

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

7/11/2011

7:30 PM

RMU ISLAND SPORTS CENTER HAT TRICK CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Dan Bliss, Steve Buffington, Michelle Crown, Amy Hannan (via phone), Daphne Roberts, Marie Rose, Brian Stuart,
MEMBERS ABSENT	Rich Ashford, Andy Banfield, Amanda Marchitelli, Jen Poeschl, Jacki Temple
OBSERVERS	Len Jarabeck, Alex Visnich, Nick Visnich
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 June 2011 Board Meeting minutes: Stuart/Rose – 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 July Board meeting: Bliss/Crown – carried unanimously. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION		
	None.	
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION		
<p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding email vote to purchase insurance to cover the stones for the Penguins Learn to Curl session at CONSOL Energy Center on July 12, 2011. (See Email Votes section.) • Daphne also received a 2nd quote which was comparable to the quote that was voted on. • No word from the USCA. • Additional insurance can be purchased for all other equipment. <p>Pittsburgh Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburgh Day of Giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Pittsburgh Foundation is an organization where charitable organizations can post a page on their website to solicit donations. For one day in October, anyone who donates through their website, the donation will be matched or a percentage. ○ Brian Stuart has volunteered to post a PCC page on the Pittsburgh Foundation's website. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FINANCIAL

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club is solvent. ○ Accounts Payable: \$13,009.74 • 2011-2012 Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion tabled. • PCC Investment Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion tabled. 		

CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to pay invoices: Crown/Bliss – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ICE OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT

RICH ASHFORD

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

JUNIOR PROGRAM

TBD

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TRAINING

TBD

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FUNDRAISING

AMANDA MARCHITELLI

DISCUSSION		
None.		

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

OUTREACH

DAN BLISS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to Curl session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 12, 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One hour LTC session for the Penguins Front Office and their families at the Consol Energy Center. ▪ 20 or more PCC volunteers signed up to help. ▪ 50 to 150 people for the session. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

PRO SHOP

BRIAN STUART

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

LOGO SHOP

JEN POESCHL

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

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EVENTS

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consol Energy Center – exciting opportunity for the PCC to make friends with the Pens. It's taking quite an effort so hopefully it will all work out well. • Four clubs Friendly – It's full. Nice job Dan. • M&M spiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moch and Marie spiel – exploring a friendly with Chesapeake on OUR ICE- in the early fall. One day. Chesapeake doesn't get their ice until Nov/Dec. Not sure if this will work or not – just thinking about it. ○ Likely very early during regular league play – maybe welcome back night. • Instructor Level I clinic – we'd like to make this happen. Would like to work with Steve and Dan to see what we can get (and what we need) ice-wise.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBERSHIP

**AMY HANNAN
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registration form for the 2011-2012 season is almost completed and we will use the same waivers. The draft for the website page is also in the works and will be completed soon so that members and interested curlers can begin registration. • Will also be sending out an email to all membership with the registration form and waiver.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

SCHEDULING

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative ice use during the 2011-2012 season<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome Back Night<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Possible Learn to Curl▪ Possible instructor's clinic○ Chesapeake Friendly<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One night▪ Early stages of discussion▪ Simple event• Ice schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2nd week (1st league night) – October 8, 2011<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Get the ice at 6pm▪ Possibility of 6-end games○ First two weeks of schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Must be off the ice by 12:50 A.M.▪ Rest of season is 1:05 A.M.○ No makeup night during the 1st rotation.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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LEAGUES

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2011-2012 ice schedule has been finalized with RMU.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FACILITIES

ANDY BANFIELD

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

OMBUDSMEN

JEN POESCHL

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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DOCUMENTS

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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TROPICURL

ALL

DISCUSSION		
<p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonspiel – full • Stomachs – full • Marie’s garage – full • Betcha next year’s spiel – full!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication and teamwork with both Dave Hanson and Scott Baldwin. • Volunteers – <i>really</i> great. Lots of pitching in to do any number of things on the fly – really helping out when the core group was getting tired/injured. THANK YOU. • Hotel – I asked people how everything was – no one had any issues with the Holiday Inn. One curler said they were able to book HI at \$50 through Priceline. Others used the Fairfield and commented that it was very quiet and great for those who wanted to sleep. 		

- Registration – went very smoothly. Thanks for keeping the waivers under the Chinese auction table – we had a late arrival and I was actually able to find the waivers and get him signed in!
- Piper – super – Owen Kilbane will return next year.
- Food
 - Cheesefest – amazing – and our guests were **TAKING PICTURES**.
 - Snacks – very good as always – looked like better purchasing estimates.
 - Parkhurst – generally very good service. Lunch was AMPLE to say the least. I think the lunch option is a good one.
 - Other meals – good – volunteer effort was excellent and made it all much much easier. One small stat: They ate 80 lbs of MEAT Saturday night. So much for the vegetarians. May need to purchase additional chafing dishes for next year if Jack Hoffman doesn't curl. AND – UNDER budget.
- Water – this is an area for improvement – will look into food grade outdoor hose/nozzle for next year.
- UStream – all I heard were compliments – families watching from all over the US. GREAT job James Mills and team.
- Website – many thanks to Brian Stuart for significant help.
- Fun and games: mini golf coupons used lots. Cards and dice used. Will assess whether signposts should continue or not – change to another type of competition?. The BOX – still loved by all. DJ – seems good – we should consider booking right away as soon as we have the dates.
- Post Tropicurl party?? (we could hold it at my house IF – you eat all the leftover ketsup and sugar, AND you inventory all the leftover disposable items AND you wash the roasters).

CONCLUSIONS

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

MICHELLE CROWN

DISCUSSION
None.
CONCLUSIONS

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WEBSITE

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION		
None.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Tropicurl. That applies to board members, to the general membership and to former members who helped out too. Tropicurl is our primary fundraising event each year and every dollar of profit we make gets us that much closer to building our own club. We could not hold this event without the number of volunteers we get each year. • This year we had several games broadcast "live" via u-stream. By all reports, that was a tremendous success. Preliminary viewership numbers are about 2000 viewers and over 450 viewer hours. Thanks to James Mills and his team for their efforts. The matches are archived, so check them out when you get a chance. • As many of you know, we had some issues with the ice starting with the draws Thursday night and continuing thru Friday evening. Basically, the floor temperature wasn't cold enough to fully freeze the thickness of water we laid down Wednesday to level the ice. In addition, the carbon monoxide detectors reached their setpoint and cycled a building's worth of outside air into the arena. We worked with the RMU staff to correct the problems and our Saturday and Sunday ice was very good. The key point here is that we've learned a few things for next year. • I have the RMU ISC contract for the 2011 – 2012 season. The ice times I reported last month are confirmed. Our Finical agreement remains the same as last year. Unless anyone has comments, I will sign the contract and return it this week. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: Roberts/Crown – carried unanimously.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	August 8, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. – Hat Trick Club

EMAIL VOTES

ALL

DISCUSSION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 06-22-2011<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Email sent to Board Members by Dan Bliss to vote on the approval of payment to the Cleveland Skating Curling Club for the Four Club Friendly on July 16, 2011. • 07-08-2011<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Email sent to Board Members by Dan Bliss to vote on two motions for the Penguins Learn to Curl session at Consol Energy Center on July 12, 2011:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1st motion: Motion to purchase insurance for PCC stones.▪ 2nd motion: Motion to approve payment for the truck rental, moving pads, and gas to transport equipment. • 07-20-2011<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Email sent to Board Members by Dan Bliss to vote on waiving the fee per curler for the Push America Learn to Curl session on August 7, 2011.
CONCLUSIONS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve payment to Cleveland Skating Club for the Four Club Friendly on July 16, 2011 (payment not to exceed \$375.00 [5 teams @ \$75.00/team]): Bliss<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ YES votes: Banfield, Bliss, Crown, Hannan, Marchitelli, Poeschl, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Temple○ NO votes: None○ ABSTAIN votes: None○ DID NOT VOTE: Ashford○ Motion carried. • Motions for the Penguins Learn to Curl session at Consol Energy Center:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to purchase stone insurance for \$1,117.64: Bliss<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ YES votes: Bliss, Crown, Hannan, Marchitelli, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Temple▪ NO votes: None▪ ABSTAIN votes: None▪ DID NOT VOTE: Ashford, Banfield, Poeschl▪ Motion carried. ○ Motion to approve payment of \$120.00 for the cost of a rental truck, moving pads, and gas to transport equipment to the Consol Energy Center for the Penguins Learn to Curl session on July 12, 2011: Bliss<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ YES votes: Bliss, Crown, Hannan, Marchitelli, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Temple▪ NO votes: None▪ ABSTAIN votes: None▪ DID NOT VOTE: Ashford, Banfield, Poeschl▪ Motion carried. • Motion to waive the individual curler fee for the Push America Learn to Curl session on August 7, 2011: Bliss<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion was tabled on July 31, 2011.

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