

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

3/8/2010

7:30 PM

RMU ISLAND SPORTS CENTER HAT TRICK CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Rich Ashford, Andy Banfield, Dan Bliss, Steve Buffington, Amy Hannan, Amanda Marchitelli, Jen Poeschl, Marie Rose, Keith Scott, Brian Stuart, Al Tarkka,
MEMBERS ABSENT	Michelle Crown
OBSERVERS	Paul Hannan, Steve Marchitelli
CALLED TO ORDER	7:30 P.M.

Agenda topics

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
No changes to the previous meeting minutes.		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the full and public versions of the February 2010 Board Meeting minutes: Scott/Buffington – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION		
No additional comments.		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the consent agenda for the March Board meeting: Rose/Marchitelli – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION		
<p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post that there is no April Board meeting due to Annual meeting on March 24, 2010. ○ Posting items as fast as I can – there has been a real onslaught lately. ○ If you need things posted – please give them to me in a semi-ready format. • Small Games of Chance license <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auditors suggested the club purchase a license from the county to be legal to run small games of chance. ○ No limits other than giving out \$500.00 at one time. ○ \$100.00 fee. • Junior Curler of the Year Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the list of junior and youth curlers and listed their participation during the last year. ○ Alex Visnich has been selected as Junior Curler of the Year. ○ Marie to make certificate for presentation during Steelspiel. <p>Brian Stuart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 nominees have been selected to date to fill 4 positions. ○ Additional club members will be considered and asked to be a nominee. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to award Alex Visnich as Junior Curler of the Year: Scott/Ashford – carried unanimously. • Motion to submit application for a Small Games of Chance license from Allegheny County: Poeschl/Bliss – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FINANCIAL**KEITH SCOTT**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club is solvent. • Accounts Payable: \$1,297.46 • Rochester Friendly transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Balance was paid to McCarter Bus Transportation. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to pay invoices: Rose/Marchitelli – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ICE OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT**RICH ASHFORD**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing rock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A yellow rock from Sheet A was removed from the rock cage some time between 2/20/10 and 2/25/10 and has not been located. ○ Rock replacement options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace a single stone. Thompsons: \$250-400 + shipping. Their stock is currently buried in snow and cannot give us a firm price until the snow melts. ▪ Replace a pair of stones –another stone has a significant chip. ▪ Replace entire set with blue Trefor set. \$5800 CDN but can apply a \$100 per stone trade-in credit bringing actual total to \$4300 (PCC has only 15 stones). Shipping estimates for the new set sent to PCC is \$250-\$300. Hold the old set and use the crating from the new set to pack them up and send to the next client. That client would pay shipping. Rich can keep old set at his house or possibly store at the Island. ○ Board decided to see if there was ice time to hold a special Open House or LTC with the idea of funding the entire new set. However, would buy 1 or 2 rocks only if no time available. Concern that running out a purchasing an entire set of stones send the wrong message to past and potential future donors. ○ Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PCC only has liability insurance, not property insurance. • Tropicurl supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fiberline tape ordered for Tropicurl (previously approved). 		

- Equipment
 - Water heater for pebble tank
 - \$228.00 at Home Depot for 10 gallon.
 - No decision made to purchase.
 - Pebble heads
 - Competition set
 - Will be kept separately.
 - \$250.00 CDN
 - Pebble head cleaning kit
 - \$26.00 CDN
 - Sanding jig for stones
 - \$250.00 CDN
 - Will investigate further to see if one can be built.

CONCLUSIONS	
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the purchase of a pebble head cleaning kit for \$26.00 CDN plus shipping costs: Rose/Bliss – carried unanimously. • Motion to approve the purchase of 5 pebble heads for \$250.00 CDN plus shipping costs: Buffington/Tarkka – carried unanimously. |
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

JUNIOR PROGRAM

KEITH SCOTT

DISCUSSION	
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None.

CONCLUSIONS	
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TRAINING

KEITH SCOTT

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCA teaching methods and fundamentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Instructors are not following the USCA standards and basic fundamentals when instructing. ○ An on-ice session is needed with the instructors. ○ CurlTech website has photos and descriptions in line with USCA teaching methods. |
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CONCLUSIONS		
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FUNDRAISING

**DAN BLISS
AMANDA MARCHITELLI**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new activities to report. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting recycling payback fundraiser- getting info for website. Waiting to hear from restaurants on "fun" raiser meals. 	Amanda Marchitelli	Ongoing

OUTREACH

DAN BLISS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02/13/10 Learn-to-Curls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68 attended. 13 spots were donated to Tickets 4 Kids. 'Media Challenge' was canceled due to lack of interest. Olympic Open Houses – 02/20/10 and 02/27/10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 929 people attended our open houses: 368 on 02/20 and 561 on 02/27. Many others turned away due to the length of the line. <i>FANTASTIC</i> job by the many club members that volunteered and kept everyone happy and wanting more, even after a 3+ hour wait. Everyone went above and beyond. Several hundred people signed 'interest' lists for mini leagues, LTCs and pick up games. Mini-Leagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 80 spots (40 Saturday; 40 Sunday) filled. General Olympic Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email requests for the open houses and curling lessons poured in by the hundreds 		

since the first day curling aired during the Olympics. Requests have slowed down somewhat, but there is still a steady stream of questions.

- If we can get more ice time this spring, we should not have a problem filling it.
- 03/12/10 Corporate Learn-to-Curl
 - Small group of 10 from Phillips Respironics.
 - Ice time from 12pm to 3pm.
- Media Notes
 - KDKA did a live feature on the Club promoting our open houses on Pittsburgh Live on February 25th.
 - KDKA also filmed a news segment at the February 27th open house.
 - *Pittsburgh Magazine* will be writing a column on our Club for their May issue. A writer and a videographer will be coming on March 13th for a lesson.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

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PRO SHOP

BRIAN STUART

DISCUSSION

- No sales. Nothing to report.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

- Cost out broom head replacements for club brooms.
 - The Goldline Element 1" handle with fixed head has a club cost of \$36.05 without shipping. The Olson heads are C\$16.46 without shipping.
 - I'm going to check the size of the existing Olson heads (6" or 8") and order one to check it out and see if it'll fit.

Brian Stuart

05/15/2010

LOGO SHOP

MICHELLE CROWN

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olympic Open Houses<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fair amount of merchandise was sold.○ Some of the old inventory (Tropicurl shirts) was cleared out.• The logo cart will be emptied on 3/13/2010. Items will be available for purchase at SteelSpiel.		
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EVENTS

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ March 24○ Need to post to the website.• Steelspiel<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Verify medals Andy, curler of the year – Keith○ Start nagging everyone to sign up○ Music - possibly Paul Hannan?○ Locate land rocks (Leah) and double check Wii system with Steve Burchesky○ Talk to Ian about the fun land spiel and how to run○ Start time 5PM• Rochester<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Double extra nag everybody to sign up○ Need to start assigning foods○ Need to start collecting money although at this late date may collect some on the bus.• Venture outdoors<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 22, 2010○ After last year, the VO group decided we should rent the tent directly from VO - MUCH better situated for the inevitable wind.○ Costs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$35 – Electricity▪ \$60 – Tent▪ \$20 - 2 Tables▪ \$28 - Registration (\$35-20% discount with early registration)▪ \$143 Total○ Lora Kennedy is handling registration.○ Need to get something on the website for the never-ending need for volunteers: note this is a GOOD EVENT for our newest volunteers - they'll have a good time with it.		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropicurl (see Tropicurl section below) 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve \$143.00 for Venture Outdoor expenditures: Rose/Poeschel – carried unanimously. 		
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MEMBERSHIP

**AMY HANNAN
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership 2010-2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggest putting the 2010-2011 registration information on the website ASAP. ○ Returning members' cutoff date: September 4, 2010. ○ Fees will be as followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Returning adult: \$130.00 ▪ New adult (will receive a new slider): \$110.00 ▪ Senior: \$70.00 ▪ Fulltime College Student: \$70.00 ▪ Junior: \$65.00 ▪ Youth: \$45.00 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the 2010-2011 registration fee structure: Poeschl/Bliss – carried unanimously. 		
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SCHEDULING

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League make-up games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As noted last month, we had the Feb 6th league matches to make-up. Email response to my scheduling request was great and I was able to get most games in to a time slot that worked for the majority of team members. Unfortunately, there were a few teams when I had to assign a time when 1 or more teammates said they were unavailable. There was 1 team that had a last minute change of plans causing a forfeit. I think it was the best we could do with relatively short notice. ○ Overall, things worked out OK. • We should discuss the team assignments and instruction for the mini-leagues. 		

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LEAGUES **ANDY BANFIELD**

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • League Playoffs start on 3/6/10. • Ladder League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion has been held to alter the ladder league and how teams move up and down through divisions. Will most likely change next year's league to be setup more like a Soccer Relegation or Golf Flights where only certain top and bottom teams of each division move. Basically, you can only jump one step of the ladder at a time. • Need to begin thinking about changes to accommodate more teams next year if we exceed 120 members. • Need to have a League Coordinator for the Olympic Mini League.

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FACILITIES **ANDY BANFIELD**

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to have a Facilities Meeting to discuss opportunities to capitalize on Open House Successes in early April. • Have not received reports from Financial or Existing Land/Building Departments yet.

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OMBUDSMEN & DOCUMENTS

JEN POESCHL

DISCUSSION		
No report submitted.		
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TROPICURL

ALL

DISCUSSION
<p>Andy Banfield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am struggling with the draw a bit and I think it is just Open House Burnout. The solution is there based on Steve Buffington's and my ideas. It's just a matter of getting there. We will probably have to return to 4 draws on Sunday, but I'm trying to avoid the Vampire Curling if possible. • Right now, I think we will have 7 Events no matter what, so Event Pins can be ordered as such. The only decision is how many years of pins should we get based on price breaks for quantity. <p>Michelle Crown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 77 shirts have been ordered and are currently at the printer. They should be done within the next week or two. ○ Prices will be: \$23 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve. The price for the shirt the club pays went up because the color we needed was not available in the brand we purchased last year, so a different shirt was selected. ○ Based on comments from last year, more short sleeve shirts were ordered than long sleeve. <p>Amy Hannan/Brian Stuart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 teams registered to date. <p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage in house participants to get their registrations in soon. • Marie to contact Parkhurst - hopefully meeting very soon. • We need to replace the missing stone by Tropicurl. • Had a meeting last week - Steve and Andy to work on the draw. • Once the draw is set we can order event pins. • Marie may ask AI to work with Mac on this (if both have time).

- Marie needs to get on the ball and get the food pdf from GFS and start costing. However, on a quick trip to GFS, food prices seem to be holding.
- Jack and Jacqui have found a DJ and are booking - 3 hours 9-12 Saturday night.
- All DVD's were sent although Brian has some to distribute to PCC teams.
- 5-year patch test stitched model was sent to AI who sent it for approval - approved to purchase 200 (from last BOD meeting).
- Some updating of the website has been done.

CONCLUSIONS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANDY BANFIELD

DISCUSSION

- I continue to be amazed at how HARD most of our Club Members work to make this Club the best in the U.S. The work put in by all of the volunteers during the 2 Open Houses was incredible. And except for the random comment, I did not hear ANYONE complain about the wait or the whole experience. I know most people would have liked to throw more rocks, but it was what it was.
- I also continue to be amazed, and frustrated, at how some members will not help with events like this. I understand that for some, curling is a 2 hour event on a Saturday and nothing more. It truly is their loss since they are missing out on a great thing.
- Marie has mentioned that we need to get a list of all the members who helped during the Open Houses and put them on the website. I agree wholeheartedly. Hopefully we can compile that list fairly easy.

CONCLUSIONS

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MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: Poeschl/Bliss – carried unanimously.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. – Hat Trick Club (Annual Meeting will be held on March 24, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.)