

**Location:** Videoconference

**Board Attendees:** Christine DeLuca, Don Frechette, Howard Taylor, Mike Morin, Brianne Straus, Kyle Averill, Gordon Walsh, Tony Morettini

## Agenda

- **Call to order:** 6:32pm
- **Good and Welfare:** Scotland trip by Don, Christine, Howard, and Jonathan; Tony visited the Canadian Rockies; Gordon chatted with John Guare.
- **Review of minutes – Review prior month Minutes**
  - Passed (Motion: DR; Second: Don)
- **Treasurer’s Report (Brianne / Tony)**
  - Total balances: \$50,051.72
 

i. Checking - \$5,968.28	iv. CD - \$15,279.12
ii. Savings - \$2,547.45	v. Venmo - \$225.44
iii. PayPal - \$24,421.43	vi. Cash - \$
  - Recent Substantial Activity:
  - Unbilled/unnoted costs:
    - i. Expenses:
      - 1. \$450.00 - Stone Insurance (on CC - charged 9/5/23)
    - ii. Credits:
      - 1. \$170.98 credit for Credit Card points
  - (Still in process) Getting access back to online quickbooks account
  - Influx of funds from dues and league signups shown in Paypal account. We’ll start paying for ice time as well once leagues get going.
- **President / Vice-President Reports (Dave / Christine / Mike)**
  - LTCs
    - i. Vote passed to no longer refund LTC costs for first league (Motion: TM; Second: KA)
    - ii. Still waiting on Nov/Dec dates for LTCs
    - iii. DR has talked with Jayden who is all set to head LTCs this season
    - iv. GNCC Arena Championship Committee chairs have met a couple times. Meeting again 10/24. Waiting on logo update. Will have website up and running
- **Facilities and Equipment Report (Gordon / Howard)**
  - HT noted that people like the traditional pin with the wave and the surfer/sailboat. They preferred that over the new one.in Scotland and elsewhere in US last season. DR noted he still has several hundred.
  - Otherwise little of note to discuss.
- **Membership and Leagues Report (Mike)**
  - League registration updates
    - i. Winter 1 - 32 / 32
    - ii. Winter 2 - 29 / 32
    - iii. Spring - 26 / 32
    - iv. Minis wide open
    - v. Restated that policy of requested teams of 4 is discouraged. Some discussion about how experienced skips should be in Thursday leagues. “Veteran Skips” may have to make way
- **Member Engagement / Training (Don / Howard)**



- HT waiting for PRCC to be accepted into GNCC. Aiming to expand curling program in Westerly. OSCC members always welcome.
- **Events Planning (Christine / Dave)**
  - Fall get together not to be scheduled this year.
- **Communications and Social Media Report (Brianne / Christine)**
  - In the Hack feature update - posted on October 10, 2023. First person was Tony Morettini.
  - For future features, Brianne will need additional photos for the people who are featured.
  - We should add the In the Hack feature to the website and send as an email
  - Discussion on frequency of emails from the club
    - i. Would be good to have email weekly or every other week about standings, sheet assignment and who you'll be playing. HT felt the vice-skip of each team should be responsible for relaying to the rest of the team.
    - ii. Put schedule on the back of the equipment or on a board with the etiquette tips
- **Marketing Report (Dave / Kyle)**
  - Dave will work with Kyle to order items for the holidays (hoodies, shirts, etc)
  - Dave presented a couple of images that he has been working on (see old business) for signs at the rink.
- **Dedicated Ice Report (Howard / Kyle)**
  - Discussed board review of dedicated ice report presented on 9/12/23
    - i. Secondary follow-up notes from the board will be summarized and shared with the committee within the next couple of weeks. HT pointed out there is no one paradigm for the way to go into and complete the process.
    - ii. KA provided answers on Everything Ice and why this could be a recommended way to go.
    - iii. HT and KA to provide a couple of examples illustrating in detail how curling clubs have approached the process. Board especially interested in Pinetree CCs approach.
    - iv. Fundraising issues and strategies discussed. A building committee and financial committee would have to be set up. Noted that property tax and serving of liquor laws varies in RI municipalities.
    - v. A new survey of club members briefly discussed. Not planned at this time.
    - vi. The committee will develop some proforma operating budgets for some scenarios in different RI locations. Roles and expansion of responsibilities within the club discussed. This will support the process of understanding the potential for an operating dedicated club.

### Old Business

- Advertising at rink - plan for \$650 sign for 3'x10'. Awaiting update to add imagery of curling to it.
- Stone naming process consideration (Dave investigating laser engraving)

### New Business

- Doodle polls:
  - May need to reschedule meetings from Jan to April from Tuesdays. Might go to Mondays instead of Tuesdays.
  - Discussed possibility of rescheduling Nov. 14 meeting to Nov. 6.

### Action Items (Other)



## Closing

- Adjourn at 9:18pm
  - Motion: DR Second: BS

## For Reference:

### Proposed Ice Time 2023-24

- 9-week Thursday: Winter 1 (11/30-1/25 @ 8:30pm); Winter 2 (2/1-3/28 @ 8:30pm); Spring (4/4-5/30 @ 7pm)
- 4-week Sunday: Mini 1 (3/24 + 4/7-4/21 @ 2pm); Mini 2 4/28-5/19 @ 2pm)
- Possible LTCs: TBD in November and December; Sun. 2/25 @ 1:30pm; Sun. 3/3 @ 1:30pm; Sun. 3/17 @ 2pm
  - Plus one sheet on Sun. 4/7, 4/14, 5/5, 5/12, & 5/19

## 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	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	AutoPay on credit card.
9/30	Directors and Officers Insurance (Sylvia: PHLY)	\$1,610	Covers Period renewing October 3. Invoices comes mid-September.
12/1	GNCC insurance payment due (effective 12/1)	≥ \$350	Receive email from GNCC 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.

Considerations for sign at Smithfield:

