

Lake Placid Curling Club, Inc.
Board Meeting
September 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom video call

Officers:

Kimberly Weinrick, President
Katrina Dearden, Secretary
Cait Keefe, VP & Membership Coordinator
Dott McMenemy, Treasurer
Steve Maikowski, Marketing
Mark Hofschneider, Director at Large (website)
Aimee Lynch, Director at Large (social media)

Present:

Kimberly, Dott, Aimee, Katrina Dearden, Amber, Tom, Stephen, Katrina

Minutes from May 25

- Motion moved by Dott, Seconded by Stephen, approved by Board; Minutes will also be posted on the website
- Amber would like to have minutes posted earlier in draft mode to the website, however the point was made that we should wait until they are approved to help with the sensitivity of the World University Games and the SL Civic Center construction

Financials

- Not much activity due to summer but the PO box was paid for as well as insurance so \$886 was spent, savings also accrued \$2.02 in interest
- [Financial Report linked here](#)
- Dott will also reach out to Bill for assistance with Quickbooks

Feedback on the Civic Center on scheduling / ice time

Governor Kathy Hochul's update on the Games and invite to LPCC

- The governor has been invited to come and throw some stones along with the mayor which would be before the games. Hochul talked about having ESPN coverage for 100 hours for the games.

Consider hosting a Community Day for nonprofits and School Day TBD

- If there is availability after the games we may be able to host a bonspiel of sorts with local non-profits but until we have more information on ice

availability and what is going on with the games we need to pause this idea once again as we do not want to give up our own ice time for this. This would be closer to a learn to curl for non-profits with a curling club member “adopting” a non-profit to coach and skip for.

- For the schools we can go into the schools and do a quick talk and let the kids see a stone. Once Kim has talked to the school administration to see if this is possible she will report back on this. Amber let us know that she has some gym curling stones that belong to the club that may be used as they do not need ice.

Albany Friendly (Darren Dalton point person) Dec 10

- Albany reached out to Darren about a friendly which is scheduled for Dec 10 (exact date TBD) at the Albany Curling Club

Discuss approach / ideas to season given disruption of games / Aimee’s survey

- We need to make sure that we are clear to members about what the ice time will be so that they do not feel shorted or misinformed when they sign up. Civic center fees will probably not be going down so we as a club may need to eat some of the fees for members as they will be getting much less ice time. But before we have that full discussion we need to know more about what the civic center availability will be
- Aimee is looking into what platform will host the survey once we are ready to send that out. Kim wants to make sure that we can include short answer responses as well as ease for members to access.

GNCC Update (And USA Curling emails)

- We want to illustrate a good faith effort with memberships in both curling organizations as all eyes of the curling world will be on Saranac Lake
- Despite LPCC not appreciating the USA Curling tone, we will not yet resign memberships. After the games we would like to regroup and have a discussion on whether we move forward with both organizations. Until that point we will continue with both GNCC and USA Curling (right now it is about \$32 for each organization’s dues though insurance may also add some fees).

- There has been public letters stating that they will not vote to have GNCC (Grand National Curling Club) removed. FISU works directed with USCA (US Curling Association) so we do not want to push until after the games and maybe at the annual meeting. As an individual you can become a member of GNCC and USA Curling if you wish. If you are not a member you cannot attend arena curling events (USCA). A number of college students are able to join an independent group instead (Utica was a good example of this)
- World Curling Federation elected a new president who happens to be from the US (Bo Welling). He first saw curling as an olympic sport and is an arena curler. We should invite him to come to our club.

Other business

- Donations made in Phyllis Magus' name topped \$500 to the civic center. Kim talked to her nephew about it and he was quite touched. Donations were opened until Labor Day. Many members attended her memorial service.

Ice time

- Not getting full information yet but hockey is planning on starting Dec 1. Ice flooding should be around Thanksgiving. We are not sure if we need to paint the lines or if someone else is doing it for the games. Kim is reaching out to Matt and Peter and would also like a FISU contact. Once more clarity is available we will be notified (about timeline, painting lines, and ice time)
- Currently looking at December, nothing in January (except working with the world games and warming up the ice) and then picking back up in February into March. If there is interest we may be able to go into May. Kim would like to hold off on surveys to members until we have more information on what could be offered.
- It may be helpful to send some bonspiels out to members who would like more curling time.
- Aimee reminded us that there may be ice available in Lake Placid and she will continue to ask and see if this may be possible (request is to keep it to Sunday afternoons if at all possible). Stephen will take over making that list.

Sub Dues

- Last year subs paid at the start of the season and then paid for each time they subbed (up to 10 times as that matched the member fee). It was an honor system for subs to pay at the end of the season based on the number of times they subbed. This seemed to have worked

Event ice

- The event ice will not be done with a zamboni but instead an ice scraper to go between the bumpers so we may not be able to plan events on the dedicated ice as they will not be willing to ruin this ice. Also the zamboni will not be able to go onto the ice until the bumpers are melted and removed so we may have to wait a bit until we are able to get ice time. This may mean using the scribe method with markers instead of painting our houses under the ice. This would mean scribing the houses each time we use the ice as hockey will be in between.
- We should also set up a table to sell our merchandise during the games if that is allowed (Kim will ask but hockey is not allowed to set up their snack bar so that implies that we may not be able to solicit)

October 3 at 5:30 will be the next meeting