

Bemidji Curling Club Board Meeting December 22nd, 2021

In Attendance:

Amanda Kelly
Conrad Kelly
Jordan Stearns
Dave Willford
Stuart Noble
Eric Johannsen
Lanny Cyr
Myles McDanel
John Andringa
Eric Fenson

Call to Order: 5:31 pm

Meeting Minutes Approved

1st: Conrad Kelly
2nd: Dave Willford

Meeting Agenda Approved

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2nd: Conrad Kelly

GM & Ice Report:

- Ice has been washed and should be in good shape for the State Championship. Will be washed again after the American Legion Bonspiel.
- Dial was replaced on the scraper.

Financial Report:

- No new report as accountant has been sick for the last month.
- Last rock payment was made - YAY!
- Expected income still this season:
 - Bonspiels, \$12,000
 - BSU, \$1,500
 - BHS, \$3,000
- With 74 teams signed up for this season it seems we still have a decent amount of unpaid members. We currently have 157 members paid and a few dozen online payments. Eric Fenson will be cross referencing rosters with paid dues to hold members accountable and get dues paid.
- Furnace issues – 2 have been fixed so 4 are now running on the ice. This summer we will need to do some replacements. Eric Fenson will look into using city money for some of these repairs.

- We will be tight at the end of the season and should continue to look for ways to generate more income.

Bar Report:

- Jordan prepared a cost comparison sheet of all beverages offered at the bar this season. Also used two weeks of sales provided by Cathy to give a rough estimates of costs and profits for this season. After soda and popcorn expenses we are looking at losing a little under \$700 for the season during league nights at the bar. This sheet will be stored in the Google Drive so it can be updated if new bar offerings are added.
- Cathy will be submitting a Bar Report each meeting and would like to attend in person in the future. Her full report can be found in the Google Drive. In summary:
 - Cathy and Paul are enjoying working the bar this year.
 - They have made a calendar in the Bar Binder with the schedule of events as well as their availability.
 - Cathy is currently using her iPad to play music. The club should look into something that can stay at the bar for all employees to use for music.
 - People are pleased with tap choices, and Cathy thinks people would pay more for the craft LOW. They also noted that our bottles & cans are 12 oz. and our tap pours are 16 oz.
 - Would like a way to accept credit cards.
 - Cathy would like to sell hot dogs at the bar.
- Amanda and Conrad would like to donate their Square Register to the club so we are able to accept cards and make it easier to track sales. Will work on installing on Monday. *"The BCC will accept the donation of the Square Register and switch over our bar register to now accept cash and credit."*

1st: Stu Noble

2nd: Jordan Stearns

Motion Passes at 5:54pm

Membership:

- Finishing going through Membership forms and adding to Curling Club Manager. Eric F has a small stack for Eric J to take today.

Marketing:

- Social Media and Email reachout is going well.
- Looking to get back on the radio and reach out to newspaper to help market upcoming bonspiels.

Juniors:

- Great turnout for the Sunday and Monday Juniors program.
- Sent an email out for volunteers and got a good response

Strategic Planning:

- New meeting time will be on Wednesdays after the Board Meeting.

USCA Nationals:

- New Event person has been appointed. Conrad is working on getting ahold of him and will talk with him in person at their next officiating event to see how we can move forward.

State Club/U18 State:

- Dave and Stu will be meeting today after the board meeting to work on planning.
- Final draw schedule was released. 2 boys team and 5 girls teams for U18.
- 5 teams total for State Club

Olympic Event Promotion:

- Conrad will be hosting two Learn to Curl Events during the Olympics. One on February 9th (Olympic Women's Draw) and February 16th (Olympic Men's Draw), both starting at 5:30pm. Event will include 1 hour of Curling, Dinner, and then Watch Party at the bar.
- Conrad would also like to host a Watch Party during the Medal Rounds.
- Would like to have one stabilizer for each sheet to help in Learn to Curl. Eric can order wholesale for \$50 a piece. Stu has two he can bring.
- Would like to replace the TV in the lounge room to one that works before Olympics start. Jordan will reach out to membership to see if anyone has one they are willing to donate.

"Four Stabilizers will be purchased for or Learn to Curl Events"

1st: John Andringa

2nd: Stu Noble

Passed at 6:12pm

Paul Bunyan Bonspiel:

- 2 months away, Covid makes Canadian teams unsure.
- Lanny is working on posting and mailing flyer to get the word out.
- Grand Forks has a Bonspiel that same weekend, may draw some of the same people.

Canine Bonspiel:

- Posters have been revised and are being resent.
- One of the dogs and handlers will put on a show/demonstration upstairs and live music from two curlers has been arranged

Blue Ox Bonspiel:

- Registration is up and starting to come in.
- At a great price, hoping for an influx of registrations after the holidays.

Club Event Broadcasting:

- Eric J will be looking into it after Board Meeting
- We think all we have to do is log-in and press start
- As soon as it is live a sign will be posted and email sent to notify members

Safesport:

- Reminder for annual renewal, bring Amanda a confirmation copy when completed.

Rock Handle Engraving:

- Handles have been installed but better stickers are needed
- Both Eric Fenson and Conrad will reach out to try to get the same silver ones we currently have as they are nicer looking. Wouldn't hurt to have extras on hand.
- Jordan will repost on Facebook in hopes to sell some more.

New Chairs:

- New chairs have been installed.
- Extra tables and chairs are being stored on the hockey side of the building.

Pins & Merch

- Everyone is loving the pins and feedback has been awesome! A list is with the pins behind the bar for people to sign their name when they take one.
- Amanda is working on the white version of the logo so we can mock up some new apparel for pre-order

Oven/Stove For Purchase:

- Lanny still has oven/stove replacement for kitchen available and board needs to make a decision today.
- Lanny brought a breakdown of payments and financing available for the Club to utilize to help with expense.
- No complaints have been heard from people who have used the kitchen thus far.
- Should there be a fee added for kitchen use during events to help with cost.

BCC will purchase oven from Lanny with his terms with the addition of \$50 a day for use of the kitchen for all future events.

1st: Stu Noble

2nd: Dave Wilford

Motion Passed at 6:51pm

Abstained: Lanny Cyr

Opposed: Eric Johannasen, Jordan Stearns, Myles McDanel

Sanford Wellness Meeting:

- Meeting ended up being more than originally thought. Amanda apologizes for not inviting the entire board as the intent of the meeting was a bit of a miscommunication.
- Rumors of the Wellness Center including Curling without us are not true.
- Dave Hengel of Greater Bemidji and Two Sanford Reps presented the plans thus far for the Wellness Center in the Railroad Corridor.
- The project is not finalized or full funded.
- If we were to be involved we would not be able to have a bar.
- Board is not interested in moving forward with interest to be included and would rather work to improve our relationships with City Council members and prominent members of the community to help them see and appreciate what curling offers to our city and how we can help our existing structure.
- Eric Fenson has copy of lease!

Motion passed to Adjourn Meeting

1st: Eric Johannsen

2nd: Dave Willford

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 19th, at 5:30pm