

Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2024

6:00pm SCC

Board Members & Staff Present:

Mike O'Brien (President)

Tim Bradshaw (Treasurer)

Ron Bichler

Doug Runnoe (Vice President)

Charlie Johnson

Joe Martin

Greg Heinbuch

Absent: Shevaun Stocker, Scott Laven

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Welcome – Mike O'Brien

Secretary's Report – Kim Lund (sitting in for Shevaun Stocker)

Motion to approve spring membership meeting minutes (Jim/Greg) – Since minutes were not sent out to general membership, vote to approve was postponed until next spring.

Minutes from spring meeting will be emailed out to members per Mike O.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Bradshaw

\$6600 dollar loss –3 furnaces, hot-water heater, dehumidifier.

This years' budget available for viewing on the tables – we budgeted to break even. Optimistic that revenues from dues will be higher than noted in report.

Adding 1 more dehumidifier coming in November.

Renewing CD's for up to 5% for 7 months – better than what we are earning now.

Tim is optimistic about this years' revenue.

Motion made to approve budget – (Dave/Chris) - passed unanimously

Club Manager Report – Scott Laven (not here) Mike read his notes:

3rd dehumidifier on order

Dec 7th – 2 large groups coming in for rental. Volunteers will be needed. Vision Optical during the afternoon (60 people) and Air National Guard – PM.

President's Address – Mike O'Brien

Loraine Lisdahl and Jim Bradshaw were awarded life time membership last year. They will be awarded this season officially on a night they curl. It has been 20 years since the last person nominated/awarded.

Golf outing was cancelled – not enough participation. Needed to be advertised sooner – not one week before.

Process for life time membership nomination changed a bit; that information is available on our website.

Wednesday, November 6th – we'll be hosting the CANAM Cup - Curling 2:00 pm – followed by dinner at the club. 5 teams of Canadians touring the Midwest. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois.

We need 16 curlers and we currently have 5. Men and women welcome.

Volunteers will be needed for the serving dinner.

Reminder about USCA dues – regular club member will have to pay that separately ~\$25. That membership doesn't give you much but does cover some medical insurance that is not covered under your regular insurance. GO to USA Curling website.

Financials – dues are still the same – doing our best to hold dues as they are. All dependent on membership next year.

Dollars for does program enhanced over last year. Was \$25.00 for 10 hours, now \$25 for 4 hours.

Ice in activity – schedule will be sent out: dates to note -

- 10/19 – 3 pm - laying paper
- 10/26 – 9 pm - lines and circles
- 10/31 – 5 pm - scraping and pebbling

New head ice-maker – Chris Warren. Thankyou

We are looking for 2 people from each league night to take care of the ice. Club will train. \$300 payment; no late game for those folks. Looking good for all league nights per Chris.

Will still have folks come in before games to assist with ice prep.

League commissioners:

- Monday – Mike O. Looking for 12 teams – currently have 11
- Tuesday – Mick Stein – no info
- Wednesday – Dave Podratz – looking good – getting information together for team numbers.
- Thursday – Dale Olson - 11 returning teams
- Friday – Mona O. Doubles, will have similar schedule as last year with a focus on using Wednesday night for makeup games.
- Sunday – Kat – “beginners” everyone welcome and we are looking for experienced curlers to teach skills

Bonspiels:

- Sommerville CF – 11/15 – 17 (John Bradshaw) 10 teams currently signed up.
- Mulligan – 1/17 – 19 (Michelle and Jim Lehto) 10 teams signed up. Capped at 24 mixed – looking for teams or group to take on a meal during this weekend.
- Junior spiel 2/7 – 9 (Doug R) hoping to get some competitive teams in
- 5 and under - 2/21 – 22 (Mike O)
- Northwest - 3/7 – 9 (Ron and Jeff) registration not open yet.

Advertising Report – Joe Kubala (not here) Mike read his notes

This point a loss of 2 sponsors. \$6500 net. 4 new sponsors. Chris suggested we do something for Joe to show our appreciation.

Triples League – Greg Gullicksrud

We have 7 folks, we need 1 more – and experienced curlers – Tuesday at 3:30.

December 14th spiel. Greg will be communicating more on that event. We need 16 curlers from our club.

Open

- Dave Podratz – where are we at with new rocks? 3 to 5 years out board decision.
- Karen F – should we set up fund raising for the purchasing of rocks? Lets look ahead to do so. Tim B said we do have a plan in place for that happening.
Chris W – concerned about membership. We seem to be losing membership. What is the plan to get people here? We need to get advertising out there to get folks here. Facebook – our website – What about advertising in the local newspapers. More media outreach. Community Ed. – learn to curl. Rick F

– let's have a sponsor's night – invite our sponsors in to learn to curl. Donald – new member – suggested a “new curler night”. Advertise that as well. Mike said UWS is working on a media campaign to get this plan going.

- Scott Laven takes care of the web page – that needs to be updated now. Old data out there.
- Club policy is \$10 for a noncurler if they want to come and curl. Waiver needs to be signed and they can attached \$10 to the waiver and put that in the till. SCC member can pay the \$10 or if we don't get the \$10, no big deal. Jane B. suggested we have a solid plan - \$10 charged and payed for whomever comes in to try curling.
- Follow up with a “thank you” for those that come to the club and learn to curl. We will have their email address off the signed waiver.
- We need to look for a cleaning person. Scott should not have to do that along with the manager job. Jim S. has someone that is available to do so. Mike will talk to Scott to see if he wants to give it up. Comments made as to the club not being clean.
- Jane B suggested as an option for SCC members to pay more in dues if they are not interested in volunteering. Kim L. thought that was a great idea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm (Mona – Sue)

Kim Lund – sitting is as secretary