

UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION  
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Minutes

APPENDIX G: Haluptzok Hall of Fame Nomination

U N I T E D S T A T E S C U R L I N G A S S O C I A T I O N



NOMINATION FORM  
for United States Curling Hall of Fame

(Please print or type throughout this form)

Date: APRIL 4, 2007

Category: Curler  Builder  Curler/Builder

Name: MARK HALUPTZOK

Nickname (if any): LUPPY

Deceased: Yes  No

Presented by (USCA Region): MINNESOTA

Address of Association Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications and achievements attached.

Nominated and recommended by:

ROBERT R. FENSON  
Individual Member

JOHN BENTON  
President of Association

This form must be completed in full and attached to an itemized statement outlining the achievements of the nominee. Data should include competitive results and/or administrative or coaching contributions. Other pertinent background material, such as community service, would be welcome.

For office use only:

Date Received: 4/20/07 Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

CURLING HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FOR MARK HALUPTZOK  
April, 2007

I would like to endorse the nomination of Mark Haluptzok to the United States Curling Association's Hall of Fame.

I have known Mark since he was a youngster and before the time he started curling in 1963. I have curled with him and against him since then in both club and championship play.

Along with many others, I have always found him to be a very respectable, friendly, supportive, and admired. He is the ultimate "team player" and someone that's an asset to any team. He not only has a great knowledge of curling and is a talented curler but he's also a great ambassador of the game.

Mark started curling with his family at the age of 12. Through the years his accomplishments have been many including:

\*9 time Minnesota State Men's Champion: 1979, '81, '83, '86, '88, '93, '96, '98, '99.

\*2 time Minnesota State Mixed Champion: 1980, '82.

\*1 time North Dakota State Men's Champion: 2001.

\*USCA Second Chance Champion: 2000.

\*3 time U.S. Men's National Champion: 1979, '93, '94.

\*2 time U.S. Mixed National Champion: 1980, '82.

\*3 time World Championship participant: 1979 (5<sup>th</sup>), '93 (3<sup>rd</sup>), '94 (5<sup>th</sup>).

\*11 time USCA Men's Nationals participant

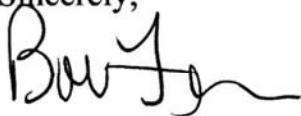
\*1 time USCA Senior National Champion: 2003

\*1 time World Senior Men's Championship: 2003 (2<sup>nd</sup>).

\*U.S. Olympic Trials: 1987 (3<sup>rd</sup>), '91, 2005 (5<sup>th</sup>).

Mark's record, which spans more than four decades, speaks for itself and I think he's very deserving of induction into the USCA Hall of Fame and I highly recommend him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Fenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Bob Fenson

## APPENDIX H: 9-2007 VP Competitive Programs

### Accomplishments Since April 2007 BOD Meeting-

#### 1. High Performance Plan-

The High Performance Plan for 2007-08 for both the able-bodied side and Adaptive Curling were finalized, submitted to the USOC and final funding allocations have been approved and reflected in the Budget. The process not only provided for funding from the USOC but proves to be a comprehensive planning program for Competitive and Adaptive Curling Programs.

#### 2. Elite Programs –

##### a. High Performance Camp

A very successful high performance camp was held in June at the Pettit Center in Milwaukee which is an Olympic Training center. A high percentage of the elite teams, athletes and coaches participated and benefited from USOC and other outside experts in coaching, sports psychology, sports science, nutrition. The athlete camp was held jointly with an Elite Coaches camp.

##### b. Early Ice

Four Early Ice sites were selected. Rice Lake (Wis.), Green Bay (Wis.), Poynette (Wis.), Bemidji (Minn.) and Granite (Seattle). See the USCA website for start dates and contacts.

##### c. Athlete Funding

Eleven Men's and four Women's teams applied for Direct Athlete Funding and/or to participate in the 2007-08 Incentive Program. All teams qualified for the Incentive Program and four Men's teams and three Women's teams were approved by the USOC for Direct Athlete Funding. In addition, the ADD has a discretionary budget to provide competition and training support for second tier emerging elite teams.

##### d. WCT tour

Work continues with the World Curling Tour to expand the reach into the U.S. In addition, the WCT asked the USCA to develop objective criteria to determine the U.S. Men's teams that would be extended invitations to the major Slam events.

##### e. Assistant Athlete Development Director

Rob Meakin, who served as the Assistant ADD in 2006 and last season, has resigned his position to return to competitive play. The Elite Programs

Committee will be working with Ed Lukowich to fill the position which is funded in the budget.

f. Junior ADD

Lynita Delaney continues as the Junior ADD this year.

**3. Coaching-**

a. Coaching Development Director (“CDD”)

A search committee worked thru the summer to recruit and screen candidates. We were successful at reaching agreement with a very strong candidate, Scott Higgins, who will begin September 10.

b. Coaching Committee

Dave Jensen is assuming leadership of the Coaching Committee and the Committee is well underway in planning initiatives for the year, including updating certification criteria and programs, developing Coaches' Education and training resources and acclimating our new CDD.

**4. Adaptive Curling-**

a. National Team Development

Steve Brown will again serve as the National Wheelchair Curling Team Development Coach. The four athletes who won the 2007 National Championship are automatically considered part of the National Team. Tryouts will be held at the Utica Curling Club in November to add at least three athletes to the National Team.

b. National Wheelchair Curling Outreach and Development

Marc DePerno, Co-Chair of the Adaptive Curling Committee, was selected after an application process to serve as the National Wheelchair Curling Outreach and Development Director. The primary responsibilities of this position are:

- Establish liaison with national adapted sport programs and medical rehabilitation centers to promote national participation.
- Develop at least two additional centers of wheelchair curling.
- Identify and develop sponsorship and fundraising opportunities to allow for financial stability and program growth.

## **5. World Team Prep**

Funding in this area was cut severely for the upcoming season. The committee will be meeting during the Board Meetings to finalize plans for Team Administrator/Liaison support for some World teams.

## **6. Sports Science**

Agreement has been reached with Brian Williams and the USOC to be the USCA's physical therapist thru the Olympic Games in Vancouver. He will be used as much as the budget will allow.

Work continues to refine the technology and tools available to the USCA such as Sensor Handles, improved timing devices and research into sweeping.

## **APPENDIX I: Adaptive Curling Program 2007-2008 Preview**

### **Introduction**

The 2007-2008 season is already gearing up to be the most successful yet for the national wheelchair curling program.

The reappointment of Steve Brown as National Team Development Coach and appointment of Marc DePerno to the newly created National Director of Outreach and Development position will result in an effective long-term strategy for recruitment and competitive success for adaptive curling participants. Additionally, new interest from over one dozen wheelchair athletes as well as development of new bonspiels will ensure growth and competitive opportunities for the future of U.S. wheelchair curling.

### **National Team Selection**

Because of the small number of wheelchair curlers at present, and to maximize the chance for success in the 2008 World Championships, the USCA will select its World Wheelchair team from the current pool of individual wheelchair curlers.

Seven Athletes will be selected to comprise the Wheelchair National Team as follows:

The four athletes who won the 2007 U.S. National Championships and competed at the 2007 World Championships in Sweden will be designated as the core of the National Team. A selection process will then be conducted to expand the National Team by at least three athletes. This event will take place in Utica, New York on November 23-25. The final seven players will include at least two persons of each gender.

By December 31, 2007, the Player Selection Committee will designate from the Wheelchair National Team the five athletes who will comprise the 2008 World Wheelchair Team and travel to Sursee, Switzerland for the Championships and will name two alternates, one of each gender, if available after the selection of the five athletes for the World Team.

### **Competition Schedule**

Several events are being developed for the upcoming season in an effort to provide competitive competition for preparation of the World Championship.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Can-Am Wheelchair Bonspiel will take place in Utica on 11/3-11/4 in which two Utica-based teams, including the current national team, will compete against Canadian provincial teams.

The U.S. National team will defend their title at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cathy Kerr Memorial bonspiel in Ottawa on 12/1.

An international bonspiel is scheduled for 12/7-12/9 in Utica in which national teams from Canada, Scotland and Norway have committed to attend.

The 2008 World Wheelchair Championships will take place from 2/2-2/9 in Sursee, Switzerland. USA looks to build on the 5.5 critical Paralympic points we received from our 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the 2007 Worlds toward qualifying for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

## **Outreach and Development**

To better address the critical process associated with recruiting new curlers and developing an athlete pipeline, the USCA established the position of National Director of Outreach and Development. Marc DePerno, 2007 Team Leader and current chair of the national wheelchair curling committee, was recently appointed to this position. Marc's experience as an occupational therapist and director of the Sitrin Medical Rehabilitation Center's adapted sport program has allowed for successful intervention in these areas.

Marc will be focusing his energy on communicating with local, regional and national adapted sporting programs, medical rehabilitation centers that have sports outreach programs (such as Sitrin in Utica, N.Y.) and disabled veterans associations, as well as establishing promotional efforts through the USCA's 140+ curling clubs and conducting clinics at national adapted sporting competitions to foster growth in the sport. Additionally, he will research grant opportunities as well as potential corporate sponsorships to ensure financial stability and eventually greater self-sufficiency within the program.

This past July, Steve Brown, Marc DePerno, and National Team member Jimmy Joseph conducted a clinic at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Milwaukee. Over thirty athletes participated in this event with a high level of interest and ability exhibit by numerous attendees. Several attendees have already joined their local curling club with hopes of qualifying for the national team later this year. Additionally, due to the success of the clinic, curling is slated to be an exhibition event at the 2008 National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Based on this new and growing interest in wheelchair curling, the locations for establishment of additional Centers of Excellence will soon be decided. Considering the amount of time that is necessary to effectively determine these areas, the goal is to develop two Centers of Excellence in addition to the already-established program in Utica, N.Y. by March, 2008.

## **Outlook**

The U.S. wheelchair curling program has its sights on medaling at the 2008 World Championships and securing additional Paralympic qualifying points for the 2010 Games.

We look forward to the upcoming season as we are confident that our programmatic strategy and execution is conducive for success on the highest level.

On behalf of the members of the Wheelchair Curling Committee and the curlers themselves, I thank you for your support of these programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc DePerno  
Director, Outreach and Development  
Chair, U.S. Wheelchair Curling Committee

## **APPENDIX J: COO Report for Fall 2007 Board of Directors Meeting**

*Submitted by Rick Patzke, September 4, 2007*

The five months since our last meeting in April have been a blur, with no real downtime for the USCA National Office staff. Vacation time was squeezed in here and there, but a continual stream of projects and deadlines and meetings and camps has kept everyone hopping. We feel that we have made a lot of progress in many areas this summer and are poised for another strong championship season, but I personally am a little concerned about staff burnout. I am working hard (and as creatively as I can) at keeping job satisfaction high and motivation levels up.

Fortunately, we have a very talented team with strong desires to rise to the challenges presented to us. Your continued support of our efforts is much appreciated.

The following is a brief summary of some of the major projects and items not being reported on elsewhere by staff.

- All staff job reviews for the previous year have been completed, and the reviews and job input were filed with the Human Resources Committee. I also worked with each person to develop in detail five goals and objectives for the coming year, which we plan to review regularly. I also asked each person to complete a leadership assessment of me.
- The Chicago Community Trust has authorized the USCA to proceed with a full grant request for the next award period, January 2008. The grant is due Sept. 14, and is being coordinated by David Garber.
- Several sponsorship and marketing efforts are in play right now, including with Korbel (beyond the NBC program). Ann Garber (David's wife) is coordinating a "lead-generating" effort with various people that she works with.
- A "message summit" called for as part of the Strategic Marketing plan development is being held right after the September Board meeting in Minneapolis. VOX Global Mandate will conduct the summit. The USCA is using grant money from the previous year's WCF DAP program and also a Chicago Community Trust grant to fund this plan development.
- The World Curling Federation approved a Development Assistance Program (DAP) grant totaling \$10,000 for this fiscal year. The approved projects include support for the Member Services Conference, some expenses for the marketing summit previously noted, and printing of a new supply of outreach/promotional brochures.
- There has been no action from the USOC on a proposed Content Licensing Agreement (replacing the Joint Marketing Agreement) since I submitted a revised proposal on or about May 22. I have had several follow up calls, emails, and even a visit with them about this. The last word was that a backup of legal work was holding up action on our proposal and a handful of others.
- Five bidders submitted applications for hosting of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Team Trials/2009 U.S. National Championships: Bismarck, N.D.; Denver, Colo.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Milwaukee, Wis., and Rochester, N.Y. A selection panel was formed consisting of Nicole Joraanstad, Jon Wilson, Garland Legacie, Beau Welling, Bob Chandler and myself, with Georgia West serving in an advisory role. Several conference calls have been held, and site visits (at the bidders' expense) were made to Bismarck, Denver and

Rochester. The panel is close to finalizing its recommendation for a host site, which will be presented to the Board through the Site Selection/Championships Committee.

(Actually voting for the panel's recommendation will be Chandler, Joraanstad, Welling, West and Wilson, with Legacie and me serving as consultants.)

- Compete-At.com became a USA Curling partner and officially launched its curling event registration services in August, although there is still much work to be done. You can, however, register for your free Passport as a member of USA Curling and check out some of the information so far at [www.compete-at.com](http://www.compete-at.com). This company has been very good to work with, and we believe the management system will significantly streamline the playdown registration process and reduce staff time tied up in this area.
- The second Korbel Elite Curling Challenge was confirmed a go by NBC and title sponsor Korbel California Champagnes. Production is targeted for Oct. 26 at the Rockefeller Center rink in New York. After much discussion between NBC and Korbel, an invitation was extended to teams skipped by USA's Pete Fenson and Sweden's Peja Lindholm to be the featured competitors. Both accepted. The planned airdate for this 90-minute program is Dec. 23.
- Terry and I traveled to Hibbing, Minn. for a site visit/marketing plan presentation for the 2008 Nationals. This appears to be a very enthusiastic club and host committee to work with, and we envision a number of creative ties between Hibbing's history and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USCA.
- We are close to finalizing the arrangements with NBC and the WCF for an agreement for web streaming from the 2008 men's and women's world championships.
- After a "false start" with another candidate, a selection committee under Chris Moore's Elite Programs has succeeded in hiring Scott Higgins as the first Coaching Development Director. We've been coordinating the negotiating and implementation at the office, and you should be meeting Scott at the Board meeting.
- Along with this and many other items, there is almost daily correspondence and activities with various departments of the U.S. Olympic Committee, along with numerous other stakeholders and constituents, such as the Athletes Advisory Council, World Curling Federation, and current sponsors Nike, AmerAust and AIT Worldwide Logistics.

## APPENDIX K: VP Member Services Report

### Member Services Operating Committee Notes 14 Sep 07

- 1. State Games of America.** We are in the process of applying for affiliated membership in the National Congress of State Games. Our focus will be to add the sport of curling to more state games with the ultimate goal of including curling at the national games. This could be an excellent venue for U18 competition.
- 2. Member Services Conference in Pittsburgh.** The highlight of the conference was Eric Davis's presentations on 501c3 Nonprofit Status and Seeking Grant Funding. We videoed both presentations and will have them available to interested clubs. They are very informative and can be of great value for any club seeking non-profit status. Each tape is about 2 hours.
- 3. Region Course Conductors.** Jon Mielke, chair of Training and Instruction Committee is attempting to recruit and train lead course conductors for each region/state. This individual would be the focal point for instructional training within their area. Our Member Services Conference agenda for 2008 will be training and these regional conductors will be asked to participate.
- 4. USCA Curling Camps.** The Training and Instruction committee is also evaluating the best approach for conducting curling camps for intermediate curlers seeking to improve their game. They will report back later this fall.
- 5. Arena Curling.** The arena committee remains very active. The committee's focus this season will be ice making in an arena and revenue development. They are working on a "how to manual" for obtaining the best ice possible on arena ice; and providing clubs more information on developing revenues streams in addition to member dues. This of particular interest to the USCA for those clubs with WCF rocks.

Chris Sjue  
VP Member Services