

D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2008
Start Time: 7:45 P.M.
End Time: 9:00 P.M.
Present: D. Kleppe, D. Johnson, A. Bahr, J. Willingham, A. Buckner, M. Hunter, S. Healer, N. Myers, J. Havercroft (via teleconference)
Mtg. Type: Board Meeting
Location: Felcor Lodging Trust Incorporated offices
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 announced the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:45.
2. The next Board meeting will be at the Duncanville Community Center at 1:30 on **September 14, 2008** (prior to the open house.) Judy will reserve the space. Note: Due to Hurricane Ike, the meeting was moved to the second floor of the Duncanville Stars Center.
3. Nick moved to approve the board meeting minutes from 7/7/2008. The motion was seconded by Dan and was passed unanimously by the Board.
4. Financial Report—We have between \$10,000 and \$11,000 in the club's account. At the general membership meeting, the club approved an expenditure of up to \$6500 to have Thompson Curling Supply add inserts and re-profile the striking bands for the Sheet A rocks. Don's son is in international shipping and may be a good contact for transporting our rocks. Nick will contact him. We received \$300 total from the Optimist International Learn-to-Curl Event, and the club still needs to settle with the Stars Center for that open house. Kelty Sue has been reimbursed for the TOB. Andrew will check into 501(c)3 status before the next board meeting. USCA dues are increasing as are the Stars Center's ice fees. The board discussed setting a deadline for members to guarantee their spot. Don moved that membership dues remain at \$400 if the first installment of \$200 is paid (postmarked) by September 30, and be raised to \$425 beginning October 1 for returning members. Dan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Shana will mail a letter this week to last year's members stating that dues will increase to \$425, but that members paying at least \$200 by September 30 will both guarantee themselves a spot and receive a discount of \$25.
5. Olympic Year Finances and Fundraising— We have one off-season left before the Olympic year, and it would be nice to have \$5,000-\$6,000 to hold open houses on multiple days/times during that Olympic year. Andrew has been doing a fundraiser this summer with the Grand Prairie Air Hogs. Groups running a food booth are guaranteed a minimum of \$200/game. It takes 5 hours/night for 5-8 people, and the group gets 8 percent gross. Twenty-three games is ½ a season and will bring in \$4600. We could give a discount to club members who work. With the cost of gas, it's still cheaper for some members not to participate. If we wanted to do it next season, we'd still have time to let them know. Everyone would have to take more ownership in the club in order for this to be a viable fundraising option. Other fundraising ideas could be entertained.

6. Board Photos and Club Website Update—Board members should email Mike a picture for the website. Official photos may be taken at some point in the future. Mike will call Jonathan to discuss the membership application.
7. At-Large Position—Judy recommended Don Kleppe to be the At-Large Representative to the Board. The appointment lasts until the end of the fiscal year. Don accepted the position, and the board approved this appointment unanimously.
8. Survey Results—Survey results were discussed in the general meeting. Approximately half the club responded. After getting phone numbers from Jonathan, Don will call members who did not respond to find out their curling plans for the upcoming season. Responses will shape the direction of a Tuesday night league. The majority of those responding said they'd be available to curl on Sundays only and do not think the club should subsidize an additional night of curling.
9. Tuesday Night League—This was also discussed in the general meeting. Judy will tell the Stars Center on August 12, 2008 that the club would be interested in an 8-week mini-season on Tuesday nights starting in January. This will limit our financial risk associated with two nights of curling per week and give us time after the season starts to determine who is willing and able to play on Tuesday evenings. Other options for Tuesday evenings, should a league not form, could be hosting corporate events or certifying members to be instructors.
10. There were no other outstanding items from the previous meeting.
11. Additional Items:
 - a. Judy got a letter from Denver regarding US Club National Playdowns in Denver. The Board liked the idea of them doing a playdown/bonspiel combo.
 - b. Judy is meeting with the Stars Center to work on our calendar. We are tentatively looking at starting the Sunday league the first weekend in November, and not curling the Sunday after Thanksgiving or on 12/28.
 - c. The next TOB is May 22-24.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

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

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 2008