

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

12/12/2023

7:00

491 McCoy Road

MEMBERS PRESENT	Debbie Spang,, Sean Mizerski, Joe Walton, Leonard Jarabeck, Burt Cubbison, Gerry Kyle, Steve Buffington, Jacki Temple, Rich Palagallo, Allie Devine, Dustin Devine, On Zoom
MEMBERS ABSENT	Erin McManus, Sarah Fissella, Daphne Roberts
OBSERVERS	Michael Gerver, Courtney Gerver
CALLED TO ORDER	7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 2023 minutes were submitted.• Annual meeting minutes are still absent	
CONCLUSIONS		
	Approval of November Minutes: R. Palagallo/G Kyle; carried unanimously	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• none	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

- Dec 2023 (thru 12.11.23)
 - Members: \$110 (recurring)
- YTD: \$38,783
- Marie would like to send a note of appreciation to those who have recurring donations
- Bookkeeper
 - Still looking for a bookkeeper.

CONCLUSIONS

Approval to reimbursement L.Jarabek (\$143.16 for bonspiel bar expenses) and D.Roberts (\$200 piper; \$1238.37 bonspiel bar expenses). G.Kyle/R.Palagallo; carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

- Registration software
 - placeholder
- Rocks donated to Bucks County
 - placeholder
- Status of “opting in” on the USCA individual membership
 - Email sent to club members in November to see if they wanted to opt in for individual membership
 - 52 members are registering with the USCA
 - Members may still be registered for USCA. Let a board member know.
 - Roster sent in to USCA by November 30
 - We are waiting for a invoice from USCA

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

EVENTS COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

BONSPIELS

- Party Spiel
 - 22 teams so far; need to get to 24 teams for the bracket to be effective
 - Steve will look for members to see if we can create another team
- Co-hosting the Dykes with Broomstones
 - Update on interest form - Bob Hogan
 - 67 teams have already pre-registered
 - 32 teams will be selected soon who will play at Broomstones

- Proposed Spring Training Spiel - April
 - no dates yet

- Proposed Wheelchair Spiel - May
 - no dates yet
 - GNCC - did Pittsburgh want to host a wheelchair spiel?
 - combining GNCC with non-GNCC players could cause difficulties
 - Steve will look into this.

- Tropicurl - June 6 - 9, 2024
 - Sign ups will go live at noon on Saturday, January 6, 2024
 - An email needs to go out to all potential teams
 - 40 teams

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

- no committee report

CONCLUSIONS

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

- Property Assessment will decrease from \$1,342,700 to \$733,400 (45% decrease).
 - The school district has a December 22nd deadline to appeal.

- Updated scorecard was shared
 - Need to fill the bonspiels
 - Need to continue with LTC and turn in participants into members

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curling Stone Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ~\$2500 raised for the club. So far 19 of the 20 rocks with handles have been sold. ○ 43 stones without handles remaining ○ 6 handles for the stones on the ice are still not engraved. ● Ideas for activities for members/family only in January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crokinole tournament ○ Hammer and Hog party night ○ Game night challenge ○ Keep the costs low ● Email blast for former members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let's send a blast out about the Winter season and options for joining 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<p>Approval to send out an email blast to past members and the Learn to Curl list to offer the winter & spring sessions at a discounted rate. The Winter session (\$100 base + \$250 for 1 session) will be regular price with a free spring session for 1st time and returning members. G.Kyle/J.Temple; carried unanimously</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out email to past members and LTC participants about upcoming season for a discount	Gerry Kyle	Before January

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scraper blade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still no invoice for reimbursement ● Ceiling Plastic Installation ● Gutters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steve and Rich cleaned the south side gutters. Still need to clean out the North side. ● Toilets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fix 2 leaky toilet valves and reseal the same two toilets before Partyspiel. ● Ice Flood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to do an ice flood before the Partyspiel. ○ Flood and scrape probably January 2 and January 3, 2024 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Volunteers needed to help with flood and scrape		early January

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Liquor License Regs & Club practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminder that PA liquor law prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages without a liquor license or a Special Occasion Permit ○ Learn to Curl offerings for donation are snacks and non-alcohol beverages only. ● Use of Intellectual Property on website of social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern with a meme that was posted on social media ○ The social media team is looking into the situation. ○ Parody/memes can be used if certain rules are followed. ○ Courtney and Michael Gerver were present to answer questions. ● League spares - current practice vs “spares policy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ topic tabled to next meeting ● Membership payment plans and missed payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern that a few members are not making payments on the payment plan ○ Allie Devine is tracking who is making payments ○ Discussion to continue at a later time 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: R.Palagallo/J.Temple ; carried unanimously
NEXT BOARD MEETING	Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm PghCC