

United States Curling Association

Executive Committee Meeting

May 10, 2006

Via conference call

Final

Minutes

Present:

Georgia West, in the chair
Andy Anderson
Janet Farr
Nicole Joraanstad
Judy Maier
Richard Maskel
James Pleasants
Chris Sjue
Mark Swandby
Bill Todhunter
Jon Wilson

Not present:

Bob Pelletier
Chris Moore

Also present:

David Garber, Chief Operating Officer
Rick Patzke, Director of Communications

1. Call to order. West called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. West appointed Andy Anderson as meeting Parliamentarian. West introduced the new Executive Committee members (Janet Farr of USWCA; Judy Maier; and Bob Pelletier, not on this call. West reviewed the function of the committee. The committee is smaller this year at 13 members, the Executive Committee acts for the board; the Operating Committee is a non-policy making body which monitors projects and budget.
2. USCA organization chart. West thanks all for their input into officer and committee assignments.
3. Treasurer. Anderson reported.
 - a. Budget planning. Sandy Robinson will attend the June 9-11 budget meeting and will have the Quickbooks program available. Anderson will ask each VP for new accounts for new programs, and their initial spending plan for fiscal year 2007, by June 2. Robinson will send detail financial reports to the new Vice Presidents (Pleasants and Wilson). The meeting will be at the Embassy Suites in Chicago.
 - b. USOC grant application. USOC grant application, including the High Performance Plan, has been submitted. The USCA should be advised of grant amounts by the end of June. The USCA still must submit detailed business, coaching and sports science plans.
4. Competitive Programs (West for Moore). **Motion by Maier, Sjue second, to approve Mary Jaster as USCA 2006 Developmental Coach of the Year. Approved.**
5. WCF. Anderson reported. The World Curling Federation and the USCA previously executed an

agreement under which the USCA would assume possession of 98 stones acquired from a Canadian curling club and ownership of 32 of these stones with a liability to pay the WCF \$5,120, to be paid in five installments beginning at the end of 2006. The WCF has offered to make a Development Assistance program grant to the USCA in the amount of \$10,000 which could be used to take ownership of the remaining 66 stones held by the USCA for the WCF. Anderson initiated discussion as to the pros and cons of accepting the WCF offer. **Motion by Maskel, Pleasants second, to accept the WCF offer of \$10,000 granted for rocks delivered from the defunct Boulevard Curling Club under the terms of the 2005/2006 DAP grant.** Discussion. West noted that a USCA goal is to get the stone inventory up to date and update a contract for start up clubs, including terms governing loaner stones. **Approved.**

6. AAC Maskel noted he had suggested a person as “sensor handle coordinator” to Pleasants. The person has agreed to take on the role. The AAC expects to meet in May.

7. Marketing & Operations. Patzke reported.

a. Nike contract. Patzke will summarize the pending renewal of the Nike agreement through 2010, for review by the Executive Committee. Patzke would like to have a draft back to Nike by mid-June. The Nike agreement will provide an important part of the incentive package in the Athlete Marketing Agreement. Janet Farr’s son, an attorney, will review the contract.

b. TV programming. Patzke will do his annual eastern trip in May, meeting with NGB, Outdoor Life and other organizations. Patzke outlined programming plans. A made for TV curling event from Whistler, Canada, is in the planning stages, with funding primarily from 3rd party sources about half way to total funding needs. Patzke anticipates an Ice 2006 program, and perhaps other programming, subject to available funding.

c. Demographic survey. Patzke reviewed progress to date.

8. Other, new and unfinished business.

a. Donation program. Anderson suggested the committee support an additional solicitation to clubs for Donation funds. Anderson will work with staff to get an appropriate communication out to directors and regional presidents.

b. Scots Tour. Anderson commented on the schedule conflict between the senior playdown finals and the Scots Tour next January. The Championships Committee reviewed the conflict but elected not to make a change. Anderson described the people who might be affected, and asked that Championships review the dates again in view of the number of people impacted. Pleasants will consider this.

9. Adjourn. **Motion by Todhunter, Sjue second, to adjourn. Approved at 4:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Garber
Recording Secretary

Reviewed and authorized,
Albert Anderson
Secretary