

D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2009

Start Time: 2:23 P.M.

End Time: 3:17 P.M.

Board members present: S. Healer, J. Havercroft, A. Bahr, J. Willingham, N. Myers, M. Hunter, D. Kleppe, D. Johnson

Board members absent: A. Buckner

Mtg. Type: Board Meeting

Location: Duncanville Community Center

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 2:23.
2. The next board meeting will be held February 22 at 1:00 PM at the Duncanville Community Center. The primary focus for this meeting will be developing a vision and a plan for the next five years. Judy will set up the room. Please note: This is an hour earlier than we normally meet.
3. **Review/Acceptance of Previous Minutes**—Jonathan moved to approve the minutes. Don seconded. The motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2008 passed unanimously.
4. **Ice: Tuesdays**—We are looking at 8 weeks. The Stars Center, again, won't know until right before we start due to a tournament whether or not we can start on March 3 from 7-9. We would probably have an Open House the first date followed by an 8-week schedule. Jonathan thinks we will be able to fill it at \$200. Dan and Don are going to help at the Farmer's Branch open houses in the coming weeks. Jonathan will create a flyer and email it to Mike for the website and to Dan to hand out.
5. **Ice: New Options**—Judy, Nick, Shana, and Chuck checked out the ice at the Plaza of the Americas. They were very hospitable, but the ice is too short for curling. It would still be a great opportunity for an Open House. In fact, we may consider having open houses at multiple locations to draw in membership from across the Metroplex. We did get a contact for the Parks Mall at Arlington, and Judy is following up there. It would provide for great exposure, too. Their ice costs would be less, also, than what we're paying now. We may still have to compete with logistics (of storage, painting, and humidity) and/or hockey scheduling at other facilities, too. One City Place in downtown Fort Worth is another option to explore. Mike has given Andy the phone number of the owner, and he will follow up there.

We have Kyle Hackler's business plan for expansion. Judy also has the Columbus Curling Club's plan for how they built a club in 3 years. She has information from the Potomac Curling Club, who moved from arena to dedicated ice. We will further explore these documents at the February meeting.
6. **Loaning Rocks**—We could loan them out in exchange for reduced ice fees. However, there is much opportunity for damage to the rocks, which might outweigh any advantages we might gain from loaning out the rocks. The situation has not arisen yet, so nothing has been decided. Several members of the board are not in favor of loaning the rocks.
7. **TOB 2011, 2014**— The 2009 TOB is April 17-19. This is the same weekend as the PIC. Houston needs to reimburse us for the cost of the website. Mike will supply an invoice for what he already paid. The TOB will be ours 2011 and 2014 (the next Olympic year).

8. **2010 Update**—We will have open houses the two consecutive Sundays after the closing ceremonies (March 7 and 14). We will have information on our board, posted at the Cross Bar, and possibly on the Stars Center website. We'd start a 8-10 week spring league immediately after that to retain any new membership.
9. **Oklahoma Curling Club**—Jonathan met with the director of an arena in Edmund, OK. Jonathan has asked if he (and Oklahoma) can borrow two sheets of the DFW Curling Club's rocks in the off-season if needed. The arena director would like to have an Open House before moving forward with plans for a club. Jonathan is thinking about the OK Open House in May.
10. **Additional Items**—
 - a. Andrew has followed up on IRS questions, including how much Mark Davis has donated. Matt Bynum has been instructed to destroy any old checkbooks. We discussed who held previous board positions. Judy will give this information to Andrew.
 - b. The website is still up and running. The server has not been switched over. Mike will follow up.
 - c. Dan will work on a press release hailing Nick Myers, North Texas curling representative to the Olympic Trials. Mike will put something on the website.
 - d. Nick needs an invoice to give to John Powell's curling sponsor. Mike will get that to Nick.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17.

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

Signature: _____
Title: _____

Name: _____
Date: _____, 2009