

States Curling Association

Executive Committee Special Meeting February 9, 2005 Via Conference Call Minutes

Final

Present:

Mark Swandby, in the chair
Andy Anderson
Andy Borland
Grayland Cousins
Bob Fenson
Nicole Joraanstad
Warren Lowe (voice no vote)
Judy Maier
Richard Maskel
Chris Moore
Jim Pleasants (@12.27pm)
Donna Purkey
Leland Rich
Chris Sjue
Bill Todhunter
Georgia West
Jon Wilson

Not present:

Jack McNelly (voice no vote)
Ann Silver

Also present:

David Garber, COO

1. Convene, welcome, appoint parliamentarian. **Swandby convened the meeting at 12:03 p.m.** Swandby appointed Lowe as Parliamentarian, and Lowe declared there is a quorum.
2. Prior minutes. **Motion by Anderson, West second to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2004 Executive Committee meeting. Approved.**
3. Approve championship dates. Cousins reviewed the increasing number of USCA and world events and the need for advance planning for event dates. **Motion by Anderson, Maier second, to approve March 4-11, 2006 as the dates for the 2006 USCA World Trials in Bemidji, Minnesota.** The USCA will review the need for changes to the World Team preparation procedures for the 2006 women's champions, because if the new dates are approved, they will have only one week between end of Trials and Worlds. There appear to be no other schedule options as the Olympic Games will be held February 10-26. The 2006 Women's World Championship will be in Alberta. Cousins noted the impact of the Amateur Sports Act and the need for no schedule conflicts for competition protected under the Act. Borland asked if we could split the women's Trials and hold them in January. Cousins said this had been considered and had raised other problems. A midweek to midweek Trials was considered but Fenson noted this would hurt attendance. **Approved unanimously.**

Motion by Borland, Todhunter second, to approve March 18-25, 2006 as the dates for the 2006 USCA Mixed National Championship in Fairbanks, Alaska. Cousins noted that the Mixed was not a

protected event, and that complete avoidance of schedule conflicts with other events appeared to be impossible. Maskel suggested allowing a substitution exemption if an athlete who has qualified for Mixed nationals has also qualified for a World Championship. No dates had been included in the event contract draft that has been sent to Fairbanks host committee. The committee directed the Championships Committee to review the Mixed substitution rules for next season if the dates are approved. **Approved unanimously.**

4. USCA endorsement of Grand Forks bid to host the 2008 World Men's Curling Championship.

Swandby asked Lowe to briefly review the World Curling Federation's event bid process. Lowe noted that the WCF member nation must endorse a bid for a WCF event to be held within the nation's boundary. Swandby and Lowe noted that the WCF wants member nations to be more involved in Worlds bids and the event itself, including securing more authority regarding bid specifications. Maskel reviewed the importance of USCA influence in technical matters for world events to be held in the U.S. The committee has received copies of the bid packet submitted by bidder to the WCF. Lowe suggested that the USCA establish a formal liaison link with the bid/organizing committee. Maier suggested same for Curl Mesabi, who will host the 2007 Junior Worlds. Moore asked if the bid budget was realistic and who would be on the hook if there was a financial loss. Lowe was comfortable with the budget and stated that the USCA would not be responsible for financial loss. **Motion by Anderson, Sjue second, that the USCA endorse the Grand Forks bid to host the 2008 World Men's Curling Championship with the understanding that the USCA will have approval authority into all technical aspects of the championship. Approved unanimously.** Cousins suggested that we pursue the liaison role. Garber was asked to review the liaison role, then provide a proposal for Executive Committee approval. Garber will contact the Grand Forks bid committee to discuss the matter of USCA technical authority. Upon reasonable agreement with the bid committee, he will then advise the WCF of the USCA bid endorsement.

5. Other business.

a. Swandby reported he had attended a USWCA meeting yesterday. One subject of the meeting was how the USCA and USWCA can continue working together.

b. In response to a question, Swandby noted he expects the Spring USCA Meetings will commence Friday afternoon, with no separate Executive Committee meeting, however with an Operating Committee meeting in the morning.

6. Unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

7. New business. There was no new business.

8. Adjourn. **Motion by Anderson, Maier second, to adjourn the meeting. Approved at 12:53 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,
Albert Anderson
Secretary