

## D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

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Date: September 14, 2008  
Start Time: 2:00 P.M.  
End Time: 3:30 P.M.  
Board members present: D. Johnson, A. Bahr, J. Willingham, A. Buckner, S. Healer, N. Myers, J. Havercroft  
Board members not present: M. Hunter, D. Kleppe  
Mtg. Type: Board Meeting  
Location: Dallas Dr. Pepper Stars Center  
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 2:08.
2. The next board meeting will be October 19 at 1:30 at the Duncanville Community Center. Judy will set up that space this week.
3. **Review/Acceptance of Previous Minutes**—Shana moved to accept. Andy seconded. Meeting minutes were approved. Shana will scan them and send them to Mike to include on the webpage.
4. **Financial Report**—We have \$10,414. Andrew has not deposited the check from Al Cursey. Judy and Nick will start depositing checks they are receiving for membership dues. Andrew has looked into the IRS paperwork. We have to send them 5 years of gross receipts. Andrew has banking statements back to early 2003. We have to distinguish actual donations, memberships, and activities (like merchandise and TOB). Any officers membership fees must be separated. Andrew does not know if we'll qualify for a publicly or privately supported organization. Either way, we still qualify as a 501(c)3, and monies submitted are still tax deductible. By the next board meeting, Andrew will fill out the paperwork for the IRS and wait for feedback from them regarding any information still needed. He may need to wait to send it in if there are big pieces of information missing.
5. **Rocks Update**—We have received the special boxes to pack and ship the rocks. Pick up is \$300 each way, which includes shipment there, customs, and fees. This is cheaper than we anticipated. We are doing this with Thompson Broom. Total turnaround should be 3 weeks. Nick has not received a half-payment invoice, so the check has not been sent. The check must be sent to start the processing. They will be inserting a running surface and re-protruding the striking band. Nick will call and get the invoice emailed to him Monday.
6. **Member Dues/Fees/Discounts**—Originally, the new member fee was a way to get more money to pay for equipment that was originally bought on credit. This fee was never more than \$50. Everyone paid ice fees. The first year, dues were right around \$400. There was a voluntary rock and handle donation drive. The first meeting in Addison, people were willing to write checks, but David Villegas wasn't sure of our needs. There was a lot of good will and enough people that donated enough money to get enough equipment to play. If people donated money for rocks or equipment as the club was starting, that was a donation. The new member fee does not create an incentive to join, and small membership is what keeps the club from expanding to two nights. If we keep the initiation fee, it could be set aside into a new account for capital funds. Andy will find out from Serge and Jacqueline how much they contributed up front and what that money was for. The club is not at the same place financially as it was 5 or even 2 years ago. One option might be to continue to offer an early discount to returning members, and then charge the full price to new members and returning members who do not pay by the early due date. A conference call within the next couple of weeks should be set up to determine the rates for new members for next year.

Nick has received 7 membership applications. In response to emails, it looks like we have 25-28 returned existing members who have said they'll be returning. Two days before the early deadline, Judy will send out

one more reminder along with the membership attachment. By the next board meeting, we'll need to call the ones who have not responded early so that we will definitely know who's planning to come back.

7. **2010 Preparations**—By the end of this season, we need to have plans in place that we can hand off to next year's board so that we're not in the same situation that we were in after the last Olympics. We need receipt books, talks set up with the Stars Center, Open Houses set up, plans for an instructional league, etc. Judy will organize a committee to handle this. Prior to the next board meeting, she will do research for dates that we're looking at and have a proposal for dates. We'll solicit people for the committee after the season starts.
8. **Texas PIC Update**—We have a men's team. Andy and Dan have talked to the PIC, and they will send the Texas invitation to us. Andy and Dan will set up something similar to the BC Challenge with the rules and dates to coordinate with the PIC's dates. Andy and Dan are familiar with PIC requirements and will coordinate this event for Texas. Andy and Dan will send a note to the other 2 Texas teams by the next board meeting.
9. **TOB**—The Board feels Memorial Day Weekend is not a good weekend for a good turn out. The board would like to know why those dates were selected. Judy will call a contact in the Austin club to get information and report via email to the board about the reasons this date was selected. We can discuss this information at the next board meeting and, if necessary, send Austin a letter expressing our concerns.
10. **Group Rentals**—Farmers Branch has one sheet of 25-pound rocks and lines, but nothing booked and no plans. The renting group needs to pay full ice price. This may be an opportunity for fundraising for us. If a group contacts Jonathan, then we are free to set something up. Three people have contacted him, one from Bell Helicopter. For a group of 32, we'd charge \$1,000. If the price works for the group, Jonathan will forward the information to Judy to set up times.
11. **Tuesday Night League and Payments**—We will have Tuesday nights starting the second Tuesday in January. It will be \$300/hour. 8:00-10:00. When it gets closer to that time, we should plan something fun to draw in people to Tuesdays. We will continue to discuss these plans as the dates draw closer.
12. There were no other outstanding items.
13. **Additional Items**
  - a. Judy was approached by someone from the Travel section from the Dallas Morning News. Dan talked to the reporter. No one has seen the story about "things to do" in Dallas.
  - b. We need to have a budget ready by the time we start curling. Do we want new brooms? New broom closet? Double hacks? Judy will send out last year's budget for us to discuss at the next meeting.
  - c. Nick will check into double hack prices before the next board meeting.
  - d. Kelty Sue got our banner redone.
  - e. People who wish to sub only or be non-curling members need to fill out a returning member form and send it to Nick with \$100. Mike may want to make a note of this on the website.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008