

## D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** June 13, 2009

**Start Time:** 3:17 P.M.

**End Time:** 4:06 P.M.

**Board members present:** S. Healer, A. Bahr, J. Willingham, N. Myers, A. Buckner (via teleconference)

**Board members absent:** D. Kleppe, M. Hunter, D. Johnson, J. Havercroft

**Mtg. Type:** Board Meeting

**Location:** Andy Bahr's house

**Prepared by:** Shana Healer

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*The following is a summary of the topics of discussion, decisions, and action items from the meeting. It is not meant to be a transcript of what was said and by whom. Please notify the author immediately upon finding any discrepancies.*

1. Judy called the meeting to order at 3:17 PM.
2. The next board meeting will be held tentatively on July 26 in conjunction with an open house. Location TBA.
3. The previous meeting minutes from 5/11/09 were reviewed over the phone with Andrew. Andrew will email them out to the Board, and we will approve them at the next meeting.
4. **2011 National Championships**—Maureen from the Farmers Branch CVB contacted Nick. She also sits on the Stars Centers board. She said Farmers Branch wanted to do a partnership with Irving on the bid. This would be key to placing a bid because the Valley Ranch Stars Center cannot be used since it's privately owned, even though it's run by the Stars Center. Farmers Branch is the next closest location. They have 800 seats and plan to expand the seating to 1,500. Both Farmers Branch and Irving seemed committed to working together to make the Nationals in DFW a reality.  
But, Keith (from the Irving CVB) contacted Nick on Friday 6/5 and said it's not a go with Farmers Branch because the Farmers Branch arena has a scheduling problem. Because the ice cannot be scheduled two years in advance, Keith indicated he was not going to file the letter of intent which was due on 6/6. Nick was unable to get in touch with Maureen. Nick will try to contact Maureen next week to confirm that the letter of intent was not sent and to express our disappointment if that is the case.  
On a positive note, though, through this process we have built relationships with Keith at the Stars Center. He has encouraged us to do more bonspiels. Judy suggested Nick put together a committee to plan a 2010 fall bonspiel that may involve golf and curling. If it's in the fall, it could draw teams from the north who's normal golf season has ended. Additionally, if the relationships with all parties can be maintained, we can try to bring the Nationals to DFW at a later date.
5. **2010 Olympic Open Houses**—Nick has been tied up with the Nationals bid. He will follow up on Olympic Open Houses at the next meeting.
6. **Summer Open Houses**—Judy has left multiple phone messages for people at different facilities, but no actual dates have been scheduled. She will update the club with those dates as soon as she has them.
7. **Spam Filters**—Mike has updated these, and spam has tapered off (or at least been appropriately directed to a spam folder) for everyone except Judy.
8. **Stars Center and Credit Cards**—The Stars Center cannot run credit cards for the club due to tax issues. It seems that PayPal is the only way that the club will be able to accept credit cards, despite the minimal costs it will cost to use this service. Members paying via PayPal will incur any additional costs if choosing to pay by this method. Andrew will set up our PayPal option, and Judy can help if there are problems with that.
9. **Club Pins**—The last 10 pins have been paid for. Judy will deposit the check this week. Three hundred new pins should be in this week, and anyone going to a bonspiel this summer should contact Don Kleppe for those.
10. **Ice Prep/Rock Storage**—Judy has not talked to Brian Alguirre regarding Houston's rock storage. Andy has done some research, and thinks it would probably take 2 freezers, which vary in price from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. We also need to talk to the Stars Center to see if they will let us keep them plugged in. After we get the approval from them, we can shop around for freezers.  
We also need to consider if we want to get another set of rocks since now we will have 5 sheets. Nick will do some research on rock costs. As we are looking for an ice plant, maybe some rocks could come with that.  
We might also be able to start a Little Rocks program on the empty sheet. Farmers Branch has a set of composite full size/half weight rocks that we might be able to use. Judy will ask about the Stars Center about these rocks. The USCA has

lesson plans for 3 week curling units that can be done in gyms. Perhaps we can take that to after school programs who are already grant-funded and then tie that into a junior program on ice. Nick will check on this. We are already breaking even with 4 sheets, so a 5<sup>th</sup> sheet of ice does present several opportunities for growth.

Judy will talk to the Stars Center this week about moving the rocks over to the other rink.

11. **Financial Report**—There is nothing new from last month. For the 2008/2009 season, we started the year with \$12,000. The club had \$17,671 in expenses, and \$18,500 in revenue. We spent \$3,900 on rocks. Our rough ending balance is \$8,900. Judy has the new signature page for the bank. She and Andy have signed it, and she will meet with Andrew to get his signature. We need to pay the Stars Center for April ice.
12. **Adjourn Meeting**—The meeting was adjourned at 4:06.

Accepted and approved by the undersigned on the date set forth below:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009