

Ocean State Curling Club

Board Meeting minutes July 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:38PM

Board members present: Larry Riccitelli, Dave Rosler, Cory Powers, Elizabeth Newell, Karen Nachin, Jonathan Constantine, Janet Prichard

1. Minutes from last meeting

Larry suggested a few minor changes. Cory moved to approve minutes with changes made by Larry, seconded by Dave. Approved by board.

2. Treasurers Report

Cory reviewed the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet. Janet moved to accept, seconded by Dave.

3. Equipment Report

Jonathan said the equipment should be OK in the current location, he spoke to Gordon who indicated that it can be treated if needed in the Fall. Larry requested that Jonathan check the equipment at the rink to make sure everything looks OK.

4. Training Report

Karen indicated that she needs a list of certified trainers, and asked about classroom training this coming season. It was suggested that given that we may only have one night of curling with mostly seasoned curlers, so such training might not be necessary. Instead, perhaps have something in late September for members – a refresher – on the ice in the main rink. It was suggested that a newsletter could be done that would have information about Learn To Curls (LTCs) and other curling articles.

Related comments

- Dave indicated that the survey he sent out seem to indicate that we would fill up 1 night for sure. Larry will ask the rink about a second time slot.
- Larry indicated that Nutmeg is willing to hold an event for arena clubs only – like a friendly – for 5 and under arena players, they could give us 1 or 2 days (Sat/Sun) in October or November – maybe early November is the best.
- Dave will think about creating a way for curlers to get together for bonspiels.

5. Membership Report

Dave has created a worksheet that looks at possible amounts to charge for various membership options. Friday night could fill, but not so sure about Sunday. Dave suggests that we consider having one regular league night of curling on say Friday night, and one drop in night on Sundays. Once we have a signed contract with the rink we can send out information to the membership. Jonathan moved that we use the recommended categories for the pricing structure subject to

price adjustments due to the actual ice contract price and review of expected operating costs, seconded by Elizabeth.

Dave suggested that we try to recognize 5+, 10+ year club members in some manner – perhaps with some add on to the club name tags. He also suggested that we look at OSCC club jackets – will get some samples from LL Bean that could be brought to the next social event.

6. Communications Report

Elizabeth has offered to be the centralized person for all club communications sent out to members – she will send out club emails, and maintain the Facebook and Twitter accounts for the club. She will work on keeping the social media sites more active in the summer. Elizabeth will also see if she can get access to the OSCC Instagram account.

She needs the dates for the LTCs, she has a videographer who can come and interview members etc. The videographer would need a list of questions for the interviews, for example, what questions would new people want to know the answers? Elizabeth also suggests that we have a “Member of the Month” and have a spot about them.

Dave asked if we should have a play down system for events like the Nationals.

Larry asked if we can check to see who is getting the emails forwarded from the oscurling@ email address.

7. Social Committee Report

Janet will schedule a social event for the end of August. Suggestions include a night of bowling. Another possibility is some sort of brewery tour.

8. Fundraising Report

Larry has checked out resources available through SBA, appears to be closely aligned with grant from the department of agriculture – perhaps Johnston / North Kingstown, the club would qualify if we were in those areas. Dave applied for Darwin Curtis Grant for a new set of stones.

9. New Business Report

Dave asked if the club, as a nonprofit organization, qualify for RI sales tax exemption. We should make sure we use it when possible. He also mentioned that we might want to set up a table for the club at the Providence Flea Market – they offer free tables – we could advertise Learn to Curl events and tell people about curling.

Janet moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Elizabeth. Approved by board, 8:50pm.