

## Minutes of the GLCA Meeting

June 1, 2022

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p. by Ben Levy

The Attendees (via Zoom) were:

Bowling Green: Matt Sussman and Phil Gohr

Cincinnati: Jonathan Penney

Circle City: Tammy Hoffman

Columbus: Mike Coulter

Copper Country: Rob Handler

Curl Troy: Paul Robinson

Detroit: Paul Badgero and Brett Jackson

Fort Wayne: Marty Lemert

Great Smoky Mountains: Sandra Takata

Kalamazoo: Ben Levy

Lansing: Mitch Raeck

Lewiston: John Boris

Mayfield: Debra Horn

Midland: Fred Strautman

Traverse City: Jill Riecke

Proxies: Fred Strautman for Mike Graves

A quorum was confirmed

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Fall 2021 meeting via Zoom was approved with the following changes:

Meeting date on title page changed from September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>

All notes regarding meeting via Skype updated to Zoom

### 3. Regional Updates

#### a. Bowling Green

Lots of success with the club within the past year. Reported 207 members. Since planning early bird and several other bonspiels, ice install will be early this year. Will be hosting Women's Scot's in November 2022, and USWCA Nationals in February 2023.

#### b. Cincinnati

Reported 148 members which is a slight increase from prior year. 743 learn to curl participants with 82 playing in instructional league. With corporate and private events, estimated 1,500

participants. Lost 2/3 of U21 juniors due to graduation, but U12 Little Rocks program took off. Saw participation from 31 U12 kids this season. Hosted two regular bonspiels, Cincy Spiel in November and Sliding into Home in April, both were successful. Added WCT Mixed Doubles event with 13 teams. Able to revive Friendly with Derby City CC. Purchasing new stones for next season.

c. Circle City

Found a warehouse in Anderson to convert to dedicated ice. Will be three sheets and planning to open in November. Will be purchasing new stones.

d. Cleveland Skating Club

Ben reported: Season will be compacted and mixed spiel will be returning in January.

e. Columbus

More successful year than expected with 194 members. Struggling with growing the youth program. Had over 1,200 people through learn to curls. Planning 3-4 bonspiels next season. Looking for new facility to purchase.

f. Copper Country

Success year with 78 members and looking for the numbers to increase next year. Able to curl three nights and hosted the Copperspiel for the first time in several years.

g. Curl Troy

Late start to the season, but was able to have outside curling. Program next year is undecided.

h. Derby City – No report

i. Delta Rocks – No report

j. Detroit

Good season and membership numbers are back to pre-prior Covid. Hosting the USWCA Lady Scots in November.

k. Fort Wayne

Membership numbers are back to pre-covid. Very successful special needs program with 80 participants and continuing to build their juniors program. Hosted the USCA U-18 championships.

l. Grand Rapids – No report

m. Great Smokey Mountains

Had a regular league this year and a pre-Olympic league. New spiel this year, Scruffy City Spiel and Rocky Top will resume next year.

n. Kalamazoo

Membership numbers are low, but learn to curls picked up due to exposure from the Olympics.

o. Lansing

Great Olympic season. Have league nights on Fridays and having an 8-week summer league.

p. Lewiston

Back up and running after a one-year hiatus due to Covid. About a dozen new members. Had four nights of league, new ice crew, and international spiel was good. Have a couple capital projects in the works; cameras, both on-ice and warm room and streaming.

q. Mayfield

Successful season and membership numbers are higher than pre-covid. Hosted the GLCA 5 & Under event.

r. Midland

Able to have a full season. League numbers are down. Rental revenue (learn to curls) is greater than membership revenue. Upcoming season the club will be celebrating 60 years with spiel surrounding the anniversary. Community Center, which shares the parking lot with the club, is getting a new complex. Beginning in June there will be a new parking lot for the club and the main entrance will be moving. Special mention of the passing of Doug Land, the last founding member of the Midland Curling Club.

s. Petosky - Did not open last season

t. Thunder Bay - No Report

u. Traverse City

Decent last season with successful open house and learn to curls. Dedicated ice plants have moved from building from ground up to renovating space. Site approved and looking to close in mid-late May. Plan to open this year with 5 sheets with new rocks.

4. Review of Action Items Taken by Executive Committee - Reviewed the following items. Motion to accept all actions by Paul, Brett second, motions passed.

- a. Purchase of event winner pins for GLCA 5 and Under Championship

- b. Purchase of event winner patches for other GLCA Championships
- c. Hosting of GLCA Regional Mixed Championship at the Leelanau Curling Club

5. Audit/Finance – Dates September 25, 2021 – May 3, 2022

Club dues received \$8,939, expenses \$4,893, net income \$4,045.

Balance in checking account \$17,593

Michigan Annual Report has been filed

Dues has not been received by several clubs. Tammy reaching out to GLCA reps.

Paul made motion to accept report as presented, Sandra seconded, motion passed

6. Membership

a. Rental Stone Update

i. Current Inventory

- 1. 7 sets of good stones
- 2. 2 sets of bad rocks

ii. Thunder Bay wants to purchase 3 sets of stones. Tammy to calculate all costs related to recent rock purchase from GNCC and invoice to Thunder Bay.

Motion to sell three sets to Thunder Bay: Mike (Columbus) made motion, Paul seconded, motion passed.

iii. Tammy, Sandra, Deb to create new rock rental agreement between GLCA and clubs renting stones. Sandra emailed old agreement to group with expectation to have new agreement in place by fall meeting.

b. Bonspiel Circuit for the Season

i. Send all bonspiel information to Ben

7. Championship/Rules

a. Review and Confirmation of Hosting Rotation

i. Mixed at Lewiston, rotation with an extra host site for mixed eventually makes years uneven and would need to be adjusted to spread out club use

ii. Clubs at Columbus, don't know when National event will be

iii. Consider adding U18 to rotation schedule

iv. Split Men's and Women's Club Championships

- 1. Discussion regarding playdown format. As interest grows, may need to begin games on Thursday and have round robin format. Additional mention of the playdown format that playing 4 10-end games back to back is too much.

- 2. Decision to reactivate team of Ben, Paul, Matt, and Aaron to review playdown format and discuss at fall meeting

v. 5 and Under

- 1. Need to write guidelines / rules for the event

a. Teams should be from GLCA region

- 2. Should this event be added to rotation or assign each season

3. Suggestion from Deb to have the event in late January – mid-February

8. Governance

- a. Adherence to bylaws – Group is becoming too loose with meeting dates and following our bylaws. Ben sent bylaws to group.
- b. SafeSport Compliance
  - i. Reminder that all directors need to complete this yearly
  - ii. Send questions to Ben

9. New Business

- a. Ben confirmed all clubs in the GLCA are members of the USCA
- b. USCA Washington Region has been eliminated and new region created Pacific NW Region. This region will serve more than just Washington
- c. New club in Nashville joined GNCC. We need to be more productive in new clubs within our region

10. Next Meeting – **September 24<sup>th</sup>**