

United States Curling Association

Special Meeting of the Executive Committee via conference call July 29, 2002 MINUTES

Present

Jack McNelly (in the chair)
Phill Drobnick
Bob Fenson
Pam Finch
Peggy Hatch
Warren Lowe
Richard Maskel (from item 2 on)
Chris Moore
Donna Purkey
Mark Swandby
Ann Swisshelm
Jane Thompson

Not present

Grayland Cousins

Also present

David Garber, Executive Director
Leland Rich, chair, USCA Coaching Committee (item 2 only)
Ed Lukowich, Athlete Development Director
Rick Patzke, Communications Director

1. Call to order. McNelly called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.
2. Coach of Year selection ratification. McNelly invited discussion on selections made by the coaching committee. **Motion by Swisshelm, Hatch second, to ratify the selections of Jim Dexter as USCA Coach of the Year and Lynita Delaney as USCA Developmental Coach of the Year. Approved. The committee supported a new Coach of the Year Award, retroactive to the 2002 season winners.**
3. Basic grants ratification. **Motion by Thompson, Swisshelm second, to ratify men's Basic Grant selections.** Discussion of the insurance benefit and the fact that Basic Grants are a direct benefit from U.S. Olympic Committee. **Approved, with Maskel abstaining. Motion by Finch, Lowe second, to ratify women's Basic Grant selections.** Discussion. **Approved, with Swisshelm abstaining.** Garber will communicate to athletes immediately, after which the awards will be publicized.
4. World University Games (WUGS). The USOC has recently advised USCA that the WUGS is a "Protected Competition" under Article IX of the USOC Constitution. In view of the date conflicts with men's and women's playdowns and with junior nationals, the question "should USCA not participate this season" was discussed, with a suggestion that the USCA defer participation for two years to better plan how to structure for the 2005 WUGS. **The committee consensus is to wait for the pending legal opinion from USOC, then for McNelly, Swisshelm and Garber to discuss with USOC and bring the subject back to Executive Committee for a decision.**

5. USOC Performance Needs Assessment Seminar. McNelly reported, and led a discussion of a day-long seminar at Colorado Springs, attended by about 15 USOC staff, with the USCA represented by McNelly, Thompson, Swisshelm, Garber, Lukowich and Patzke. McNelly will distribute to the board copies of the Performance Needs Assessment report when it is available from USOC. Purpose of the seminar was to plan and coordinate priorities and goals for the next quadrennium.

6. 2003 Performance Funding. The previously announced grant of \$115,500 has been increased to \$171,500, with an athlete support component of about \$106,000. After discussion, Lukowich was advised USCA would work with USOC to see if we can set aside about \$12,000 for cashspiel augmentation this season. **McNelly asked Thompson to work within the Elite Programs Committee to set details on use of team funding.** In any case, USCA will start planning now for 2003 cashspiel events.

Hatch left the meeting.

7. 2006 Olympic Team Selection Procedures Task Force. McNelly has appointed Diane Brown as chair of the Task Force; has asked Maskel for two athlete appointments; and asked who else might be interested. McNelly appointed Fenson, Lowe and Cousins to the Task Force, which he expects will total nine or ten individuals plus staff members.

Fenson left the meeting.

8. Adjourn. **Motion to adjourn seconded and approved at 1:07p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and Authorized
R. Chris Moore
Secretary