

Pittsburgh Curling Club Board Meeting Minutes

3/10/2014

7:30 PM

RMU ISLAND SPORTS CENTER HAT TRICK CLUB

MEMBERS PRESENT	Andy Banfield, Matt Berwick, Dan Bliss, Steve Buffington, Michelle Crown, Amanda Marchitelli, Daphne Roberts, Mark Robinson, Marie Rose, Brian Stuart, Jacki Temple
MEMBERS ABSENT	Amy Hannan
OBSERVERS	Beth Cubbison
CALLED TO ORDER	7:32 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 February 2014 Board Meeting minutes: Rose/Robinson – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correction to the Outreach report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Events Section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change "430 paid" to "430 attended". 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the consent agenda as corrected for the March 2014 Board meeting: Bliss/Marchitelli – carried unanimously. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
None.	

CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION
<p>Matt Berwick:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming a designated Paralympic Sports Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This club is a collaborative organization that offers sports for people with disabilities. ○ Other designated Paralympic Sports Clubs include: HOPE Network, 3 Rivers Deck Club, and 3 Rivers Adoptive Rowing) ○ Free to apply. ○ Board agreed this is a worthwhile interest. Matt will complete application. <p>Steve Buffington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting is set for April 8, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Hat Trick Club. ○ Nominating Committee is working on list of nominees. ○ There will be no regular Board Meeting in April. • Board of Directors Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information was sent out to Board Members. ○ Topic will be tabled until the next meeting. ○ Board Members are to review and make a decision. • USCA Arena National Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reimbursement was sent to Alexander Visnich due to ineligibility. ○ The women’s and men’s team are pre-registered. If accepted, the USCA must be notified of the names and positions for each player. • Event Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table this discussion until after the Annual Meeting. ○ Look to improve the steps and determine policies. • GNCC Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting will be held May 16-18, 2014 in Norwalk, CT. • GNCC Vote on USCA Bylaws Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email was sent to all Board members to review changes. ○ Board decided to vote “YES” to the changes. ○ Michelle Crown will send the response by 3/21/2014 to the GNCC.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steve will contact the Pittsburgh Penguins and ask them to send a letter to all those who attended the Learn to Curl Session. The letter will thank them for their attendance and remind them of our goals and funding gap. ○ Put interest groups contact information into a database for future reference. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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FINANCIAL

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club is solvent. ○ Accounts Payable: \$1,779.76 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to pay invoices: Banfield/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		
<p>Gigantic thanks to everyone that has helped out with our Olympic events and the Consol Energy Center with the Penguins. It was an enormous amount of work in a short period of time and everyone did a great job to make it happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympic Events So Far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our classes to date have all basically sold out. ○ Totals as of 03/09/14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saturday, February 15th - 49 paid, 43 attended ▪ Sunday, February 16th - 357 paid, 345 attended ▪ Saturday, March 1st - 43 paid, 35 attended ▪ Saturday, March 8th - 7 paid, 7 attended ▪ Total - 456 paid, 430 attended ○ We probably could have fit more people in with truly open houses, but I think the prebooking made it manageable. 		

- Saturday, March 15th - Olympic Experience
 - The last of our Olympic events is filling pretty well, although the interest seems to be down a bit now that the Olympics are over. We have classes at 9:45pm, 10:15pm, 10:45pm, 11:15pm, 11:45pm, 12:15am and 12:45am.
 - We're full or close to full up until 11:15pm. Everything after that is proving to be a little too late for people. 11:45pm and 12:15am have a few people and no one booked 12:45am. I'm cutting the 12:45am class unless there is a sudden upkick in interest.
 - We should have around 200-300 people.
- Waiting List
 - We've had 327 groups sign up for the waiting list since the start of the Olympics on February 7th. 513 since December 9, 2013. A fair bit of these people would have come to the Olympic classes.
- Spring Ice
 - Reviewed available spring ice from RMU and the possibility of holding a three week spring mini league and additional time for practice and classes.
- Schenley Park in the Future?
 - Citiparks was very positive about our event and expressed interest in our returning to the rink.

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"> • Steelspiel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event is pretty much set. ○ Signups for food and auction on the glass. Could use several more auction items. • Rochester Friendly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 people signed up at this writing. ○ Sending emails to those who participated last year as well as our new members to make sure they're aware of the event. • Venture Outdoors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The club is registered. ○ Event is posted on the website. 		
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MEMBERSHIP**AMY HANNAN
MARK ROBINSON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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SCHEDULING**STEVE BUFFINGTON**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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LEAGUES**DAPHNE ROBERTS
JACKI TEMPLE**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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BUILDING COMMITTEE**ANDY BANFIELD
STEVE BUFFINGTON
BRIAN STUART**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed outstanding items. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
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OMBUDSMEN**TBD**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		

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DOCUMENTS

DAPHNE ROBERTS

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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TROPICURL

ALL

DISCUSSION		
<p>Steve Buffington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed and decided that there will be no spare list for Tropicurl 2014. Teams will be responsible for their own spares. The club will help teams if necessary. Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign-up sheets have been posted for a few weeks now. Not a great response. Encourage everyone to volunteer. <p>Submitted by Amy Hannan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams are continuing to register for the event. <p>Marie Rose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning pieces of the puzzle bit by bit. Need to talk to the ice committee to make sure we don't need any supplies requiring extra shipping time. Thanks to Mac Purvis for nagging me on a few items. We're waiting on both sale and event pin designs from Frank Sottile (he'll have them end of March). Jacki Temple to contact Liz Rishel about singing the National Anthem. 		
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PUBLIC RELATIONS**MICHELLE CROWN**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympic publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Because of the Olympic coverage, the club has had good media coverage. I am compiling stories, videos, etc. to add to our profile for grants, corporate sponsors, etc. ○ Our Facebook page “likes” have grown since the start of the Olympics. On February 7 we were at 260 “likes” and as of March 7 we are at 386 “likes”. Thanks to all who have been posting! 		
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WEBSITE**MARIE ROSE**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT**STEVE BUFFINGTON**

DISCUSSION		
None.		
CONCLUSIONS		
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MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn: Banfield/Berwick – carried unanimously.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	Annual Meeting, April 8, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. – Hat Trick Club

EMAIL VOTES**ALL**

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04-02-2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email sent to Board members by Daphne Roberts, making a motion and calling for a subsequent vote to approve social members Paul & Stefan Shultz to play in the Rochester Friendly on April 5, 2014. Appropriate fees will be required for both players. (Detailed email and responses are at the end of the minutes.) 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve social members Paul & Stefan Shultz to play in the Rochester Friendly on April 5, 2014. Appropriate fees will be required for both players: Roberts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YES votes: Banfield, Berwick, Bliss, Crown, Hannan, Marchitelli, Roberts, Robinson, Rose, Stuart, Temple ○ NO votes: None ○ ABSTAIN: None ○ DID NOT VOTE: All Board members voted. ○ Motion carried. 		
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