

**United States Curling Association**  
**Executive Committee Special Meeting**  
**June 15, 2005**  
**Via Conference Call**  
**Minutes**

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Present:

Mark Swandby, in the chair  
Andy Anderson  
Bob Fenson  
Judy Maier  
Richard Maskel  
Jack McNelly  
Chris Moore  
Jim Pleasants  
Donna Purkey  
Bill Todhunter  
Georgia West  
Jon Wilson

Not present:

Andy Borland  
Grayland Cousins  
Nicole Joraanstad  
Warren Lowe  
Leland Rich  
Ann Silver  
Chris Sjue

Also present:

David Garber, COO

1. Convene, welcome, appoint parliamentarian. **Swandby convened the meeting at 12:14 p.m.** Secretary Anderson declared there is a quorum. Appointed West as Parliamentarian.
2. Prior minutes. Actions taken by the committee in the April 6, 2005 committee meeting were approved by the USCA board at its meeting April 23-24, 2005.
3. Appoint USCA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne Knabel has 30+ years experience as a CPA and CFO. Has curled for decades. Plan is to succeed Anderson in a year. **Motion by Anderson, Maier second to appoint Wayne Knabel as USCA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Approved.**
4. Ratify 2006 Paralympic athlete selection procedure and Team Leader. Moore reported that the Elite programs Committee asks the Executive Committee to approve the 2006 Paralympic athlete selection procedure and Diane Brown as 2006 Paralympic Team Leader. Individual athletes will be selected in Utica in December. Document has been sent to this committee. Melissa Keiser has been involved as a Wheelchair athlete. USOC has provided preliminary approval. **Motion by Moore, Fenson second, that the committee ratify the proposed 2006 Paralympic athlete selection procedure and Diane Brown as Paralympic Team Leader, as recommended by the USCA Elite programs Committee.** Discussion. **The selection procedure was approved, with one against. Diane Brown approved unanimously on a separate vote.**

*Pleasants left the meeting.*

5. Ratify teams and coaches of the year. **Motion by Maier, Moore second, to approve Cassandra Johnson as USCA Female Athlete of the Year, Team Johnson as USCA Team of the Year and Pete Fenson as USCA Male Athlete of the Year. Approved, with Fenson abstaining.** Maskel commented on procedures used in selecting athletes, teams and coaches of the year.

6. WJCC 2007 Head Icemaker. Maskel reported. Curl Mesabi Host has asked for a recommendation from USCA regarding the Head Ice Maker position for the 2007 World Junior Championships. Mark Shurek is enthusiastic about the position. **Motion by Maskel, Fenson second, to propose, to the Curl Mesabi Host Committee, Mark Shurek as Head Ice Maker for the 2007 World Junior Curling Championships.** Discussion. **Approved unanimously.**

*McNelly joined the meeting.*

7. Event site approvals. Maier reported. **Motion by Maier, Wilson second to approve these sites: Potomac Curling Club for the Men's Preliminary Round East; Waupaca Curling Club for the Mens Preliminary Round Midwest South; Schenectady Curling Club for the Women's Qualifier Round East; TCC & Broomstones Curling Clubs for the Men's Qualifier Round East; Curl Mesabi Curling Club for the Men's and Women's Challenge Round; and the Superior Curling Club for the Men's and Women's National Championships.** Discussion. Moore is prepared to vote based on the understanding that we are approving sites based on the schedule as it stands today. Executive Committee reserves the right to change dates. Bemidji would need to know of any date changes asap. Maier stated she still needs sites for the Men's Midwest North and Midwest South sites, although she has interested sites for both. **Approved unanimously.** Todhunter noted the AAC supports the current dates for the Challenge Round.

8. Citizenship "on-track" rule. Maskel reported for Cousins. The Championships Committee met last week, and could not agree on its preference for a definition of "on-track." Three options were considered. First, a quadrennial definition, which was not favored. Second, for each year, the athlete would have to become a U.S. Citizen by the Trials entry deadline; third, the athlete would have to be a U.S. citizen by the first day of the Trials (the AAC favored position). The Championships Committee favors an annual "on-track" definition, and asks the Executive Committee to make the choice of option two or three. Swandby asked for discussion, in Cousins' absence, so the committee can determine whether it wishes to vote on this issue today. Extensive discussion **Motion by Anderson, Fenson second, that each season, to be Trials-eligible for that season, an athlete must be U.S. citizen by the Trials entry deadline.** Further discussion. Todhunter noted an additional option is to have a deadline of the first on-ice game played in the Trials process. Todhunter is inquiring how other sports handle the issue. **Anderson and Fenson withdrew the motion, which will be considered at the next Executive Committee meeting.**

9. Other business. Anderson urged officers and others, as appropriate, to submit their budgets by Friday. Anderson will contact Knabel.

10. Unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

11. New business. Swandby scheduled an Executive Committee meeting for next week Tuesday or Wednesday at noon. Garber will set up the meeting and will check with Cousins, and ask Cousins to send most recent USCA Event Calendar to Garber, who will relay it to the Executive Committee.

12. Adjourn. **Motion by Anderson, West second, to adjourn the meeting. Approved at 1:18 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Garber  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,  
Albert Anderson  
USCA Secretary