

Cook County Curling Club Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Attendees: Andrea Cuthbert, Joanne Smith, Dave Homyak, Katy Smith, Karen Futterer, Carl Solander, and Duane Hasegawa. Absent: Jenny McGowan.

The meeting agenda was approved with added items: 1) reference library of curling books; 2) purchase of new curling equipment; and 3) consideration of increasing the 2024-25 bonspiel registration fees.

The 1/3/24 meeting minutes and treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

President's report. The stone measuring device was purchased from Canada Curling Stone Co. It should be available in two weeks. We plan to begin league play and open curling by demonstrating its use.

There will be private parties curling on Saturday 2/17/24. Mark Pederson has the junior league curling on 2/18/24.

We submitted a photo of the curling rink (see our website photos) for possible cover illustration on the 2024 community center program guide.

Treasurer's report (see separate attachment). There were five non-renewing banner sponsors. Dave will contact each sponsor, take a photo of the banners, and submit a second request.

We reviewed but did not approve a proposed budget expense allocation for individual board members, the budget limit and frequency. This will be discussed at our next board meeting.

We will again apply for a grant from Visit Cook County which is due next week. The board also approved writing a grant to either Arrowhead or First/Second Thrift store for the purchase or reimbursement of safety equipment.

The Board approved reimbursing the team of Cook County students' registration fee equal to but not exceeding \$400 at the High School Tournament in Duluth MN (3/1-3/4/24) hosted by the MN Curling Association provided that a roster and results of the tournament are submitted to the Board.

2/24/24 Member Fun Day Lunch and Curling. About ten members have signed up to date. RSVP by 2/21/24. We will send an email to all members encouraging them to attend. The activity is already posted on Facebook.

The Futterer Bonspiel already has about eleven teams registered with our goal of registering twenty teams. Sign up sheets to help with bonspiel activities will be posted in the next two weeks.

Duane will contact Sarah Waddle about having a small storage container for a reference library of curling literature that could be located at the community center.

We will take up the need for purchasing delivery stickers, sliders, and grippers at our next two meetings.

We discussed possible dates for the 2024-25 bonspiels and these will be finalized at our next board meeting. We also proposed increasing the bonspiel registration fees to be finalized at our next board meeting.

Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hasegawa, President and Acting Secretary