

D/FW Curling Club Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2009

Start Time: 1:21 P.M.

End Time: 3:10 P.M.

Board members present: J. Willingham, M. Hunter, S. Healer, N. Myers, D. Kleppe, J. Havercroft (via teleconference), A. Bahr, A. Buckner

Board members absent: D. Johnson

Mtg. Type: Board Meeting

Location: 6815 Silver Creek Azle Rd

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 1:21 PM.
2. The next membership meeting will be at the Farmers Branch StarCenter at 4:00 on October 18. We will have the meeting in conjunction with the season opener party. The next board meeting will be November 8 at 4:00. Judy will make the arrangements to have it at the FB StarCenter.
3. The previous meeting minutes from 9/20/09 were reviewed. Concerns were raised about why the remaining sponsorship handles will have to wait until summer. There is not enough time to send off existing handles. Judy would like to see an alternative solution. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Equipment Purchase Update**— Mike Hunter and Linda Murphy now have engraved handles, and Nick has requested that they be here by October 15. We bought two new delivery sticks from Goldline. This gives us one for each sheet. This used up the amount that Nick was allocated in last year's budget. Andy was able to get the bases for a fifth sheet of hacks donated by a fabricator in Canada.
5. **USCA Media Kit**—This includes signage for ice safety, suggestions for media interactions, and an announcement that the Simpsons are having a curling episode on Fox during the Olympics, either on February 21 or 28. The USCA suggests a "beer and doughnuts" open house. Judy would like the membership to have access to this information so that we can use our own membership to network. It can be put in the team binders. It was also suggested that a curling video be made available for members who have Facebook accounts. The kit also included a schedule for the Olympic curling events.
6. **Budget for 2009-2010 Season**—If we have a 19-week season, we'll spend approximately \$12,707 depending upon USCA dues. Our cash in will be \$15,950. We'll allow \$3,000 for equipment. We need to include extra money (\$300) to have 10 handles engraved plus shipping. We will set aside \$4,300 for Olympic Open Houses (which we will charge for) and Open Houses in the summer. If five full-season curlers sign up at the Olympic Open House, we'll break even. If there's an instructor clinic, it will be up to participants to cover the costs.
7. **Club Banner**—This was left at the Duncanville StarCenter. The facility is now locked, and the Stars do not have keys. Nick has called the Duncanville city manager and has not heard back. Nick suggested that Jonathan email him to ask how we can meet someone there to get it. Judy will try to track down who has the green banner.
8. **Donated Brooms from Huge Curling Savings**—These would be a good prize or good for a club auction with a minimum bid. Mike Hunter will spearhead this project.

9. **Olympic Open Houses and Weeknight Curling**—Judy has secured 2/21 and 2/28 from 8:00-12:00 (midnight) following our league games. She will check to see if any Saturdays are available. We are thinking about having stations in order to rotate people through. We also want to be set up to take money and applications for Tuesday curling on March 16, from 6:30-8:30. We also need to look into multiple nights. With experienced curlers paired with new curlers, we probably will not have a problem filling two draws following the Olympics. Judy would like the details finalized for the open houses and how we instruct by December. Judy also wants to have an instructor clinic this winter so that we have a standardized approach to introducing new curlers to the sport. We can invite the other Texas clubs to come to an instructional clinic, too. Nick will spearhead organizing both the instructor clinic and the Open Houses. Don and Andy can work with Nick on what the stations should look like.
10. **Talks with FB StarCenter**—Nick has talked to the assistant rink manager who was apologetic about the rocks not being iced down for the Open House. Farmers Branch said they had not iced down our rocks because there isn't a drain in that corner of the floor, but Nick explained that Duncanville did not have a drain either. They are fine with us throwing the rock-cooling ice out the door by our rocks. Mike can stop by the Friday night before curling starts to make sure the rocks are iced down. Some staff from Duncanville went to Farmers Branch, so hopefully the level of service will draw closer to what we're used to. It's a new learning curve for Farmers Branch. Mike also suggested that we try to get the ice crew to try curling so that they have more ownership and an understanding of the ice. Nick and Mike will continue working with them.
11. **Ice Prep Plan**—We have 30 minutes (after the Zamboni is done) to prep the ice. Whoever is playing on sheet A will be expected to show up early. Each position will have a different responsibility (moving rocks, running the rocks with the rock boxes, setting up hacks, hanging scoreboards). Details will be included in team binders and will be discussed at the general membership meeting.
12. **Handouts to Club**—The handouts we've given in the past include the USCA rules and procedures book, the club by-laws, and the club rules. The books have gone to every skip, and the skips also have schedules to pass out. If the skips are not new, they will not need a new copy of the whole notebook. Mike will make name tags. We already have new member handbooks. Shana and Andy will compile the three pages of the club rules to insert into the new member handbooks. Everyone will get the folded legal-sized rules of play handout. We also need to hand out a roster with email addresses of everyone in the club along with a sub list. Mike can make free color copies.
13. **Teams and Schedules**—Nine teams were selected. Attention was given both to ability to play the position as well as trying to keep the competition balanced. Andy will complete the schedule. Teams will be posted on the web. A mass email will be sent out announcing the teams for the year.
14. **Opening Party**—Judy will ask the FB StarCenter if it's OK to bring in food. If so, we'll order in pizza with the hog money from last year. The party will start at 4:00. We'll also need to check to see if the bar area will be available, as it has been closed several times in the past when we've been at the facility.
15. **Bylaws**—This was tabled again due to the already extensive meeting.
16. **Adjourn Meeting**—The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

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

Signature: _____
 Title: _____

Name: _____
 Date: _____, 2009