

SCC Board Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024 (6pm)

Present: Mike O'Brien (President) Doug Runnoe (Vice President)
Shevaun Stocker (Secretary) Karen Flesvig
Ron Bichler Tim Bradshaw

Absent: Scott Laven, John Gunnon, Charles Johnson

Guest: Greg Gullicksrud

Called to order at 6:15 pm.

Secretary Report - Shevaun

- **Motion to approve December board meeting minutes** (Runnoe/O'Brien) - approved

Treasurer Report - Tim

- \$37k in checking account, plus \$105k in CDs
- Scott and Tim will meet at National Bank of Commerce this week to open another CD (5% rate) – will probably be \$20k
 - May end some of the 2.7% CDs early to put into these 5% CDs
- Budget updated through Dec. 31, 2023; YTD, we're sitting at a \$27k net surplus
 - Dues income had to be adjusted downward (to \$33k, from \$40k in previous years)
 - Dragon boat brought in \$1k (thanks to Doug and Susan!)
 - We should be able to cut the check to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation soon, from the CF spiel revenue
- We should be careful in making any improvements to the club or ad hoc major purchases, since we will have less dues income than usual
- For the NW bonspiel, we historically allow the Canadian teams to pay on par, which means we lose several hundred dollars; should consider whether we want to continue this practice
- Budget audit committee should have their work done in the next few weeks
 - Question was raised as to whether the membership of the audit committee allows for board members to be on the committee
- Question on the budget spreadsheet – for row 126, is that supposed to be 'bar re-sell'? Yes (Tim will get this re-named in Quickbooks)
- Question – do we have enough electric/utility bills to see if the furnace replacement/humidifiers have led to a reduced cost? Tim – not yet; we should keep an eye on it and if we're not seeing a reduction, we need to reach out to the fair board
 - Discussion about whether we have the right power meter set-up for our needs/usage; Mike may follow-up with Rick & Scott about whether revisiting this is useful
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report** (O'Brien/Stocker) – approved unanimously

Triples League – Greg Gullicksrud

- See flier for details
 - Starting January 23rd, pick-up games on Tuesdays are an option in this Triples League (at either 3:30pm and 8:15pm)
 - Folks can sign-up as a team of three or as individuals
- Twin Ports Triples Challenge on Saturday, Feb. 24th – see flier for details
 - A one-day four-draw event (need a total of 8 teams)

- We need to identify who will play in the challenge (teams of either 3 or 4 curlers so we'll need 12 to 16 players)
 - The commissioners of Mon, Tues and Wed leagues would organize the teams
- Duluth and Two Harbors clubs will need to organize their teams
 - Alternatively, could just create an option for folks to sign up online and take the first X number of curlers from each club
- Registration needs to be figured out – online?
- Still need to identify food plan (and arrange bartender), player recruitment/communication plan, volunteers (kitchen/bartender/ice), ice prep for the day (Greg is trained to pebble; would need someone from the ice crew who can do more extensive ice prep)
 - Plan to charge each player the cost for food; the board encourages a price that ensures the club doesn't lose money (maybe \$20 per player? Maybe more?)

January Learn to Curl - Shevaun

- Two dates: Sunday, Jan. 28th at 3pm and Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 7:30pm
- Flier is done; will go out to membership via email and posted to FB for members to share
- Sent out to news websites, school
- Need to recruit instructors
- Shevaun – ask Joe to send to sponsors to have them share it with their employees
- Future membership recruitment idea – get a contact at Superior city hall to try to advertise the club with city employees

Dollars for Doers - Shevaun

- Needing to notify membership about change in amounts (Scott – can this get sent to membership?)
- Tracking ideas – Shevaun and Scott will converse this week about this

Lifetime Membership - Doug

- Doug is putting together a committee (Brian feels like it would be a conflict of interest if he's on the committee, since he was involved in the nomination of all three nominees)
- Doug is working on getting additional information on each of the nominees, to make their applications as complete as possible

Bonspiel and event updates

- NW (Ron) – currently there are 13 teams signed-up; Irv, Jeff and Ron will meet on Sunday after the Mulligan to check on any concerns (Ron needs to check with Doug about whether the wooden rocks are on track to being done)
- 5 & Under (Mike) – everything is looking good (full; extra teams are on a waiting list)
- Pharmacy (Doug) – he's arranged a bartender, is working on getting instructors (aiming for 8, could probably do it with 4 to 6), has discussed ice with Rick
- Mulligan

Lake Superior Ice Festival - Mike

- The City will decide by Tuesday of this upcoming week whether events can happen on the ice; for many activities, there is space on land to do them there – unfortunately, curling isn't one of them

USCA Club Council Meeting (Jan. 10th) Update – Mike

- Training for Level 1 and Level 2 instruction – USCA said to reach out to Lauren at USCA to coordinate the training we need
- Insurance – it looks like we can save some money on our liability insurance (USCA has a \$3million liability insurance policy that is bigger than what we’re currently paying for; has a \$1k deductible)
 - It’s automatic as long as we’re USCA club members
 - If an individual player is a USCA member, it provides some medical insurance
- Info about Junior curling – there is information on the USCA website that may be helpful; Mike shared this with Doug
- Mike’s take-away- the USCA website has a content platform that may have useful information for us

Ice Manager – potential replacement

- Mike and Scott have been approached by the Duluth club about doing a combined ice crew
 - Superior would provide a person for each night from the Superior club who would handle the nightly prep; Duluth could provide the overall management
- Mike has discussed the ice manager position with Chris Warren and hasn’t gotten much interest from Chris
- Mike will discuss with Rick what Rick’s ideas are for moving forward with this position
- It may be time to put an Ice Management Committee together to:
 - Create list/description of tasks, by time of year
 - Brainstorm ice maintenance models
 - Brainstorm members who could be asked to take on ice prep roles (for whichever model we end up going with)

Open (if time allows)

- Volunteer sign-ups for bonspiels: Karen asked whether the timeslots could be organized differently? Mike explained that the bonspiel chair sets the volunteer slots so reaching out to individual bonspiel chairs to discuss the organization of those would be needed

Review assignments

- Budget: Tim and Scott to manage CD’s through NBC; write check to CF Foundation
- Learn to Curl: Scott to send flier to membership and post on FB; Shevaun to arrange instructors and finish sharing flier with community partners (and have Joe send to sponsors)
- Dollars for Doers: Need to send new incentive plan to membership; Shevaun and Scott to discuss tracking plan
- Lifetime Membership: Doug to lead committee and finish generating content for applicants
- Ice manager: Mike to meet with Rick, put ice management committee together

Set next meeting date/time

- Sunday, February 25th at 6:30pm at SCC

Motion to adjourn (Runnoe/Fleisvig) at 8:01pm.