

**UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES**

Present: Chris Moore, Chair
Jim Pleasants
Walt Erbach
Jack Bernauer
Georgia West
Bob Pelletier
Judy Maier
Nicole Joraanstad
David Carlson

Not Present: Chris Sjue (joined late)
Janet Farr
Tom O'Connor
Bill Toddhunter

Excused: Beau Welling
Kent Beadle

Also Present: Rick Patzke, COO

Meeting called to order by Mr. Moore at 4:05 P.M. Roll was called by Carlson and a quorum declared.

Agenda affirmed: discussions and decisions concerning 2010 site selection for Men's and Women's Nationals and team leader for 2009 Men's and Women's Worlds and 2010 Olympics.

Mr. Moore noted that Kent Beadle had a conflict of interest concerning the site selection in light of St. Paul being one of the candidates. Therefore, he was excused from attending the Executive Committee conference call as this Agenda item was discussed.

Mr. Moore noted the Beau Welling had a conflict of interest concerning team leader selection. He was an applicant. Thus, he is excused.

Jim Pleasants presented to the Executive Committee a report of the Championship Committee regarding the site candidates for the 2010 Men's and Women's National Championships. In evaluating the sites, field of play was the top consideration. Also considered was financial risk, venue and support. The Championship Committee believes that Kalamazoo is the strongest candidate. The site is a three rink arena with 5,000 seat capacity. Local government is behind

the local hosts and supports the venue. To grow curling, need to develop non-curler fan base.

Pleasants moves and Pelletier seconds: Kalamazoo to be the site for the 2010 Men's and Women's Nationals. After further discussion, Mr. Moore asked for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mr. Moore directed Rick Patzke contacted the local sponsors with the news of the selection.

Kent Beadle and Chris Sjue joined the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Walt Erbach made a presentation of the recommendation from the Elite Programs Committee for 2009 Men's and Women's Championship Team Leader, 2009 Men's and Women's Junior Worlds, and 2010 Olympic Team Leader. One of the finalists, Kelly Krake, has withdrawn her application for Olympic Team Leader. However, she has indicated an interest, if selected, to serve as Team Leader for the 2009 Women's World Championships. The expectation is that whoever is selected as the Olympic Team Leader would also attend one of the 2009 World Championships as Team Leader. Mark Swandby will already be at the 2009 Men's World Championships in his capacity as a USCA Representative to the WCF.

Erbach moves and Maier seconds: Mark Swandby is selected as the USCA 2010 Olympic Team Leader and Jon Mielke as alternate. After discussion, Mr. Moore asked for a voice vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Erbach moves and Beadle seconds: Mark Swandby shall be the 2009 Men's Worlds Team Leader, Kelly Krake shall be the 2009 Women's Worlds Team Leader and Jon Mielke shall be the 2009 Junior Worlds Team Leader. After discussion, Mr. Moore asked for a voice vote. It was unanimous in approval of the motion.

Pelletier moves and Maier seconds and upon unanimous vote in favor, the Executive Committee meeting is adjourned at approximately 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, David Carlson, Secretary