**Lake Placid Curling Club, Inc.**

**Board Meeting**

**August 1, 2024**

**Zoom; 5:30 p.m.**

**<u>Officers:</u>**

**Kimberly Weinrick, President**

**Jackie Haynes, VP & Membership**

**Katrina Dearden, Secretary**

**Dott McMenemy, Treasurer**

**Aimee Lynch, Director at Large (marketing & social media)**

**Mark Hofschneider, Director at Large (website)**

**John Omohundro, Director at Large (special events)**

**Andrew Chary, Advisor and Following By-Laws update, Director At Large**

**Present:**

**Kim, Dott, Mark, John, Katrina, Jackie, Aimee, Andrew**

**<u>Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.</u>**

**President's Remarks**

1. **Welcomed Andrew Chary - It's great to have you with us! Our full board is:**

- Kimberly, President
- Dott, Treasurer
- Katrina, Secretary
- Jackie, Membership
- Mark, Website
- Aimee, Marketing & Social Media
- John, Special Events
- Andrew, Director At Large *(serving as Advisor until we update the By-Laws during Autumn)*

**2) Katrina's health continues to improve;** Katrina, knows we're all rooting for her, and anything she may need, we're here for her. In fact, she may even be able to curl this year - big shout out to her for all of her recovery - and special recognition for serving as Club Secretary.

**3) The Annual Meeting in April shared highlights of our first full season since COVID & updates from the 2023-2024 Season, at Darren's beautiful home, and spent extra time on two main topics for us to review.**

*As time ran long, we will also implement a 5-minute time for additional comments not submitted for the agenda*.

- **The GNCC update given by Amber our GNCC Rep** who asked for a Member vote on our interest of the GNCC and potential involvement with USA Curling; more to come

    - Our club felt that USA Curling was being unsportsmanlike and that we did not have enough of a benefit to continue paying membership dues, especially given its behavior

    - Individuals can become members of USA Curling if they wish to compete at a higher level

    - As a Board, we discussed and opted to continue as members of GNCC which includes insurance for this season
    - We will continue to access and evaluate cost / benefit of membership in both organizations for future discussions
    - GNCC shared they are facing a lot of lawsuits for bad behavior by members of other clubs
    - If we drop GNCC this may remove our eligibility for certain competitions (more to come)
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- **Updates to the LPCC Bylaws;** we are further clarifying a few phrases and will provide a 20-day advance notice along with zoom meeting invite for Members to review and ratify before year end

- Dott generously took notes at the Annual Meeting and we'll review those prior to the next Annual Meeting in April 2025 (to be held at Willie's lovely home)
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- **LPCC Member feedback** includes continuing the **split season approach** and looking at creative ways to use 'dead ice time' at the Civic Center
    - **Additional Evening for Curling was sought**, along with the potential for one sheet dedicated to Mixed Doubles during that extra curling time
    - **Team selection may need a few more tweaks** to help ensure that teams are changed up when the season splits and so that there is more balance in spreading out the first-year players
    - **Number of subs** and having a Bye Team when possible
    - **Ice is expected to be in earlier** than year's past; more to come when we know that schedule

- **Website to be updated:** Member Spotlights, Board Members, additional refresh via Mark
- **Social updates & photos:** Aimee to gear up; fun facts and did you knows (in Sept)
- **Congratulations again to Champions!**
    - **Trophies being engraved** and presented at Season Opener for the winning teams to share throughout the year:
    - Skip Hofschneider's Team, Champs of Winter Season
    - Skip Urquhart Team, Champs of Spring Season
    - Sue Whitcomb, Most Improved Curler

**4) Financials provided by Dott:** as expected, not a lot of activity during the off-season. She paid insurance as well as the post office box, and accepted a donation on the Youth Curling from Rotary.

Additional Updates:

- **ORDA / Lake Placid is offering tourist curling; there may be referrals to our LPCC Club, and or other opportunities; more to come**

- **The Rotary invited Dott and Kim for a photo op with their donation check of $350 to the Youth Curling program**
    - LPCC was supported by Rotarians Cait and Willie and shared a brief update on the Club overall for engagement with adults and specifically for Rotarians to consider (esp Learn to Curls)
    - We relayed our thanks for their youth grant and updated that both March youth sessions were at capacity, LPCC Volunteer-led and free for kids; working with the schools, the 21st Century Grant provided the bus & onsite teacher; there was also a Middle School 'Junior Coach' helping and we expect generally the same plan for 2025

- **Potential Community Event Playoff (Bitters v Grizzles) (Police v Firefighters) Curling for Kids Fundraiser - more to come, pending ice time and Civic Center programming**
- **LPCC Merch / Bear Essentials (can Marketing own this?)**
- **OTHER ?**

- **Next Meeting tentatively Sept 11 at 5:30pm on Zoom**

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