- Merchandise
 - Heidi worked with Dan to get 2018 membership shirts printed.
 - Cost was \$12.50 per shirt
 - Shirts did not come with proper colors requested (Font looked pink instead of red)
 - Dan is remaking shirts, and should have them by next week
 - 2018 Membership name tags cost \$5 each. They will be distributed to league members prior to first game.

- Social
 - Tonya Henderson is going to take over Social Coordination and will be planning different events for membership.
 - Thanksgiving, Halloween, club BBQ, and Holiday Party for some examples.
 - Holiday party invite already published on facebook for Dec 2nd at Chateau Henderson

- Wrigley Field
 - We have been approached about participating for 2019 Wrigley Learn to Curls once again
 - Volunteer turnout last year was pretty good
 - We volunteered stones, and were reimbursed for stone transportation. Assume same agreement would be put in place.
 - Mike suggested seeing if Wrigley would allow an special event t-shirt that would allow for profit sharing between wrigley and the curling clubs. Perhaps could be brought up at MCA meeting to get backing\support.

- Glen Ellyn Outing
 - Interest in outdoor event for this coming year was lacking
 - A Lot of time spent planning for volunteers, but weather keeps not cooperating and getting cancelled
 - Not formally turned down, but may need additional conversations

- Corporate Outing
 - Currently booked October 3rd
 - Three Sheets, \$1500 already paid
 - Need Volunteers, currently only two
 - Will mention at League Pre meeting
 - Barry and Luiza Hutchings volunteered at board meeting, also Heidi said may be available.
 - Would like to have calendar on website that has links to volunteer opportunities for learn to curls and group outing.

- Request for questions from membership in attendance
 - Covered our 16% (\$100000) equity buyin to CCC
 - Once again discussed, no money until contract signed. Possible membership committee review.
 - Unsure what current timeline looks like for phase 1 readiness. We need to have meeting with CCC to get this info.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:25pm by Jeff Sampson