

Boise Curling Club Board 2/17/14 Meeting Notes/Action Items

Attendees –

Board Members - Rhiannon Avery, Jared Belsher, Russ Benson, Rob Hanson, Brian Dolan

Non-Board Members – N/A

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

Action Items

- RBenson – Compile December 2013 meeting notes and forward to board for review
- JBelsher – Compile January 2014 meeting notes and forward to board for review
- JBelsher – Add November meeting notes to web page and any others that have not been posted.
- BDolan – Contact Boise Curling Club for nomination of committee chairs and member interest on committees.
- JBelsher – Announce committee chair position and committees to club at upcoming curling events.
- JBelsher – Publish details of Thursday night league to the club and LTC events.
- RHanson – Send LTC instructions to LTC participants.
- RAvery – Send out survey to the club for upcoming league participation and LTC participants for feedback on what was good and what could be improved.
- JBelsher – Update corporate events to include changes to our procedures documented below.
- RAvery, JBelsher, RHoltgard – form election committee to find nominations for open board positions.
- JBelsher – Follow-up with the RAM on availability to use the StoneHouse for annual party.

Meeting Notes

NEW BUSINESS

Olympic Learn to Curl Update

- Friday's LTC (2/28) are booked except one opening in the late class
- Saturday LTCs (3/1) have a few spots available.
- Discussed adding another learn to curl on the following weekend (3/7). This would allow anyone not able to attend the current LTCs.
- Agreed to setup a LTC on Friday 3/7 ahead of the start of the Friday night league.

Committees

- Bylaws outline three committees to be established by the board: Logistics, Member Relations, and Special Events
- Brian to solicit Boise Curling Club membership feedback on committee chair nominations and committee membership interest.

- Jared to announce committees (nominations for committee chairs and interest on committees).
- Brian Dolan and Jeff Salmans to be on the Logistics committee (Jeff is league coordinator and Brian is Ice Master).
- Discussed if Jared intends to remain as SOB chair. Does not need to decide at this time, but will need to think about and report back to the board.

Fundraising Committee

- Philippe Didier was not in attendance to discuss.
- Philippe's wife has experience fund raising. Other members have discussed interest.
- Fund raising will fall into Special Events Committee.
- In the future, fund raising may fall into Dedicated Ice Facility.

Upcoming League Update (Friday night, Thursday night)

- 8 people signed up for the Friday night league
- Need to determine if we plan to move forward with the Friday night league.
- Board to continue to communicate through email during the LTCs to determine if we move forward with the Friday night league or not.
- Thursday night league will start 3/27 for 6 weeks targeting 6:30 start time.
- Jared to publish details of the Thursday night league to the club and LTC events.

League Fees – Youth & Child Fees – minimum number or amount of profit need to run a league.

- Board discussed if we need to make a profit or break even for curling ice fees.
- Russ brought up that we have discussed previously and have targeted \$15/person*night.
- Club has always targeted enough curlers to break even for a curling session.
- Is it acceptable for the club to run a curling session at a loss? The board discussed and agreed that it would be voted should the situation occur. The board would need to weigh the risks of losing money versus the gain of running the league.
- The board was informed we may have our first Jr. curler.
- Review of the USCA membership options shows many different options for curling members.
- The board discussed to keep under 18 curlers simple as defined in our recently updated bylaws.
- Brian motioned that under 18 curler membership fees be \$50. Rob seconded. All in favor.

Club Trophy

- Rob and Dale spearheading a club trophy.
- Discussed some initial cost estimates of \$250-300. SOB trophy was \$300.
- The board discussed the purpose of the trophy. Some board members did not

see the need for a trophy while others felt that it would provide a tradition for the club and camaraderie.

- The trophy could be displayed in a trophy case within Idaho Ice World, or could look to have a sponsor display the trophy.
- The board agreed for Rob and Dale to provide a more detailed proposal for the trophy to be reviewed at an upcoming board meeting.
- The board also briefly discussed adding a Presidents picture to our Idaho Ice World display case.

Raffle Proposal

- Dale had a written proposal for a raffle idea for the board to review.
- Proposal included giving away league play entry for a LTC participant. Other options including selling raffle tickets for league play entry.
- The board discussed Dale's proposal and was concerned that the winning LTC participant may not be interested in curling after the LTC. It was also discussed that our normal 50/50 raffle could serve a similar purpose. The winner of the 50/50 raffle could use his/her winnings to pay for their next membership or ice fees.
- After discussion, the board did not feel that the proposal fulfilled the intended goals of improving camaraderie or fundraising better than our current raffles.
- There was no vote on the proposal.

Funding for Instructor Training

- Jared had discussed the idea of providing funding for selected club members to travel for level 1 instructor training with board members Rob and Dale.
- The board discussed and felt that it was a good idea, but required a more detailed proposal before a motion could be made.
- The board also felt that this was a topic for the Member Relations committee.
- Rhiannon took the action item to pull upcoming dates for training at Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco curling clubs.
- Rob H. also has the LTC instruction file and will send link out to all of the LTC volunteers.
- The board discussed that there is need to ensure LTC volunteers have some information on methods for teaching at LTC events.

Survey for Future League Interest

- Board discussed sending a survey to understand club interest in having a summer league as well as upcoming Thursday night league and future Friday night leagues.
- Thursday night league will also need experienced skips and/or coaches for teams with new curling members from LTCs.
- Rhiannon to send out a survey to the club soliciting feedback on these topics. To be out by Wed (2/19). Include a survey for LTC participants to learn what was good and what could be improved.
- It was discussed that having a coach (non-curling member) would be beneficial

as they could provide input to both teams.

SOB Logo Trademark

- Board discussed the need to trademark the Boise Curling Club SOB Logo.
- Rob took the action item to determine what a trademark would mean for the club. Rob to report back at the next board meeting.
- Board also discussed if the BCC logo should be trademarked as well.

Corporate Events

- BCC website list the corporate function fee structure.
- Jared brought up that he has had interest for corporate events. After emailing the information, he received no further feedback. Is this due to cost or other reasons.
- It was discussed if we should simplify the cost structure to make it easier for corporations to understand the costs upfront.
- The board discussed the current fee structure and agreed that it was good as is.
- It was decided that the fees could be rounded to the nearest dollar or tens of dollars (\$200/\$250) for simplicity.
- Based on past issues for corporations the board did agree to the following:
 - Ice time will not be booked until fees are received from the corporation.
 - Ice fees are non-refundable.
 - BCC will ensure corporations are aware of our waiver requirement before requesting feeds.
- Jared to update web page with this information.

Election Committee

- Bylaws dictate that board members whose current terms are expiring are to form a nominating committee to find interest for new board members.
- Current board members that are ending this year are Jared, Rachel, and Rhiannon.
- Nominations are to be completed 30 days prior to election.
- Expiring board members to meet offline and determine nomination process for new board members.

Date for Annual Party

- Board discussed holding annual party meeting after Thursday night league.
- Per bylaws, needs to be held within 1 month after completion of spring session.
- Brian motioned to hold the annual meeting 5/16. Rhiannon seconded. All in favor.
- Jared to call the RAM to see if the StoneHouse is available for 5/16 or 5/17.

Brief SOB Update

- Profit from SOB expected to be ~\$2800. May be more after further collections.
- Full report to be reviewed during SOB meeting.

SOB Meeting

- Tentatively decided 3/2 at 5:30 after follow-up with other committee members.

Next Board Meeting

- 3/16 at 5:00 at Chicago Connection in Idaho Ice World

Rhiannon motioned to close the meeting and Brian seconded. All in favor to close the meeting at 8:21PM