

D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2011
Start Time: 6:12 P.M.
End Time: 7:34 P.M.
Board members present: S. Healer, J. Willingham, N. Myers, D. Kleppe, T. Dick,
Board members absent: A. Buckner, M. Hunter, J. Hotra
Observers: Andy Cooper
Mtg. Type: Board Meeting
Location: Farmers Branch StarsCenter
Prepared by: Shana Healer

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 6:12.
2. The next board meeting will be March 23 at 6:15 at the Farmers Branch Stars Center.
3. **Review Minutes**—The Colorado team is going to Club Nationals. The roster was sent to the USCA with 84 current members listed and \$2,250 paid dues. Wednesday curling Part II is up and running. We had 8 people in the first curling lesson and 1 person in the second. Jeff Whanger was one of those, and he joined. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Bank Account**—The account has \$33,657.44 in it. Judy and Tyler have checks to deposit. We still owe the StarCenter for more ice costs. Andy needs to be reimbursed for the carts. The BBVA Compass account is closed. We are now with Comerica.
5. **Misc. Registration Fee Refunds**— Refunds have been made to curlers who put down a deposit but were unable to curl.
6. **USCA Dues**— These were paid.
7. **Collection of Outstanding Dues for Fall**—There are 7 people on this list. Judy will follow up with these people.
8. **Wednesday Curling**—We wound up with the equivalent of 31 spots being filled. Several are splitting a season. We're still collecting money from about 2/3 of these curlers.
9. **Sunday Curling**— We have 3 weeks left in Sunday curling: 2 regular and the playoff. For the playoffs, the top two teams from each draw have a chance for the Cardy Cup. The #1 team from the 3:30 draw will play the #2 team from the evening draw at 3:30 and vice versa. The winners of each game will play for the Cardy Cup. The remaining teams will play the team of equal seed from the other draw. Times will be announced. Every team will play at least one game.
10. **Spring/Summer Curling**—Curling will stay as expensive to do another round of Wednesdays during the same time slot. It would be about \$200 for 8 weeks. We're going to ask for the 7:00-9:00 time slot. The problem with Sundays is upcoming holidays, but the ice is cheaper. The board will consider a spring/summer curling session after lessons are offered and the TOB is filled. The club will be polled about interest during the last Sunday night game/party/general membership and election meeting.

11. **Lessons**—Doing a skips school or lessons in May or June is a possibility. We need to figure out a way to attract more beginners and/or help less experienced curlers feel more comfortable joining a league.
12. **Ice Scraper**— Nick sent an email saying we can get a corded ice-scraper for \$500. Mike Hunter said he'd buy it for the club. Nick has sent an email to Thompson saying we're interested. Dakota Curling Supply also has a Rink Master for \$2,500 and an Ice King for \$4500. If we bought a scraper, we could rent these out to other area clubs for bonspiels. Storing it may also be an issue.
13. **TOB Update**—Tyler and his wife made a great video to promote the TOB. It will be on the website soon. It will be embedded in the next round of emails. Twelve teams have entered so far, with more out-of-town teams registered than DFW teams. There's a team from Michigan, Oklahoma, Toronto. We also have 2 teams each from Austin and Houston so far. Nick is receiving entries on a pretty regular basis. We have \$2,000 in donations. Kelty Sue has sponsorships that Nick has not yet received. If we get 30 teams, we have \$2950 profit. Carolyn is coordinating hospitality. We're going to be on the Miller rink. Jonathan is sending down a set of rocks. The banquet is estimated to feed 150 people. The hotel is confirmed for across the street. We're still looking at hosting golf Friday morning. At Stewart Peninsula, we'd need a minimum of 32 players. The logo has been redone so it can be enlarged nicely. Nick is looking at borrowing a scraper if we don't get one from Thompson or Dakota Curling.

14. **Additional Items**—

- a. Judy will seek nominations to replace board members who will not be returning to the board. Elections will be held at the general membership meeting (tentatively) at 2:15 on March 13. We will also be asking about summer interest and signing teams up for the TOB at that time.
- b. Kelty Sue Harris is ordering trophies for end of season. Jonathan Havercroft currently has the Cardy Cup, but he's going to try to arrange to bring it back to Texas. The board approved a motion to reimburse Kelty Sue for the trophies in the amount up to \$300.
- c. We have an invoice for Canada Curling Stone for 2 handles, and that check is ready to go.
- d. Red River Shootout dates have been proposed for 9/24-25/11. Jonathan is in negotiations with his arena. We should plan on taking 8 teams.
- e. Judy has pamphlets from the USCA.
- f. Tyler would like to put a bulletin board on the side of the rock freezer to post curling information, bonspiel announcements, etc.
- g. It might be cool to get a banner with our website on it since we're having more people watching. We can hang it like a scoreboard.
- h. Dedicated ice probably needs to wait until we've doubled our membership, or maybe until Sunday curling is over. There's just too much going on right now. There is progress that has been made, but we're on hold. The plan to bring Nationals to Texas is also something to revisit in the future.
- i. Don is going to follow up with pins and polo shirt samples. John Lambert has connections with a local embroiderer. Don knows one also.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34.

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

Signature: _____
 Title: _____

Name: _____
 Date: _____, 2009