

Minutes of the GLCA Meeting 25 September 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Ben Levy.

The Attendees (via Zoom) were:

Bowling Green: Matt Sussman and Phil Gohr (joining at 9:55 a.m.)

Cincinnati: Stephanie Simpson

Circle City: Rodney Ewing and Tammy Hoffman

Cleveland Skating Club: Kara Girvin

Curl Troy: Paul Robinson

Detroit: Paul Badgero and Brett Jackson

Great Smoky Mountains: Sandra Takata

Kalamazoo: Ben Levy

Lansing: Aaron Carlson

Lewiston: Jeff Michael

Mayfield: Debra Horn

Midland: Michael Graves and Fred Strautman

Traverse City: Jillian Riecke

Proxies: None

A quorum was confirmed.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Spring 2021 meeting via Skype were approved with no changes.

3. Regional Updates

a. Bowling Green

Bowling Green's ice is in and a Halloween Bonspiel is planned. The club has approximately 130 curlers and estimates a total of 170 curlers. A new league has been created. Matt expressed appreciation for the contributions to the Jeannie Borland fund; a memorial fund has been created in her name to support grass-roots youth curling.

b. Cincinnati

Cincinnati currently has about 90 members and is anticipating a fall bonspiel.

c. Circle City

Circle City is up and running with Learn To Curls and a fall league.

d. Cleveland Skating Club

Cleveland Skating Club plans to have a regular season to include their curl-down and January bonspiel.

e. Columbus

Columbus did not have an update.

f. Copper Country

Copper Country did not have an update.

g. Curl Troy

Curl Troy is having open curls.

h. Delta Rocks

Delta Rocks did not have an update

i. Detroit

Detroit is asking curlers to mask and broom-stacking is open to those who are vaccinated. An adaptive curling open house is planned along with an instructor clinic to include adaptive curling.

j. Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne reported a successful End-of-Summer-Spiel. Fall leagues have started and curlers are returning.

k. Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids sent an email update that was lost in Gmail account fiasco. Apologies.

l. Great Smokey Mountains

Great Smokey Mountains is planning their Rocky Top Spiel 10 June. Learn-to-Curls and leagues are underway.

m. Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo has had a slight delay with compressor issues in the rink. Ice was started this past Thursday. The Beer-Spiel is planned for the first week of November.

n. Lansing

Lansing reports that 'regulars' are returning. Lansing will focus on Learn-to-Curls going into an Olympic year.

o. Lewiston

Lewiston will start curling in December.

p. Mayfield

Mayfield is making ice and will be hosting the Olympic qualifiers (open to the public). Membership is currently at about 150 members. Smaller LTC's and open houses are planned. Masks will be required and bonspiels remain scheduled. Mayfield will be hosting the GLCA 5 and under in February.

q. Midland

Midland has reviewed their virus protocol and are working out discrepancies with their plan and the community center's protocols. Membership is down as is bonspiel participation with Canadian teams being unable to participate. A LTC is planned 24 October and playdowns are scheduled in January.

r. Petoskey

Petoskey did not have an update.

s. Thunder Bay

Thunder Bay did not have an update.

t. Traverse City

Traverse City is planning a six week fall league and plans to hold their Cherry Spiel. Architectural plans for a new facility are complete and a capital campaign has begun with the ambitious plan to break ground in 2022.

4. Stone purchase

Ben reviewed the actions taken by the Executive Committee to purchase new stones. A vote was taken on a single payment vs. a five-year payment plan for 5 sets of stones. The vote was approved with one individual abstaining.

The question was raised about insurance on stones and Tammy asked to table that discussion until a later meeting when individuals did not have “hard-stop-times”.

5. Donation

A suggestion was made to donate \$500.00 to the Jeannie Borland fund. The Executive Committee recommend this decision and the GLCA directors voted and approved the donation.

6. Audit Finance Report

Treasurer Tammy Hoffman reviewed GLCA’s financial status. A U18 Boys check written in March of 2020 has not been cashed. Fred will follow up on this matter. \$425 is needed to move rocks from Detroit to Alpina. The income statement was voted on and approved.

7. Membership

- a. Dues statements will go out in early-to-mid November. Statements may also be found on the GLCA website.
- b. Aaron will review changes that need to be made to the GLCA website with the input of others.
- c. A review of rock rentals (and rock condition) was presented by Ben. Three sets of rocks are in Alpina and 2 sets of rocks are in a Troy storage complex. Insurance is currently required for rock rental and this will be reviewed by Tammy as no one has ever submitted proof of insurance. It was noted that GNCC “bakes” the cost of rock rental insurance into the rental fee. We also need to make sure measures are in place for rocks being returned.
- d. South Bend has expressed interest again (“maybe”) in joining GLCA.

8. Championship/Rules

- a. Cincinnati is looking to bring in the Mixed World Curling Tour. This may be in conflict with Midland’s playdowns (14-16 January). Midland said they can move playdowns back one week if needed. Ben will follow up on this.
- b. Paul B. questioned the playdown format expressing past issues with the round-robin format were never resolved. Ben suggested a survey and asked for assistance putting a survey together. It was suggested that this discussion be tabled until the Spring 2022 meeting. Paul, Matt, and Aaron will assist Ben in collecting information on how other regions handle their playdown format.

- c. Ben will combine playdown calendars.

9. Governance

- a. Brett will attend Member Assembly on behalf of the GLCA. Approval of the Pacific NW region will be voted on. Four regions will have representatives up for vote and all are running unopposed. A vote was taken and approved to accept the new representatives and accept the Pacific NW region.

10. New Business

- a. Ben will send out Safe Sport instructions to all that need to be certified or recertified.

The spring meeting will be held 5/7/2022.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Draft Minutes submitted by Kara Girvin 9 November 2021 and again on 31 May 2022.