

Annual Statement

The Road Runner Curling Club was started on November 18, 2017 with one set of curling stones, 8 brooms, a couple sliders, stabilizers, and two hacks. The first event had over a dozen people attend to try their hand. After that first morning, we weathered some very lightly attended Saturday morning sessions before getting a boost from the 2018 Olympics. We gathered enough interest to form leagues and a board.

We officially incorporated as the Road Runner Curling Club with the state of New Mexico July 30, 2018. Our goal was to achieve non-profit status as an amateur sports club. We were approved for 501 c 3 status by the IRS on May 21, 2019. We established our club bank account in August of 2018 and now can accept checks made out to the club name. We have not established credit card payments yet, but it will be a discussion of the new board. We ended the season with \$4080 in our account after all ice was paid.

Since forming the board in March of 2018, the Road Runner Curling Club has organized 11 leagues, four with five teams, six with four teams, and one with three. One league was a double round robin which gave each team eight games; one league was a mixed doubles league trying out a different beginning format. We held many open curling/learn to curl sessions. After trying several days and times, Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings, Saturday evenings, Thursday evenings, we found the best attended sessions tended to be Saturday evenings. The board decided to try a standard date for learn to curls of first and third Saturday evenings every month. After having leagues Sunday evening, Saturday morning, and Thursday evening, we have curtailed to Sunday and Thursday evenings.

The club now has a collection of 10 club brooms, six hacks, two sticks, and the single set of rocks. Thanks to a donation of a freezer, we have been able to move the rocks from the under the stairs storage we originally used to a much more convenient location in the middle of the hall. The stones are still being leased to own, with a remaining balance of \$2240 owed by November 12, 2019.

The ice was finally replaced April and May of 2019. After the replacement we have found that both the east and west tunnels are playable. This means we will have room for more teams in leagues which could mean room for growth, but would require a second set of stones. We may look into a second set of stones with a second freezer with the new board. We are also looking into merchandise with our new logo, such as bumper stickers, T-shirts, lapel pins, etc. We would like to hear from members what types of merchandise they would be looking for to wear/have.

Our bylaws allow for 8 board members and again we had exactly 8 volunteers for the upcoming season. The 8 board members for the upcoming season are:

James Brickey (returning)
Steve Stone (returning)
Pam Salata (returning)
Carol Biane (returning)
Eric Lewin (new)
Janine Waters (new)
Jenny Reiter (new)
Gaetan Biane (new)

This board will serve until at least the next annual meeting in June 2020 when volunteers will be requested again.

Thank you to everyone for participating in curling in Albuquerque and getting the Road Runner Curling Club off the ground.

GOOD CURLING!