

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

6/10/2013

7:30 PM

RMU ISLAND SPORTS CENTER HAT TRICK CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Matt Berwick, Dan Bliss (via phone), Steve Buffington, Amy Hannan, Amanda Marchitelli, Daphne Roberts, Mark Robinson, Marie Rose, Brian Stuart, Jacki Temple
MEMBERS ABSENT	Andy Banfield
OBSERVERS	Len Jarabek, Neill Turner
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 May 2013 Board Meeting minutes: Temple/Robinson – 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 June 2013 Board meeting: Temple/Robinson – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropicurl Practice Ice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 22, 2012 ○ Not many people signed up to play. ○ The Learn to Curl session from 6/15 will cover the cost for this ice. ○ Another email to members will be sent out as a reminder. ○ Several non-PCC members who are Tropicurl participants may want to practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-PCC members will have to join a Social Member and Board approved to attend the practice session. • Board of Directors Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quotes were obtained and the premium cost depends on options and how much the Board wants to be covered. ○ More research is needed. ○ Quotes will be sent to the Board. • GNCC Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board members were sent the report from the club's proxy (Triangle Curling Club). ○ Dues and insurance rates are going up \$1.00 per curler. • Small Games of Chance License <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the updated addendum with RMU and they agreed the principle place of business for the club is at RMU. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve social members to participate at the Tropicurl practice ice session on June 22, 2013, as long as the social member fee and ice fee are paid, and without taking ice time away from PCC members: Temple/Crown – carried unanimously. Curler social fee + ice fee 		
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: \$7,680.00 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to pay invoices: Rose/Marchitelli – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

ICE OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT**JIM MEYER**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

JUNIOR PROGRAM**BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TRAINING**MARK ROBINSON**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

FUNDRAISING

AMANDA MARCHITELLI

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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OUTREACH

DAN BLISS

DISCUSSION		
June 15th Learn-to-Curl		
<p>We are in good shape for the Learn to Curl class on Saturday, June 15th. We will have a full class with 50 people and have a good group of instructors. I'll also be doing a brief 'How to Instruct' class beforehand.</p>		
Other Summer Ice		
<p>I got a list of some summer ice from Dave recently, but it only ran through the first couple of days of August. There wasn't much available that would work time wise for a Learn to Curl except for some days around Tropicurl or other spiels when a bunch of people will be out of town. He said he would have the rest of August done soon. I'd like to shoot for some time in mid to late August for the next classes.</p>		
2014 Olympics		
<p>The Olympics are coming up soon and I'd like to discuss our plans in more detail at the next board meeting (after Tropicurl is out of the way). We had a fantastic turn out last time and things went about as well as they could have. I don't think we need to change our approach too much, but we can be better prepared for it.</p>		
<p>With our limited ice time on Saturdays, I think that we should aim for Sundays for our Olympic events. Hopefully, we can get some blocks of time if we ask Dave early enough. February 16th and 23rd would be ideal (these are during curling and just after the gold medal games).</p>		
<p>I think that we should follow up with some Learn to Curl classes and mini-leagues in March or April. People should be able to sign up for these on the spot at the open house (they'd likely fill up with we advertised them ahead of time and we want to have a hook for people that come to the open houses).</p>		
<p>It also may be a good idea to give people that sign up for the post Olympic L2Cs and mini- leagues some sort of a hook to get them into the new building. Maybe a coupon for half off a class at the new place or a free class if they bring a paying friend.</p>		

We'll have to sort a lot of this out once we have ice times. With the amount of people we had last time, we should be able to afford to buy some at a higher price if needed and still make a good deal of money.

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

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

EVENTS

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION

- Adams Township Community Day
 - Have not yet received our official invitation. Called the parks office and they confirmed they haven't sent them yet. We would be able to sell items as a fundraiser – including popcorn if we choose. Details to be worked out later in the summer.

CONCLUSIONS

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MEMBERSHIP

**AMY HANNAN
MARK ROBINSON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013-2014 Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be sending out membership blast shortly after Tropicurl. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

SCHEDULING

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

LEAGUES

**DAPHNE ROBERTS
JACKI TEMPLE**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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BUILDING COMMITTEE

**ANDY BANFIELD
STEVE BUFFINGTON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION
<p>Andy Banfield:</p> <p>The plans, reports, application, and fees have been submitted to Adams Township for approval. We have requested a 30 day delay in review as I will not be able to attend the July Planning Commission Meeting. We will be on the August agenda and I fully expect to have a lot of questions to answer as this is not the typical site development application. Also, with the work load I have had recently, there may be some things missing from this submittal. Basically, if we get a large review letter with lots of comments, do not panic. It becomes a checklist of items that we know we have to address and we will do so.</p> <p>Brian & Steve continue to work with the construction manager and a letter of intent will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squeeze Rocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed shipping rocks to donators • Darwin Curtis Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application is due on 6/14/2013 ○ Might be worthwhile to pursue again • Ready to go to corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finishing touches are being made on the business plan and the cash flow spreadsheet. ○ Leave-behind in good shape

CONCLUSIONS

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OMBUDSMEN

TBD

DISCUSSION
CONCLUSIONS

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DOCUMENTS

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
CONCLUSIONS		
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TROPICURL

ALL

DISCUSSION
<p>Steve Buffington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers – still waiting to hear back from a few people <p>Amy Hannan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had another team drop out on June 5th, but was able to replace that team with a team on the wait list. We need to send a refund check to the dropped out team. The team qualifies since they dropped out before June 15th and we were able to fill the spot. • TBDs or questionable teammates have been filled in except one. Still waiting to hear from that one team. • Sending Al Tarkka the current list of teammates playing so he can determine who qualifies for the 5 year patches. <p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave has indicated they may close the facility for the entire weekend and do some floor repairs inside over the weekend. • On site fundraising - there have been several ideas for fundraising during Tropicurl. These include a treasure chest where people can donate money. Those asking for a tax receipt can get one. We'll have these in an envelope at the glass. Neill is taking the lead on this – he has a nice poster to have with the treasure chest. • We have squeezie rocks available also Jen has indicated that since they're not a logo shop item she'd prefer the fundraising committee deal with selling them. We'll need to see if those people selling auction tickets will be willing to handle this.

- Tax receipts need to be signed by a board member. A record of tax receipts needs to be kept. We'll ask Daphne for details on this. Anyone can bring the receipts to Marie for a signature. Tax receipts will be given to Matt to put in each goodie bag.
- Press during the event – the fundraising committee has indicated they'd like to invite local press so a story appears in the paper – fundraising must have PCC people with them while they're in the building. Dave has indicated he would rather people are not wandering throughout the building.
- Games – Matt – we'll do a sidewalk chalk picture contest – judged by Matt. The only caveat is that all chalk must be removed by the time we're out on Sunday night. Matt will need to bring additional hoses to reach the far ends of the concrete slab.
- Food – going well. A meeting is scheduled with Marie, Amanda and Amy immediately prior to the board meeting to go over some of the gluten free issues as well as talk about the menu in general. Marie will begin soliciting coolers and roasters shortly. Need to test the water and electricity outside.
- Registration had a miscommunication with a potential returning team where their check was never received. Brian and Amy can bring us up to date on that. Pay Pal will solve this next year.
- Ice crew working to get nipper from Andy who will not be at Tropicurl this year. Andy also has 5 year patches.

CONCLUSIONS		

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

MICHELLE CROWN

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

WEBSITE

MARIE ROSE

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

STEVE BUFFINGTON

DISCUSSION		
<p>As many of you know, Pittsburgh has two teams entered in the Arena National tournament to be held in August. Through a series of events and miscommunication, we believed that this tournament allowed the participation of curlers who use a delivery device or "stick". On June 3rd it came to our attention that the USCA had decided to exclude that class of curler from this event, as they do for all national level events. That decision had apparently been made in December.</p> <p>This is a complex issue, but the very short version is that I had asked the USCA to clarify the eligibility rules in January and again in February. They did not provide a direct answer to me, however they did post a short set of rules titled "Arena Curling Championship Event Rules". Since those rules have a one line statement about eligibility, I assumed that my question had been answered. I did not follow-up by continuing to press the USCA for a direct answer.</p> <p>Despite numerous appeals from me, the USCA is sticking by their original decision to exclude stick curlers. As I write this, the curler and team have not made their decision as to how to proceed known to me. I'm including this as a consent agenda item primarily to inform you about the events. I think we can defer discussing this until following the meeting. If a board member feels that the discussion needs to "on the record" please let me know.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS		
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MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: Temple/Berwick – carried unanimously.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	July 15, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. – Hat Trick Club

EMAIL VOTES

ALL

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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