

October 18, 2004 Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: George Shirk, Rich Collins (Treasurer), Nick Datlowe, Dominique Banville (President), Michael Fry, FL Ettlin (Treasurer)

Board Members Absent: Barry Nichols, Barry Bass (VP), Kate Monagan, John Bittner, Ann Drummie

Other Members Present: Neil Christenson, Rebecca Baxter

- I. Call to order - 7:53pm
- II. Secretary's Report
 - Motion: Approve minutes of September 21, 2004 Meeting
 - Vote: Motion passed (1st - Shirk, 2nd - Collins)
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Returned Checks (from last meeting discussion) – Those are basically money someone had written a check for that did not clear. One of those is a membership fee for someone that gave us a check, curled only a couple of times and has never been back (\$450). \$140 is owed from a Bonspiel last year. \$17 is the charge for a bounced check from our account.
 - B. We overspent by \$6,000.00 vs. the budget from Fiscal Year '04.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Action Item Review:
 - i. Old Biz A: Rich answered the bounced check question under treasurer's report.
 - ii. Insurance: Discussed under section B
 - iii. Barry Nichols to ask Jay about talking at the member's meeting (done)
 - iv. Neil C – will follow up with his action items from previous meeting
 - B. Recognition for Donors: Wide ranging discussion of ways to recognize and show our appreciation for donors, including comments about making people lifetime members, giving them free Bonspiel entries, and putting up a plaque. [**ACTION ITEM – Collins to discuss with Bittner a proposal for how we should recognize people who have contributed and how we deal with finding out if anyone who donated preferred to remain anonymous. Proposal and timeline to be discussed at next Board Meeting.**] Discussed about cost/looks of putting up plaques on the “shovel” wall of the club. [**ACTION ITEM – Collins to bring ideas and price ranges to next meeting.**]
 - C. Insurance Status: Insurance is under the GNCC Policy @ \$8.50 per curler. Assuming 175 curlers total (as the end of last year). Total cost was \$1745, up from last year's budget of \$900. This includes 1 million per incident liability, 2 million aggregate plus 1 million excess liability, and 100k injury/accident per injury. We will run over budget for this year. The USCA policy would have been even more expensive once you totaled in the non-ice portion of the club. (USCA policy would have totaled close to \$8,000)
 - i. New Liability forms, including separate forms for Juniors
 - ii. Liability forms are only for people who go out on the ice
 - iii. There is also Liability coverage for anything that happens elsewhere in the club.
 - iv. Neil C inquired if we are covered for any accidents relating to alcohol. Collins said that the wording on the liability form is “normal club activities”.
 - D. "CORE" Curling Camp - Update from George Shirk: Passed the floor to Collins who said we Have 34 paid participants, plus 3 promises for checks. We have 2 people that said yes from Plainfield that may not be able to participate. Because we don't have the higher numbers, Georgina cut back instructors from 3 to 2 and the maximum number of participants is 44. Collins suggested asking league coordinators to ask about the curling camp during their meetings this week to try and fill the last slots.
 - E. Open House - Needs?
 - i. Fry: Membership committee has a list of things they are working on, but he thinks they are covered.
 - ii. Shirk has plenty of instructors. LTC 28th, 7-10, 30th 10-1, 31st 12-3, 4 Nov 7-10pm.

- F. League - Start/sign-up Update: Discussion of how to make sure the members know about Leagues starting. Phone Tree came to mind. **[ACTION ITEM – Nick to send email to Dom with info about who is in charge of leagues, and when the leagues start, etc.. Dom will also ask Abby to help out with Phone Tree to get the information out.]**
- i. An announcement clipboard will be put under the bell, and anyone who has announcements should add it to the list to be read at each league. The Goal is to call every member who hasn't already signed up for leagues by next Monday and share information about the leagues to help them get signed up. **[Action Item – Dom to set up/ coordinate with Barry Bass, a phone tree to contact people who haven't paid yet]**
 - ii. Also, update answering machine with a message to indicate when leagues start.
- G. Fundraising Committee - Jay provided report asking for fund raising goals across the events for the season.

V. New Business

- A. Locker - Lockers that are outside in the Gardens Icehouse area.. Doug Andrew was asking what we are planning to do with them. Bittner is trying to sell them. Clai wants us to get rid of them, but we can put other stuff in that space (maybe big fridge?) Also a storage area could go in that area. The Operations team needs to get rid of the lockers. **[ACTION ITEM: Bittner to resolve lockers disposal from Ice Rink Area (Gardens)]**
- B. Drink Cabinet - Who is in charge of cabinet? Bittner was in charge of it last year, only because he was in charge of Ops. There are many tasks that Bittner did last year that should be reassigned. Operations committee is looking for someone to be responsible for it.. seeking volunteers. Lisa was willing to take care of the cabinet for the bonspiel. Lisa is also willing to take care of the soda part, if cabinet duties are split.
- C. GNCC Mixed Playdown Chair - seeking volunteer. **[Action Item - Neil to send suggestions to Dom via email.]**
- D. Cherry Blossom Chair - seeking volunteer.
- E. Bathrooms - Are gross. Neil C. Suggested sending a letter to the owner. Rebecca Baxter to talk with Bittner about an introduction and then to Clai with our schedule of events.
- F. Reunion Bonspiel - Jan 15th? 220 names going back to 1996, 2 more years to go. Members that Neil knows that should still be in the area - will likely to be about 275 names. Goal is to get those people back out to the club, feed them, get them excited about curling again and then invite them to join back up for second half (before the second half-season is underway.) Collins suggested having a reception while Mixed Nationals are going on.
- G. Follow-up on Spanner Banner publication deadlines.. Nov 1st is a Spanner Banner deadline. **[Action Item – Dom to email to remind anyone she feels should be submitting articles]**
- H. Ken Wray was asked to talk about Spirit of Curling on XM Radio - he had 15 minutes and talked about the PCC and Open Houses.
- I. George Shirk talked with Jay today and was told that Topper Waters has not been getting the newsletter. Communications/Membership team thing should make sure that Topper gets newsletter since he gives annually.
- J. Photos
- i. **[Action Item – Dom to ask Jack to send photos from the Inaugural to Baxter so she can send those in to the USCA]**
 - ii. Dave Crim has offered to create photo albums for historical data going forward for all events at PCC.

VI. Next Meetings: November 21 @ 3pm (Collins, Ettlín will not attend) and tentatively December 12

VII. Adjourn

Motion: Move to Adjourn (1st Shirk, 2nd - Datlowe)

Vote: Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at: 9:41pm