

United States Curling Association
Executive Committee Special Meeting
August 4, 2005
Via Conference Call
Minutes

Final

Present:

Mark Swandby, in the chair
Andy Anderson
Andy Borland
Maureen Brunt
Grayland Cousins
Nicole Joraanstad
Richard Maskel
Jack McNelly
Chris Moore
Jim Pleasants
Donna Purkey
Chris Sjue
Bill Todhunter
Jon Wilson

Not present:

Bob Fenson
Judy Maier
Leland Rich
Georgia West

Also present:

David Garber, COO

1. Convene, welcome, appoint parliamentarian. **Swandby convened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.** Swandby declared a quorum, and appointed Borland as meeting Parliamentarian.
2. Prior minutes. **Motion by Purkey, Moore second, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held June 22 and June 30. Approved.**
3. Championship committee eligibility rule review. Cousins reported. The Championships Committee met last month to discuss three subjects: a Request for Ruling by a North Dakota athlete regarding eligibility for the 2006 Junior Nationals; second, to respond to the Executive Committee's request to review the USCA residency rule; and third, for the future, to discuss requiring citizenship to be eligible for all USCA events leading to world competition (currently required only for the World and Olympic Trials).

Motion by Moore, Wilson second, to change the residency eligibility rule for the USCA Junior National Championships using the wording as follows: residency is established by lawful and continuous presence in the United States for a period of 24 months immediately prior to April 1st of the year in which the competition is to take place, except for brief and infrequent trips outside of the United States and except, as to full-time foreign students, for school vacation periods. A player who is a student attending college or university full-time outside the United States who established lawful and continuous presence in the United States for a period of 24

months immediately prior to entering college or university shall be considered a resident of the United States. U.S. citizens are eligible without regard to residency. After an extensive discussion, the motion was **Approved, with two opposed.**

Cousins left the meeting.

4. Budget approval. The committee has received a draft of the USCA budget for fiscal year 2006, which is balanced. Anderson noted there is a \$10,000 revenue item for sponsorship and grant dollars not yet contracted. Moore felt this was a reasonable item in view of the total potential for grant and sponsor dollars after extensive discussions with a potential sponsor and a potential grantor.

Motion by Moore, Sjue second, to approve the budget as proposed. Anderson noted that the budget does not comply with the Finance Committee recommendation, approved by the board, to include a \$20,000 surplus in order to rebuild surplus, and thus he would oppose the motion. **Approved with one opposed.**

5. Other business. There was no other business.

6. Unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

7. New business. There was no new business.

8. Adjourn. **Motion approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,
Albert Anderson
USCA Secretary