WSCA Meeting Minutes

10-7-2020

1. Call to Order
   Present: Jim Pleasants, Art Placek, Josh Engle, Lisa Tamura, Stu Beck, Greg Schatzman, Matt Moore, Gina Triolo, Doug Potter
   - Need to determine who from ECC is 1-yr vs 2-yr term – tabled, need determination from GCC as well

2. Approved minutes of last meeting
   Explanation of difference between WSCA & CCW

3. Re-vote for Officers (with ECC Directors voting)
   - Nominated Art as Vice President, no other nominations
   - Elected following officers:
     - James Pleasants – President
     - Vice President – Art Placek
     - Treasurer – Stu Beck
     - Secretary – Gina Triolo
   - Requested that new org has Directors & Officers insurance, we don't currently have it but PNWCA bylaws insist we must. Art will follow up with MOPAC to get info on theirs.

4. Communications – Discuss club plans for reopening & dealing with COVID
   - GCC will not open until WA Stage 4 – GCC board thinks it is unlikely to happen this season
   - ECC – putting in ice, anticipating to move to OR Stage 2 – may be potential to open on limited basis late this year or early 2021. Ice-in process takes 4-6 weeks, possibility that may not be ready to use it once it's in – expect end of Oct/start of Nov
   - U18 playdown needs to be in November. Is ECC board comfortable hosting? We will reconvene after ECC board meeting on 10/21 to follow up. Could potentially move playdown to first half of Dec.
   - USCA has not yet opened registration for U18. When will USCA make call? Would we be taking unnecessary risk by hosting playdown and then have event cancelled?
   - USWCA has cancelled all events for season, USCA has been unwilling to do that. Still looking for host clubs for several events. GNCC has decided to cancel all playdowns & championships this season.
   - If we don't have playdown can we still send a team? Need to look at rule. Would still need to decide if we want to sanction a team to go. We may want to develop criteria to determine if it's safe to send a team.
   - INWCC – situation not good, were planning to have fall doubles league, could not get enough members to sign up. Won't be curling until at least March 20th, if don't curl in spring will go more than 18 months without curling. Concerns about long-term viability.

5. Treasurer's Report – Stuart Beck
    - Put together budget based on guesses – somewhat optimistic, 25% of what we normally get. We can take a year with no revenue and come out okay, won't be hurt by cancelling dues this year.
    - We didn't award crystal last year even though teams played – we should award them crystal now that Kusak Glass is open

6. USCA Report – Doug Potter
    - Discovered that fewer clubs than expected are open
    - Dues proposal – USCA will collect dues directly from individual members (& will pass on dues to regions). Will include reduced price medical insurance & general liability insurance.
    - Several clubs have said they aren't paying USCA dues this year, even though they are charging members the same – this sparked this initiative
    - Unclear exactly what will be covered – e.g. GCC pays a lot in insurance, can we replace our insurance with what they're offering? INWCC opted not to go with USCA insurance, went separate way because they could get better coverage for cheaper. Will still need to get other types of insurance (liquor, directors, earthquake, etc.)
    - INWCC has already paid for insurance, having this info after the fact doesn't help
    - We still want list of members from clubs even if we're not collecting dues

7. State Playdowns and award
    - Jim will place order for crystal, update trophy engravings – will need to get into club. We should look at getting new trophies for PNWCA
    - USCA looking for people for nominations committees (nominates people to board, committees)

    Chairs for Playdowns
    - U18 Playdowns – Nov.20-22 Evergreen – TBD*
    - Men's Club Playdowns - Jan 23-25th Granite – Doug Potter
    - Women's Club Playdowns: Jan 8-10 Evergreen – TBD*
    - Mixed Playdowns - Feb 5-7 Evergreen – TBD*
    - ~~WA Senior Championships - Dec 27-29th Granite~~ – CANCELLED
    - ~~PIC Playdowns - Mar 20-22nd Granite (ECC separate) –~~ PIC Playdown should be handled by each individual club
    - 5 & Under Playdowns - May 8-10 Granite - Gina Triolo

    *ECC directors will consult the ECC competitions committee to select chairs

8. Old Business

Report on Outreach to arena clubs in Oregon (Bend and Klamath) and Idaho (Boise and McCall.)

- Jim has talked to people from Bend and Klamath falls, there is interest in joining region. Boise seemed somewhat interested, wanted to know more about business plan/dues structure. Definite interest from OR, less clear from ID
- Matt talked to a club in Western Montana a while back, they seemed somewhat interested as well

Safesport – are we all in compliance?

- Need code for SafeSport training – Jim will email out
- There is a new background check requirement

Website status – Gina Triolo

- Everyone has received credentials for curlpnw.org account
- Website is still in preview, viewable to curlpnw.org accounts only. Will go live once additional info is added to make it more complete.
- Discussion of ways to engage with curlers through website: selling pins, video strategy/development sessions, sending out newsletter about what is going on in region
- Gina to follow up on getting ECC blurb & bios of directors to add to website.

9. Adjournment