

Ocean State Curling Club – Board Meeting Minutes July 2023

(July 7, 2023)

Location: Christine's house. Chepachet RI

Board Attendees: Dave Rosler, Christine DeLuca, Mike Morin, Howard Taylor, Brianne Straus, Don Frechette, Kyle Averill, Gordon Walsh

Agenda

1. **Call to order:** 6.49pm
2. **Good and Welfare:** Some discussion of encounters with wild animals, especially raccoons. High temperatures in SW USA also, touching climate changes.
3. **Review of minutes – Review June Minutes**
 - a. Motion to accept Seconded and approved
4. **Treasurer's Report (Brianne / Tony)**
 - a. Total balances: \$34,613.95
Checking - \$8,559.17
CD \$15,090.38
Savings - \$1,239.45
Venmo - \$615.83
PayPal - \$8,138.12
Cash - \$971.00
 - b. Significant Transactions:
 - i. \$10K moved from PayPal (through checking) to CD on 6/21/23 as "new money" for CD
 1. \$5.5% 1-year auto-renew CD starting 6/21/23
 - ii. Debits:
 1. \$867 banquet final payment
 2. \$4,200 last ice payment
 - iii. Credits
 1. Eventbrite Banquet tix - \$1,610 (Thank you Christine)
 2. ~\$1,040 from banquet items
 - c. Getting access back to online quickbooks account

Note: We are slightly better off than last year at this time.

5. **President / Vice-President Reports (Dave / Christine / Mike)**
 - a. Website ownership transfer. Website domain was still with Janet - now under info@oceanstatecurling.org account. Google domains (.org and .com) are \$20/year
 - b. **GNCC Arena Club Championships** June 2024 at Providence College discussed. Dave, Christine and Mike are the GNCC host committee chairs. Discussion of volunteers, Ice crew (Gordon will lead). Food and alcohol. Possible Brewer sponsorships. Dakota Curling being considered to be the supplies retailer on-site There will be sign ups for teams in November. 32 teams. There will be hosting updates as required. Issues with Jumbotron heating ice on central sheets brought up
6. **Facilities and Equipment Report (Gordon / Howard)**
 - a. Dave Kenyon and Gordon emptied out the closet, clamped straps on hand carts. Removed some boxes of old markers etc
 - b. Recommend a routine of putting equipment away. No recent purchases.
7. **Membership and Leagues Report (Mike)**
 - a. Preamble: Some discussion on team set ups. Possibility of mini-rink construction at Smithfield discussed. For leagues next season there is a possibility of considering 5 sheets. Board good with

limit to two player maximum mutual choice in team set up (one pair). Rotation and or lottery of skips are possibilities.

- b. Length of sheets discussed. Currently we have the hog to hog distance truncated, using the ice hockey blue lines as the hog for each end. Discussion on having regulation distance generally agreed on, however this would need a physical line(s) in ice (talk with TJ) or a jig to be set up as part of ice prep.
- c. Ice Time 2023-24, proposed:
 - i. 9-week Winter League 1: November 30th through January 25th (Thursday night @ 8:30pm)
 - ii. 9-week Winter League 2: February 1st through March 28th (Thursday Night @ 8:30pm)
 - iii. 9-week Spring League: April 4th through May 30th (Thursday Night @ 7pm)
 - iv. 4-week Spring Mini League 1: March 24th, and April 7th through April 21st -, *No Curling March 31st* - (Sunday afternoon @ 2pm)
 - v. 4-week Spring Mini League 2: April 28th through May 19th (Sunday afternoon @ 2pm)
 - vi. LTC agreed upon for season (awaiting rink confirmation for 1-4):
 - 1. Saturday, October 21, 2023 @ 2pm
 - 2. Saturday, November 11, 2023 @ 2pm
 - 3. Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 5:30pm
 - 4. Sunday March 3, 2024 @ 5:30pm
 - 5. Sunday March 17, 2024 @ 2pm
 - 6. Sundays - April 7 & 14, May 5, 12, & 19 - one sheet during leagues and if not used for LTC used for practice, training or pick up game etc.

NOTE - Ice costs went up \$10 per hour on 1/1/23 and will go up another \$10 per hour on 1/1/24 (to \$250 per hour)

- d. Fees Proposed after reviewing scenarios:
 - i. Membership dues at \$25 (down from \$50)
 - ii. Leagues based on \$25 per night (up from \$20)
 - iii. Social member at \$50 per league (winter and spring)
 - iv. LTCs at \$45 (up from \$40). No refunds.

Motion to approve changes in fees as stated above, seconded, Approved.

8. Member Engagement / Training (Don / Howard)

- a. Don has arranged Instructor training with GNCC - August 12, 2023
 - i. 10am-12pm off-ice at Greenville public Library
 - ii. 12pm-1pm lunch at library and transition to Smithfield
 - iii. 1:15pm-3:15pm on-ice at Smithfield Ice Rink
 - iv. Gordon and Dave have volunteered to set up (many thanks) Others may also help.

9. Events Planning (Christine / Dave)

- a. Banquet wrapup. Went well.

10. Communications and Social Media Report (Brianne / Christine)

- a. Brianne and Howard will work on the In the Hack feature

11. Marketing Report (Dave / Kyle)

- a. Sign for Smithfield – awaiting update from Mike C. to add imagery of curling to it.

12. Dedicated Ice Report (Howard / Kyle)

- a. At a very daunting stage. Initial preparation of findings and collation of findings for presentation to board. After inputs and data collection nationwide and within OSCC members of the committee have been given tasks under the headings of building/leasing possibilities, Ice making equipment and rink construction, yearly budget(s) with emphasis on first year projection, other facilities within the building.

Old Business

- Safesport training available again through GNCC. Dave will share link this summer
- Re-apply for sales licence - Dave will look into it

- Potential Friendly at Border Curling Club (Don). Have decided to forego this season

New Business

- No real new business as included in the above.
- Next meeting to be scheduled for Tuesday 8th August at a location to be determined*.
- ***NOTE: August meeting date subsequently changed to Tuesday 15th August.**

Closing

- Adjourned at 9.15 pm
 - o Motion: made. Seconded and approved:

Annual Calendar of Club Documents and requirement dates

Date	Item	Cost	Notes
4/??	Annual Meeting of Club	NA	Annual Meeting required in April each year, per the club by-laws
5/15	Tax Form 990	TBD	Due to IRS by May 15th (15th day of 5th month after end of annual accounting period).
5/31	Certificate of Incorporation - RI	\$20.00	Also requires Annual Report to be filed. Notice comes early May.
7/1	Website fees	\$400	\$525 CAD converts to ~\$400USD.
8/17	Website domain renewal	\$24	\$12 each in Google Domains for .org and .com - autopay from club credit card.
9/1	Stone Insurance (Sylvia Group: Liberty Mutual)	\$450.00	\$200 increase from 2019 to 2020
9/30	Directors and Officers Insurance (Sylvia: PHLY)	\$1,310.00	Covers Period renewing October 3. Invoices comes mid-September.
12/1	GNCC insurance payment due (effective 12/1)	≥ \$350	Receive email from USCA mid-November. \$11 per Member. \$0.50 per One-Day Curler. \$5 per Multi-Day (2-5) Curler. ** \$350 minimum.
12/1	GNCC member roster and dues	TBD	\$15 per adult. \$10 per "other" (second club). \$10 per Social.