

D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2009
Start Time: 1:32 P.M.
End Time: 2:58 P.M.
Board members present: S. Healer, A. Bahr, J. Willingham, N. Myers, M. Hunter, D. Johnson, A. Buckner, J. Havercroft
Board members absent: D. Kleppe
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 1:32 PM.
2. The **club party** will be held Saturday 4/25 at the Duncanville Stars Center at 6:30. The club has some money to spend on a party. We will be ordering pizza and possibly providing beverages. The **board meeting** will be at the Duncanville Community Center on 4/25 at 5:00. Judy will check on the room.
3. **Review/Acceptance of Previous Minutes**—Judy moved to approve the minutes. Nick seconded. The motion to approve the meeting minutes from January and March passed unanimously.
4. **Financial Report/IRS Update**—Andrew is locked out of the on-line banking. We have about \$15,000. The IRS paperwork is ready to go. Andrew will mail a copy to Judy.
5. **Replenishing Club Pins**—Don's company may be able to do something with the re-order. Judy has the information from the previous order. Judy will ask Don about proceeding with this.
6. **Engraved Handles**—This was discussed earlier but not followed up on. Mike Hunter and Linda Murphy do not have engraved handles. Mike believes Dan emailed him a list of who is still owed an engraved handle.
7. **Website Update**—Mike's computer is back up. He will try to update the website with the minutes.
8. **Tuesday Trophy Options**—We will use money from subs to pay for prizes. It was proposed to have steaks for the winners and toilet paper for the last place team. If there's enough money from subs, we could potentially come up with a prize for each team. We will budget \$75 for "trophies" and solicit donations, too. Nick moved and Jonathan seconded to approve this expenditure. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Approval for Expenditure of 2008-9 Trophy and Plaques**—Judy moved to approve the expenditure, and Mike seconded. The motion approved unanimously. It will be added to next year's budget, and Kelty Sue will be reimbursed for the expenditure this year.
10. **Tuesday Nights for Fall (Recruiting/Start Dates) and Summer Open Houses**—We will be curling in the other rink for the Open Houses, and possibly for next season depending upon when we start. Judy would like Open Houses in Farmers Branch, too. Judy will ask the Stars Center if they will charge per/head instead of billing the club for the ice time. Judy will also schedule events at other venues, like the Plaza of the Americas and the Parks Mall and possibly Stonebriar Center. We will try to do something once a month. Maybe we can pick up a meat freezer to keep the rocks cold. Judy will present dates at the next meeting.
11. **Collections from Sunday/Tuesday Curlers**—Andrew will report next month. He was unable to access the information online. Nick will send Andrew the information he has, and Andrew will update it.

12. **Next Season's Dates**—The Olympics start February 12 and end February 28. We plan to start October 4th or in order to finish early. We would take off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and the Superbowl. This will allow us to have a 17-week season and jump into an Open House on the 21st. We could also have curling before an Open House. We could have an Open House on a Saturday. We need to be ready to collect money and sign people up at the Open House. There's no reason why we can't have a 4-hour Open House, too. We want to follow up with a mini-league, perhaps the second week in March. The Stars Center will probably be more accommodating during a week night. Judy will talk with the Stars Center to solidify dates for our fall Sunday league, a fall Tuesday night league, Open Houses, and a spring starter league.

13. **Dedicated Curling Facility Options/Discussion**—Columbus CC sent Judy information on their dedicated ice start-up:

Rent:	\$48,000	Membership Revenue \$500x160 members=\$80,000
Electric:	\$15,000	They sold promissory notes.
<u>Loan:</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>	They have 3 sheets. They suggested we start with 5 sheets.
Total:	\$75,000	

Additional Costs: heat, water, insurance

They spent \$100,000 for the chiller unit upfront. It took 2 weeks to install the rink with 15 people helping daily. They did get donations and some corporate sponsorship. They suggest having at least 7,000 sq ft of warehouse space. They have a concrete floor with mats.

We would need an insulated or a refrigerated warehouse because we would need cooling, which Columbus probably does not. There are 2 places in Irving that have about 14,000 sq ft. We would only need to lease a place for 4 months, and might be willing to pay more for a lease if it's for less than a year.

We need about \$100,000 to make it happen. It is possible and reasonable for us to have this in November 2010. If everyone gave or raised \$2500, that would cover the chiller, and membership would cover the operating costs.

14. **Additional Items**

- a. **End of Year Budget Report**—Due at the April board meeting.
- b. **Oklahoma Curling Club**—Jonathan said his contact was still waffling. They would cover our rocks through their insurance policy. They would drive down to pick up our rocks. They only have one sheet of ice open, but his contact wants to paint houses. They are still thinking about a May open house. Jonathan will email the board to update the progress. Andrew will prepare something to show how much our rocks should be insured for (replacement costs, handles, shipping).
- c. **TOB Website**—Mike will find the receipt for the site hosting, and we will follow up in April.

15. **Adjourn Meeting**—Meeting was adjourned at 2:58.

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

Signature: _____
 Title: _____

Name: _____
 Date: _____, 2009