

## SCC Spring Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:30pm at Vintage Italian Pizza

### Board Members & Staff Present:

Mike O'Brien (President)	Doug Runnoe (Vice President)	Shevaun Stocker (Secretary)
Tim Bradshaw (Treasurer)	Karen Flesvig	John Gunnon
Ron Bichler	Charlie Johnson	Scott Laven

Prior to the start of the official membership meeting, awards and recognition were presented for each league and club championships.

Meeting called to order at 7:16pm

### Secretary's Report – Shevaun Stocker

- Motion to approve Fall membership meeting minutes (Warren/Lund) – approved unanimously

### Treasurer's Report – Tim Bradshaw

- Projected to finish the year ahead of budget
  - We budgeted a \$14,500 deficit; it's now projected to be about \$5,500 to \$6,500 deficit
  - Deficit largely caused by reinvestment into the club
    - 3 furnaces, 2 dehumidifiers, 1 water heater, parking lot light replacement
  - Junior program/membership saw an increase of \$1625 (+66%) from last year
- The opportunity
  - Non-junior membership dues saw a decrease of \$7,800 from FY 23 (-19%)
  - Non-spiel bar revenue saw a decrease \$3,140 from FY 23 (-19%)
    - Gross profit margin from the bar stayed on target of 60 to 65%
- Sponsorship advertising is recurring revenue (our sponsors stay with us for years)
- Current assets at about \$130,000 (up from \$92,948 in 2018), while also investing over \$100,000 into capital improvements the club over the last 4 years
- Prior to COVID in 2020, we were trending upward in membership; unfortunately, since re-opening the club in 2021, we are seeing a decrease in membership (though junior membership is up)
  - We have some work to do to build membership back up
- We also need to build our bar revenue
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report (Lund/Bergquist) – approved unanimously

### President's Address – Mike O'Brien

- Financials – overall, a successful year though we do have areas to work on
- Thank you's: Chris Warren (to move meeting offsite and include a celebration), the Board (4 of whom are finishing their first year on the Board), Rick Flesvig (all his many years of ice management), Chris Warren (taking over as ice manager)
- Dues have maintained for the last few years (we're less expensive than Duluth; about on-par with Two Harbors, depending on how many nights you curl)
- Dollars for Doers – we increased the compensation for volunteer hours
- First year with the dehumidification system
  - Next Board will need to explore whether we should purchase a third one (the 2 weren't quite enough)
- Club management
  - The driveway is better than it used to be but we still need to continue working on the maintenance of it
- Bylaws are now updated and available on the website
- Lifetime membership policy was developed and now on the website
- Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – we'll be hosting the CANAM Cup of Curling (likely around 1 or 2pm)

- We'll need players and we'll need hosts (Tuesday and Wednesday night; provide lodging, transportation to the Duluth and Superior curling clubs, provide breakfast each morning)
- USA Curling has a Club Council meeting once a month (provides guidance to clubs, listen to concerns from clubs) – we are looking for reps for the SCC to participate in these; reach out to Mike if you're interested
  - Second Wednesday of the month (may be less frequent in the summer)
- We have quorum – thank you, everyone, for attending!

### **Club Manager Report – Scott Laven**

- Furnaces & dehumidifiers – cut down the run-time on the furnace by about 70% (and the clubhouse is warmer than it used to be)
- Some of the investments in the last 5 years include a new water heater, new lights in the ice area, new compressor, new mechanicals, new parking lot lights
- Made a deal with Daniel Litchke to keep putting more gravel out in the parking lot; maybe one day we'll have the funds to pave it
- Roof is going to need replacing (likely in the next 5 to 7 years); working on getting estimates this summer
  - Was probably last done in 1989
  - May be able to use volunteer assistance from the league?

### **Sponsorship Report**

- Joe does a great job – thanks, Joe!
- Let's all try to support our sponsors, to thank them for their sponsorship

### **Lifetime Membership Nominations and Voting – Doug Runnoe**

- We haven't had a Lifetime Membership nomination and vote for approximately 20 years; this occurs for very few and select members
- Doug reviewed the criteria for eligibility, both for nomination and for being brought to a vote
- We have two nominees – this is not an either/or vote (you can vote for neither, one or the other, or both)
- Doug reviewed the extensive nomination highlights for both candidates
- Instructions were provided for voting and were collected
- Jim Bradshaw was successfully elected as a Lifetime Member; unfortunately, Jim was out of town and not able to personally accept this award
- Lorraine Lisdahl was successfully elected as a Lifetime Member; Lorraine was very moved by the award

### **Board Member Elections – Mike O'Brien**

- 3 board positions are expiring (Karen, John, and Doug)
- We have 3 nominations for the positions (no nominations came in from the room)
  - Joe Martin
  - Greg Heinbach
  - Doug Runnoe
- Motion to approve the three nominees (J Papineau/Bergquist) – approved unanimously by voice vote

### **Open**

- John Gunnon: Unofficial start of the 2024 Superior Curling Club season is Sept 21<sup>st</sup> for the golf scramble at Pattison Park
- Kim Lund: Thank you to the Board, Ice Crew, Commissioners, Volunteers at bonspiels and other events – thank you for the passion and the drive to make this club work!
- Scott Laven: Thank you to Rick Flesvig for all the years of ice management!
- Toni Britton: SCC has a great reputation as a friendly and well-run club and SCC members are great representatives of the club as they go out to bonspiels! Keep it up!

- Todd Malpass: Congrats to Brian Bergquist on having to announce your own victory (and for great curling)!
- Karen Flesvig: Might be fun to keep track of how many bonspiels club members go to over the course of a season?
  - Maybe a giant map with pushpins where folks could tag the locations of the spiels they go to?

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm (Lund/Gunnon).