

Bemidji Curling Club Board Meeting October 25th, 2023

In Attendance:

Jenny Willford
Jordan Stearns
Stu Noble
Paul Thompson
Eric Johannsen
Dave Willford
Bill Sanford
Judy Macenroth
Jamie Quello (Virtual)
Lanny Cyr (present for K9 Bonspiel discussion)

Call to Order: 5:30pm

Approval of October 4th Meeting Minutes

Edit Needed: Building expenses need to be sent to the city for reimbursement – not have been.

1st: Stu Noble

2nd: Bill Sanford

Passed

Approval of October 25th Meeting Agenda

1st: Jordan Stearns

2nd: Stu Noble

Passed

K9 Bonspiel:

- Lanny would like to host the K9 Bonspiel again this season but try having it earlier in the season and combine with Community Ed.
- After reviewing our accounting from last year, K9 Bongspiels expenses, donations, registration, etc. was all done through the Bemidji Curling Club bank accounts.
- BCC Board has made the decision that due to our own financial needs and nonprofit status that we are not able to make donations to other causes.
- An article was published crediting last year's K9 Bonspiel donation to the BCC causing some confusion and concern about perception as we are hosting our own fundraisers and asking for donations.
- K9 Bonspiel is free to happen again this season but must conduct its event like all other private bongspiels ran at the BCC. This includes paying the club rental fee, handling registration and all other expenses independently.

Financial:

- New Accounts have sent Jen a Chart of Accounts

- Goal of Mid-November to have everything entered. Hoping to have something for the next board meeting.
- Review of October Expenses and Income Report.

Ice Installation:

- Ice Install required a bit more time than anticipated. Glad to have Shawn Olesen's guidance instead of hiring someone early on.
- BCC needs new nipper – cost is up to \$2,000. We have not had a new one in a long time.
- Scraper is in pretty sad shape, needs some upgrades. Scraper blades should also only be sharpened in Canada for future reference.

Motion to purchase new nipper, pebbling heads, scraper parts, and blades – approx.. \$5,000

1st: Stu Noble

2nd: Bill Sanford

Passed

- Jamie is working on an ice maintenance and compensation schedule to show to the board later.

Janitor:

- We will test out heavier garbage bags for the bar to see if it helps with bags leaking.
- Paul did receive updated liability insurance from cleaning company.

Motion to approve and sign contract with the removal of Friday cleaning from schedule

1st: Bill Sanford

2nd: Stu Noble

Passed

Ice Plant:

- There is currently a compressor safety tripping on the system. Will be replacing ASAP. Nursing the ice until that time.
- Parts should be under warranty but we will look into having additional parts on hand for any future hiccups.

Fundraising:

- Dave will tally up expenses to see how much was raised from the fish fry.
- Jordan and Bill will connect about reengaging with membership for donations now that plant is installed and season is starting.
- Paul Bunyan Communications handles have been installed. Dave is working on numbering the rocks.

Juniors:

- Still looking for someone to host Sunday lessons, will talk with Community Ed.
- Not hosting Sunday lessons would greatly effect Junior financials.
- Jaime will still do Monday night lessons.

Bar:

- Received list of all beer/seltzer offerings available. Board feels Cathy and Paul know what was selling best and trusts them to decide what we should carry this season.
- Might try a “Feature of the Month”

Club Project List:

- Roof was repaired and heater pipe caps replaced by the city.
- Bar Counter has been completed.
- Defibrillator looks to have been replaced.
- Carpet is complete.
- Fridge repair is done.

Events:

- YOG is next weekend. Still looking for timers. Will be charging entry for the event, have business sponsors and will receive \$1,000 for hosting from USA Curling.
- Jordan will contact the Pioneer and Lakeland News for publicity. Jaime will invite Mayor and new City Manager.
- Community Ed hit 15 registrants for the second session. End of session “funspiel” TBD.
- Leagues will start the week after Thanksgiving. We will need to help the Community Ed participants find teams and leagues to join.
- Stu will host a Drop In League on Fridays at 6:00pm to help with placement for community ed participants, anyone wanting more ice time, and hopefully increase membership.

Club Rental:

- Have someone interested in half day rental for just the upstairs area. This option is not currently listed on our rental prices.

Motion to approve \$300 half day event fee with Board Member or Bartender present on Dec 9th.

1st: Bill Sanford

2nd: Jenny Willford

Passed

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

1st: Bill Sanford

2nd: Jordan Stearns

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19pm.