

# **Ocean State Curling Club – Board Meeting Agenda August 15, 2023**

**Location:** Mews Tavern, 456 Main St Wakefield RI 02879

**Board Attendees:** David Rosler, Gordon Walsh, Brianne Strauss, Don Frechette, Howard Taylor (Quorum achieved)

- Call to order: 6.40pm
- Good and Welfare: Brianne enjoying vacation, Dave travelling up to upstate NY to drop daughter at Rochester Institute.

• **Review of minutes** – Review July Minutes. Motion to accept seconded, approved.

## • **Treasurer's Report (Brianne / Tony)**

Briefly touched on most account figures unchanged from July

Total balances: \$

i. PayPal - \$8,196.94

v. Venmo - \$694.11

We need to pay for some ice time from instructor training.

Dave gave a report on Tax Exemption. Note: A week after meeting Dave received the Tax Exemption Certificate is good until 8/31/27. We'll have to reapply for it that spring/summer.

Still in processing getting access back to online quickbooks account  
Reapplying for a sales licence discussed - won't move forward at this time. Quarterly reports are required.

## • **President / Vice-President Reports (Dave)**

Cost transparency discussed (example: <https://hollywoodcurling.org/membership/>)

i. List Dues cost (\$25) and what it covers: GNCC dues (\$15), Insurance (\$6) (plus, for new curlers -Nametag \$8)

ii. "Ocean State Curling keeps: \$4, which combines with a portion of league fees to contribute to Operating Costs, including but not limited

to Stone Insurance, D&O insurance, RI Corporation costs, tax exemption certification maintenance fees, equipment maintenance, and accounting software.

1. Limit one nametag per member per design revision. Replacement nametags can be purchased for \$8.

2. Additional per-league and sub fees apply.

Will note on website and sign up

Advertising at Rink discussed - \$450 for 4'x6' or \$650 for 3'x10'. (\$200 less in out-years)

- Will opt for 3x10. Awaiting imagery to show curling.
- Report on USCA Town Hall on new Membership Model for USCA

○ **Fundraising** - Stone naming program. (adopt-a-rock. vary from \$250 each to \$500 each. Often linked to refurbishing stones and have statements like "Your adoption will be good for the life of the reconditioning work, which is estimated to be around 7-10 years." New Handles - \$40. Laser engraving - \$20. Possibility of vinyl stickers at \$50. Could add \$3,000 if limiting to 16 stones for now. Dave thinking of having a go himself on engraving.

### **GNNC Arena Championship 2023 (Dave, Christine, Mike) .**

Some discussion on host hotel, ice tech support, draw planning, stones etc.

### **● Facilities and Equipment Report (Gordon / Howard)**

Wheels greased on carts. Discussed ordering on delivery stick(s) and what is best. TJ has been thanked for improvement on ice. Great to have a fresh blade on the Zamboni. Going to stay with 4 sheets and truncated inter hog line distance (ie using blue lines as hog lines)

### **● Membership and Leagues Report (Mike) Given by Dave.**

Planned winter dates:

Thursdays 8:30pm to 11pm from 11/30/23 to 3/28/24

Thursday 7pm to 9:30pm from 4/4/24 to 5/30/24

Sundays 2pm to 4:30pm 3/17/24 to 5/19/24 (excluding Easter on 3/31)

- Other possible / requested dates -
  - Saturday 11/11/23 from 2pm to 4:30pm - TJ may know specific date/time by mid-September
  - Saturday in December - Will know by mid-September
  - Could add one the weekend of MLK weekend
  - Sunday 2/25/24 from 1:30pm to 4pm - booked
  - Sunday 3/3/24 from 1:30pm to 4pm - booked

**Addendum Note:** Dave talked with TJ after meeting. Confirmed all the league dates, we are waiting on the LTC dates. A December date will be added instead of the October date. We won't know until mid-September the actual times for our requested November and December Saturday LTC dates, but we should have them. TJ did confirm the 2/25 and 3/3 Sunday LTCs, but asked that we take the ice from 1:30pm to 4pm. He also noted we could have time MLK weekend if we want it. Once we know the Nov/Dec dates and times Dave will have Jayden get the ball rolling on those LTCs.

**Date to open league for registration decided: September 22nd.**

• **Member Engagement / Training (Don / Howard)**

Don reviewed instructor training with GNCC - August 12, 2023. Everyone agreed it was a great event and much was learned, confirmed and reviewed. Generally we are running our LTCs well. Don is going to put out a survey. We discussed member engagement and retention.

• **Events Planning (Christine / Dave)**

Summer/Fall get-togethers discussed. Maybe a pot-luck before the season.

• **Communications and Social Media Report (Brienne / Christine)**

Brienne and Howard will work on the In the Hack. Tony said he'd have his soon.

• **Marketing Report (Dave / Kyle)**

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

- **Dedicated Ice Report (Howard / Kyle)**

The committee has one more meeting scheduled before the next Board meeting. The research is almost complete. The data is being reviewed and compressed with the aim of presentation at the September board meeting (see New Business)

### **Old Business**

- Safesport training available again through GNCC. Dave can share link this summer if requested

### **New Business**

Next meeting is scheduled to be on 9/12 at 6:30pm - at Uno's in Smithfield in the room in the back. The Dedicated Ice Investigative Committee will join the meeting and present their data and findings that they were charged to gather with the Board.

### **Closing**

- Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm  
Seconded and approved: