

United States Curling Association

Annual Members Meeting
April 3-4, 2004
Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington, Minnesota

Minutes

1. Welcome, introductions. Fenson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Roll call. Moore called the roll:

<u>USCA Member</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Voting representative: President, or Proxy (P)</u>
Alaska Curling Association	321	---
Colorado Curling Association	35	Pam Finch (P) for Ron Wiebold
Grand National Curling Club of America	2,213	Anne Robertson (P) for Bob Pelletier
Great Lakes Curling Association	671	Chris Moore (P) for Mike McKay
Illinois Curling Association	648	Georgia West (P) for Mike Griem
Minnesota Curling Association	2,643	Kent Beadle
Mountain Pacific Curling Association	196	Dave Peck
Nebraska Curling Association	66	---
North Dakota Curling Association	837	Greg Volk (P) for Jeff Kitchens
Washington State Curling Association	355	Leslie Frosch (P) for Brady Clark
Wisconsin State Curling Association	3,525	Mark Swandby
At-Large:		
Kansas City Curling Club	27	---
Dallas/Ft. Worth Curling Club	33	---
Curling Club of Houston	42	Dave Peck (P) for Mike Smith
Total votes available	11,612	
Total votes represented	11,165	

3. Appoint parliamentarian. Fenson appointed Warren Lowe as meeting Parliamentarian.

4. Certification of votes and proxies. Moore listed the votes and proxies (chart above) and declared a quorum to be present.

5. Approve minutes of last Members Meeting. **Motion by West, Swandby second, to approve the minutes of the Special Members Meeting of September 13, 2003. Approved.**

6. Admission, suspension or removal of new members. Moore noted that there are no new admissions. However, seven new clubs have formed and joined existing member associations during the year.

7. Secretary's report: member-elected and affiliate-elected directors. No report. Moore noted that the new board structure goes into effect on May 1, 2004.

8. New or unfinished business. There was no new or unfinished business.

9. Suspend. **Motion by Finch, Frosch second, to suspend the Members Meeting until the USCA Directors Meeting is adjourned. Approved.** Fenson reconvened the Members Meeting at 10:00

a.m. April 4.

10. Statements. Minnesota Curling Association (MCA) Beadle stated that he had received a letter from an athlete, representing athletes who were not supportive of the new Open Championship/National Championship formats. Beadle is not asking for discussion today. He will give the letter to Cousins, and will email the letter to all present. Beadle acknowledged that the MCA had a voice and vote during the format change process, and had supported the new format, and is appreciative of the effort of USCA directors. However, if as a result of the changes, participation should happen to fall, Beadle hopes that issues will be reconsidered.

Kathleen Harlow of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Curling Club, speaking on behalf of the newer clubs, asked for consideration of a USCA "redistricting plan" to help equalize membership levels of member regions to better balance representation at the USCA level. Moore noted that regional organization powers lie with the member regions themselves.

11. Adjourn. **Motion by Robertson, West second, to adjourn. Approved at 10:07 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,
R. Chris Moore
Secretary