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Wisconsin State Curling Association Board of Directors

Saturday, September 23, 2017,

9:30am

Conference Call

Minutes

1. Call to order 9:32 Am
2. Roll Call: Present – Blackhawk, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Madison, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Superior, Tri City, Waukesha, Wauwatosa
Absent – Alpine, Appleton, Arlington, Centerville, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Medford, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Rice Lake, Stevens Point, Waupaca
3. Approval of Spring Board of Director's Minutes: Motion to approve – Lance Bagstad, second Mike Dry. Corrections were made and motion to approve as corrected passed
4. Treasures Report: Greg discussed some minor changes from the Spring's report. Motion to approve – David Russell, second – Jeff Koch. Approved unanimously.
- 5 USCA Directors Report: Lepping – Rich covered the following topics. Details of the Member's Assembly coming up in October in St. Paul; By-law changes regarding GNCC have been put on hold; USCA will be looking at the make up of the regions and will make a recommendation next spring; the USCA is working to resolve two grievances; clubs should be preparing for promoting curling prior to the Olympics; Curling Canada Membership Programs are available – two main points are using social media to invite people to open houses and converting juniors from the curling in the gym program to participation in junior programs at the club level. 10+ applications for membership in the USCA.
- 6 WCF Report: Swandby – Mark discussed the following topics. World Men's and Women's have increased from 12 to 13 teams, including a change next year in how the 13th spot is determined; in 2018 a 5-rock free guard zone will be implemented at all championship competitions leading to worlds; in 2019 a US – Canadian Men's Tour will start. WCF will continue to discuss paraolympic stick certification, mixed doubles format, going from 10 to 8 ends, changing the format of time outs.
7. Committee reports: None
8. Competition Reports Dates and Places
Juniors: Aaron (for Hartman) – Wausau, Dec. 27-30, Jim Wendling is chair
Men's/Women's: Olson – Madison, Dec. 14-17
Mixed: Olson – Pardeeville, Jan. 12-14. Concern was expressed about moving the date.

Website – directory has been updated and also the list of bonspiels

9. New business:

- a. 2017 Member Assembly St. Paul next weekend -
- b. Club Plans for Olympics: Rich suggested checking out all the materials that Kim Nawyn has posted on the USCA website. Curling Night will be in October as a lead in to the trials and Olympics.
- c. Other
 - i. discussion about going from 10 ends to 8 ends at events leading to worlds and club championships. 8 ends shortens the number of days needed to hold the event. Noted that club championships can be either as they do not lead to worlds.
 - ii. Use of WSCA funds. Tom Godar asked if there was money to help with increasing club membership. There are no shared resources. Mark Swandby suggested that we look at supporting the teams that go to Club Nationals or U18. Another suggestion was to develop a Dar Curtis type grant for the clubs.
 - iii. Next spring's elections – Aaron's term in up. Sam Johnson is willing to move into that position. Greg Dunlop, Vietta Kampen, and Mark Olson are willing to keep their spots. The Nominating/Executive Committee will look for somebody to fill the VP position and will submit a slate of officers at the spring meeting.

10. Spring Meeting date and place: Portage, April 28, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

11 Adjourn: David Russell made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Greg Dunlop.
Adjourned at 10:35 AM.

