

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

2/10/2014

7:30 PM

RMU ISLAND SPORTS CENTER HAT TRICK CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Andy Banfield, Matt Berwick, Dan Bliss, Steve Buffington, Michelle Crown, Amanda Marchitelli, Daphne Roberts, Mark Robinson, Marie Rose
MEMBERS ABSENT	Amy Hannan, Jacki Temple
OBSERVERS	Beth Cubbison, Len Jarabek
CALLED TO ORDER	7:45 P.M.

Agenda topics

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve the full and public versions of the January 2014 Board Meeting minutes: Robinson/Marchitelli – carried unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve the consent agenda for the February 2014 Board meeting: Berwick/Bliss – carried unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
Beth Cubbison:	
Beth thanked President Steve Buffington for all the hard work he has put into the club on a daily basis, stating that the position can be underappreciated, and she appreciates everything he is doing for the club.	

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	
<p>Andy Banfield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayfield Friendly (Steelers vs. Browns) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 2, 2014 ○ Working with Mayfield to get everything organized. <p>Steve Buffington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received answers to questions and will send information to the Board for review. • 2014 USCA Arena National Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Women's Team – 5 people have signed up; can register 5 members with one being the alternate. • Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible dates are April 7 or April 8 – Michelle will contact RMU to reserve. ○ Board members up for re-election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Buffington ▪ Marie Rose ▪ Brian Stuart ▪ Amy Hannan will not be seeking re-election. ○ Nominating Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andy Banfield ▪ Dan Bliss ▪ Amanda Marchitelli ▪ Jacki Temple <p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCA Curling Nationals GNCC Builders Corner Booth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brochure display case has arrived ○ Working with Steve Buffington to produce club-builders-specific brochures for this event. 	

CONCLUSIONS		
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FINANCIAL

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club is solvent. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ICE OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT

JIM MEYER

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

JUNIOR PROGRAM

BRIAN STUART

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TRAINING

MARK ROBINSON

DISCUSSION		
None.		

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FUNDRAISING

AMANDA MARCHITELLI

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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OUTREACH

DAN BLISS

DISCUSSION		
<p>Steve Buffington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highmark/Visit Pittsburgh Event follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letters were sent to Highmark following the event as a follow-up. ○ A club member has a contact at Highmark and Highmark is requesting a formal letter of request for corporate sponsorship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brian Stuart offered to handle this request. ○ Per Dan Bliss: Highmark has returned the wheelie rocks. • Reviewed Olympic Ice & Related Activities sheet. <p>Wheeling Nailers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburgh Penguins minor league team asked if the club could demonstrate curling after one of their games. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall of 2014 would be a better time for the club to handle this request. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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PRO SHOP**BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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LOGO SHOP**JEN POESCHL**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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EVENTS**MARIE ROSE**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steelspiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medals have been ordered ○ Amy Hannan has started compiling lists of eligible Burchesky award winners (Best New Curler) ○ Have begun posting signs for Steelspiel - info and signup ○ Will post Curler of the Year (Jack Stankiewicz stone) very soon - voting during Playoffs • Rochester Bus Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have posted signup sheet. 		
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MEMBERSHIP**AMY HANNAN
MARK ROBINSON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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SCHEDULING**STEVE BUFFINGTON**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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LEAGUES**DAPHNE ROBERTS
JACKI TEMPLE**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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BUILDING COMMITTEE**ANDY BANFIELD
STEVE BUFFINGTON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed outstanding items. 		

CONCLUSIONS		
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OMBUDSMEN

TBD

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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DOCUMENTS

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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TROPICURL

ALL

DISCUSSION		
Submitted by Amy Hannan:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams have been registering for the event. • We will be sending another email blast to the 2013 participants in the next week or so to remind them of the February 28th deadline for holding their spot. 		
Marie Rose:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel contracts are signed. Booking codes and cutoff dates are online. • Amy Hannan has confirmed she will do the BOX Friday event this year. • Daphne Roberts and Len Jarabeck have said they will help with food this year • Hat Trick dates have been discussed with Dave Hanson. • Have posted large posters advertising the event to our club members. 		

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

MICHELLE CROWN

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New contact information cards were created and ordered through the website VistaPrint and should be delivered the week of February 10th. ○ "Help Us Build" cards are being drafted and will be ordered through VistaPrint. These cards will have basic information about donations, sponsorships, and why we want a dedicated facility, along with contact information. 		
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WEBSITE

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION		
<p>Brian Stuart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade web hosting account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to the upcoming Olympics and the possibility of heavy traffic on the club's website, we should upgrade to a regular hosting account with Pair Networks. ○ A 2 year plan for a regular account is \$120.00. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve approximately \$120.00 to upgrade to a regular hosting account with Pair Networks: Stuart/Banfield – carried unanimously. 		
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT**STEVE BUFFINGTON**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
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MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: Crown/Banfield – carried unanimously.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	March 10, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. – Hat Trick Club

EMAIL VOTES**ALL**

DISCUSSION	<p>USCA Arena Nationals Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 2/15/2014, Nick Visnich emailed Steve Buffington questioning Steve's decision to not certify Alexander Visnich to play in the 2014 USCA Arena Nationals. • Steve forwarded the email to the Board to alert the Board of the situation and to ask Treasurer Daphne Roberts of the status of Alexander's membership. Board members were also asked to weigh in on the subject about Alexander's eligibility. • A lengthy discussion (via emails) was had between Board members. • The USCA was also contacted for guidance on this situation. • On 2/21/2014, an email was sent to Board members calling for a motion and subsequent vote to approve Alexander Visnich' s eligibility to curl in the 2014 USCA Arena Nationals. (Detailed email and responses are at the end of the minutes. • On 2/25/2014 Alexander Visnich was notified of the result of the vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An email was sent with attached signed letter and the redacted Board discussions.
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Daphne Roberts to vote on the eligibility of Alexander Visnich to participate as a representative of the Pittsburgh Curling Club at the 2014 USCA Arena National Championships on the following two points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do we consider Alexander Visnich to be a dues-paying member of the Pittsburgh Curling Club for the 2013-14 season, and ○ Do we consider Alexander Visnich to be a league-playing member of the Pittsburgh Curling Club for the 2013-14 season.

- YES Votes: Robinson
- NO Votes: Banfield, Berwick, Bliss, Crown, Hannan, Marchitelli, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Temple
- ABSTAIN Votes: None
- DID NOT VOTE: All Board members voted.
- Motion failed.

In accordance with the Pittsburgh Curling Club bylaws on page 5, which states:

Section 6 – The President

Item #7: The President should not vote on items brought before the Board of Directors unless such a vote is by secret ballot or when needed to break a tie.

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