

WSCA Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2003: Stevens Point Curling Club
(Country Club Drive, Stevens Point, WI)

Members Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by President Mark Swandby. No items were presented. Membership meeting closed

- 1 Roll Call was taken with club updates from those represented.

The following clubs were represented:

Alpine, Appleton, Arlington, Blackhawk, Centerville, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Lodi, Madison, Marshfield, Medford, Milwaukee, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Stevens Point, Superior, Tri-City, Waukesha, Waupaca, Wausau, Wauwatosa

The following clubs were absent: number in () represents consecutive meetings missed

Galesville (20), Loch Wissota (7), Pardeeville (9), Rice Lake (1)

- 2 Minutes of 9/28/2003 meeting were not presented.

- 3 Motion by Daly, 2nd Dunlop to approve Agenda with changes (Date corrections and USCA directors needs to show Maier), passed

- 4 Treasurer's Report – Dunlop

See attached Revenue/Expense Statement and Membership Fee status Reports

No information was sent by Galesville and Pardeeville

WSCA dues were not paid by Galesville, Lodi, Marshfield, and Portage

Discussion of the importance of paying dues on time was shown by the numbers of votes represented at the USCA meeting (2006 votes vs 3626 members)

Marketing Seminar Reimbursement

All clubs qualifying and requesting reimbursement have been paid. Clubs must request reimbursement

Approximate Bank Balance \$12,000

Need to return \$200 of reserved money (trophy proposal that wasn't used)

- 5 USCA Directors Reports

Brown

World Team Preparation

2003 US National Teams will be US Continental Cup representatives

Juniors lost challenge – USCA must select a team for challenge in Denmark in January

Olympic Selection

Trials will be Spring of 05 – round robin with playoff

Swandby

World Curling Federation

Split Men's and Women's Championships – one will be in Canada every year

Discussion of Wheelchair championships

Television Exposure

US Nationals and Worlds televised on major network

Cost was \$250,000

Advertising defrayed some but not all costs

Funding for this came from \$10 million dollars of World Curling Federation funding which it gets from the International Olympic

Committee." [It's the IOC that gets all the money from NBC, etc., and then they award some to the WCF for it use as it sees fit. The USOC was not involved in this particular activity.]

Continental Cup will be grouped with other ice events (Iuge) for additional TV coverage

USCA Merchandizing

XP Apparel will also help clubs with wholesale product

USCA made \$1,100 – first time they made anything

Athletes of the Year

Female – Debbie McCormick

Male – Pete Fenson

Team – Team McCormick

USCA Database Project

USCA will now accept rosters electronically

Details may be updated by individuals and clubs on the website

USCA Training and Instruction

Train the trainers videos and clinics are being produced

WCF Rules changes

The general assembly of the World Curling Federation has approved some changes

of the rules of play and rules of competition. The exact wordings of the new WCF rules will be sent to the national curling associations later this spring for updating their own rule books.

1] The width of the ice sheet may be reduced from 4,75m (15ft 7 inches) to 4,42m (14 ft 6 inches).

2] Substitute of a team coming in during a game will be permitted to play at any position and the rotation of play may be changed

at the discretion of the skip or coach who shall inform the Chief Umpire of the new rotation.

3] Sweeping behind the teeline. Any one player of the delivering team may continue to sweep their stone or the opponent's stone

behind the tee line

4] Time-out at World Championships. Each team may call two 60 second time-outs per game excluding extra ends and one second time-out during an extra end. 5] The game time will be reduced to 73 minutes per team.

6] The minimum age limit for participating in a World Curling Championship, currently 16, is being removed.

Nationals

Juniors – Centerville Jan 30 – Feb 7

Jr B challenge selection – Bemidji Nov 20-23

2nd Chance – Waupaca Feb 12-15

Seniors – Grafton Dec 11-14

Mixed – Mankato March 20 – 27

National Men's and Women's – Grand Forks Feb 27-Mar 6

Wheelchair – Belfast – Nov 21-23

Coaching clinic – Saint Paul area – end of July

OXL Card

Acts as a USCA Membership card

Good for discounts

Packard

Membership Marketing

USCA trained 4 new volunteer marketing facilitators, 1 on the east coast, 1 central and 2 in the west. [The USCA is not "hiring" these people; they are curlers who have volunteered to do this. They will be paid expenses and a \$200 honorarium for conducting the seminars.]

Sponsorship Marketing - Television exposure numbers

National

4.5 to 6 million viewers

Website had 500,000 hits in the next 24hours

World's (Easter Sunday)

4 million viewers

website had 280,000 hits

Maier

Membership Committee

Board members missing 2 meetings will be requested to be replaced

Total Membership 12,453 an increase of approx 1,000

USCA will be the National Governing Body for Wheelchair Olympics for three years

2 new Brochures

Wheelchair curling

Curling with the stick

New Manual

Converting Skating Ice to Curling Ice

No more grants for Junior stones

No more expense reimbursement for Seniors

Eligibility GET INFO FROM WEBSITE

Senior Age Requirement GET INFO

Officiating Database

Apprenticeship program for new officials

New Training manuals

Athletes Advisory Committee evaluation procedure

Philosophy – striving for consistency

Conflict of Interest disclosure

Cut back on # of officials required (eliminate On-Ice Observer – players can measure and hang score

Timers need more experience

Calendar Change

This year the calendar week changes to week after New Years

Nominations for USCA officers are on the USCA Website

Swandby

USCA Board of Directors Reorganization

See handouts explaining W1 proposal and USCA Governance Task Force proposal

Significant discussion

Motion by Bill McMahon - 2nd by Marquardt passed 14 - 9

Accept GTF proposal at USCA Directors meeting

Discussion of political ramifications of pushing through the W1 proposal

Motion by Jacobson – 2nd by Russell passed

Present W1 proposal at membership meeting if GTF proposal does not pass

Playdown format reorganization

See handout by Swandby

Defer decision until 2004-2005

National Entry Deadline

Regional Playdown Deadline

Playdown Fee increase from \$100 to \$200

Sign-up and Go teams must now go to predetermined alternate site if less than 2

President Swandby brought up the topic of Judy Meier's term expiring.

Move by Chris Daly - 2nd by Tim Kaschinske "Re-elect Meier to USCA" Unanimous Pass

John Williamson questioned Ice issues at Seniors

How was Shorty Jenkins paid?

Utica called and hired Shorty then informed the USCA

Money was not taken from dues – it was USOC

Utica has not been reimbursed

6 Presidents Report – Swandby

All items covered above

7 Chairmen's Reports

A Directory – O'Neill

All clubs were handed a directory listing form. O'Neill will mail clubs not at meeting.

Note changes to the weeks when entering bonspiel dates for next year

B By Laws – Russell

C Playdowns

Jr.'s – Swandby

Wauwatosa cannot host Jr.'s due to City rules

Rice Lake volunteers to host Dec 27-30

Men's – Roe

2003 - 14 teams up from 8. 3 districts (Marshfield, Eau Claire, Arlington) with Medford hosting state. Quinn won. 5 from WI

advanced to 2nd Chance. None advanced.

2004 – State in Eau Claire on Jan 24th (week 2). Districts on 17th (week 3) tentatively in Lodi, Green Bay, Marshfield, Kettle.

Signup Deadline is December 1.

Women – Brown

2 or 3 sheet clubs no eligible to host Women's State Playdowns

Scheduled for Week # 1 in Clintonville

Mixed – Janusiak

2003 – 7 teams in Wausau up from 3. Lindsey team won.

2004 – State in Kettle Feb 19 – 22

D Seniors – MacNeil – mailed report to O'Neill too late for meeting

Senior curling activities are regularly updated on the web www.seniorcurlingnews.com. All seniors are encouraged to check the website frequently. 2003 - Senior men's curling continues to be a very strong activity. The USSMCA/USCA Senior Nationals recently held in St. Paul attracted 80 teams. The WI State Seniors, held at Kettle Moraine attracted 28 teams. 2004 WI State Senior Bonspiel will be held in Medford January 23-25.

USSMCA/USCA Senior Nationals will be held in the Chicago area February 19-22.

Other local senior bonspiels of interest to Wisconsin seniors are:

Chicago OB Bonspiel Dec 5-7, 2003 (Date must be confirmed)

Wauwatosa WOTS Bonspiel January 9,10, 2004

Arlington Seniors – yet to be determined

High-School – Bancroft – (reported via email after the meeting) We had a total of 17 teams playdown (six girls and 11 boys). The State Championship was held at Centerville with an excellent job being done by the club and its members. The Madison Curling Club won the boys and Wausau East High School won the girls. In our checking account we have \$800. Next years Championship site is Pardeeville with Medford in 2005, Madison 2006, Wausau 2007, Lodi 2008. I really feel with the recent events that curling has taken with good media coverage of the Olympics, Nationals and the Worlds increased numbers at the high school level are just around the corner. I have received several calls about curling for juniors. If anyone has any suggestions about the future of the High School Championships I am more than happy to listen and respond. The high schoolers are our future. Thank you for your time and if there are any questions call or e-mail. Thanks and Good Curling. Craig Bancroft 1 608 592 5593 cbancroft@chorus.com

F College Curling – Hartman (not present)

31 teams played at the College National bonspiel;

some discussion with no motion about subsidies for College Curling

G Rules – Maskel (submitted via email)

See above for Maskel's report.

8 Unfinished Business

A Contribution for Badger Women's Bonspiel

Move by Chris Daly - 2nd by Packard "Suspend requiring Badger Women to contribute to WSCA Booklet indefinitely" motion carried. Note total contribution from WSCA for Badger Women's is now \$450 (\$150 booklet contribution waived and \$300 bonspiel pin reimbursement)

B Membership Marketing Rebate

All clubs participating and requesting the rebate have been paid

9 New Business

A Bonspiel Calendar

The booklet stopped showing the schedule as week numbers. It was discussed that the WSCA wanted to maintain week numbers to ease scheduling and reduce conflicts. Week #1 is Jan 9-11, 2004. Next year week # 1 is Jan 7-9, 2005

B Other

State Association Website

Liability Forms for USCA

The forms are a mandate by the current USCA insurance carrier

Member clubs are free to solicit for alternative insurance quotes. If any club gets a better offer please let the WSCA and USCA

know.

USCA Dues

Move by Dushek - 2nd by Bill McMahon "WSCA to ask USCA to rescind the 3rd increment in the USCA Dues increase (started in 2002 with \$16 then \$18 then \$20)". Motion carried. Note this is a request not a mandate

Move by Bill McMahon - 2nd by Jacobson "Make the above motion at the already scheduled special membership meeting in the

Feb 2003" motion carried

C Next Meeting Schedule

September 27th, 2004 in Stevens Point.

10 Move to Adjourn by Daly – 2nd by Packard motion carried meeting adjourned.

