

United States Curling Association

**Special Meeting of the Executive Committee
via Conference Call, July 5, 2001**

Present:

Peggy Hatch	Andy Anderson	Grayland Cousins	Pam Finch
Warren Lowe	Richard Maskel	Jack McNelly	Chris Moore
Donna Purkey	Ann Swisshelm	Jane Thompson	

Not present:

Bob Fenson	Amy Becher	Geoff Broadhurst
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Also present:

David Garber, Executive Director

Introduction. President Hatch called the meeting to order at 12:00pm CDT.

Larway Article IX update. Discussion of whether or not the USCA should disclose more specific information regarding how each team responded to the USCA request to accept a settlement offer. The USCA legal counsel's advice is that disclosure of team responses is a USCA policy issue, not a legal issue. **The consensus of the committee is that the USCA's public statement already made on June 18, 2001, regarding the disposition of the settlement offer is sufficient.**

Basic Grant ratification. USCA policy calls for the Executive Committee to ratify Basic Grant Nominees as proposed by the Athlete Funding Committee (Leslie Frosch, chair). The AF committee has proposed four full grants and two half grants for women, and 10 half grants for men. There are formal USCA criteria for Basic Grant nominations. Full grants are \$2,500 per athletes, half grants are \$1,250 per athlete. The U.S. Olympic Committee funds Basic grants, and must approve nominations made by National Governing Bodies. After final approvals, grantees names are published by the USCA.

Motion by Lowe, Thompson second, to ratify the women's nominees. Approved, with Swisshelm and Finch abstaining due to conflict of interest (Swisshelm as an athlete, Finch as a parent of an athlete).

Thompson reviewed the process used by the committee. Lowe asked why 10 male athletes were included. Swisshelm explained the committee's rationale. Hatch read an email from Fenson with his views. Extensive discussion followed. **Motion by Moore, Anderson second, to ratify the committee's men's nominees as proposed; and also to advise the Athlete Funding Committee regarding their options for spreading grants, so that the Athlete Funding Committee could make changes by July 9, at its option, to propose to the Executive Committee. Approved, with one against and Swisshelm abstaining.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,
R. Chris Moore
Secretary