



## Wisconsin State Curling Association

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### **Wisconsin State Curling Association Board of Director's Meeting**

Minutes 2015 Fall Meeting of the WSCA

Date: October 10, 2015

Place: Wausau Curling Club, Wausau, WI

State Officers Present: Rich Lepping, Jim O'Neill, Aaron Richards, Greg Dunlap. Absent: Nicole Atkinson

USCA Directors: Rich Lepping, Mark Swandby

Call to Order: 9:40 AM

**Election of the Secretary:** Rich extended thanks to Nicole for her service to the WSCA

Motion by Jim O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Sharp to accept the nomination of Vietta Kampen

Unanimous vote of approval

Note: This position was accepted with the promised that Vietta would not to have to be President or VP

Roll Call Present: Appleton, Arlington, Blackhawk, Centerville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison, Portage, Poynette, Rice Lake, Tri-City, Waukesha, Wausau

Absent: Clintonville, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Medford, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Racine, Stevens Point, Superior, Waupaca, Wauwatosa

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by: Mike Fonger, seconded by Aaron Richards to approve as printed. Unanimous vote of approval

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg Dunlop presented the treasurer's report. Highlights of Expenses: Money to revamp the website, Ad for Arena Championships.

**USCA Director's Report** – (Rich Lepping) Highlights:

- Rick Patzke was selected as CEO of the USCA.
- Members' assembly in Ft. Wayne, Oct 15-18.
  - The by-law revisions will be voted on at the members' assembly.
  - Rich has the proxies and will vote for the changes.
- More information needs to be disseminated regarding member services.
  - Plans are to hold Town Hall conference calls after USCA meetings.
  - Whoever wants to be on the list can submit their name.
  - USCA will be sending out more press releases.
- The *Curling News* will continue as it has been the past few years.

- Sponsorship was obtained to web-stream the men's and women's nationals.
  - Curling Night in America will start Friday Jan. 8, 2016 beginning at 9PM.
- (Mark Swandby) Highlights:
- \*Discussed the members' assembly seminars.
  - \*Gave a list of the new clubs.
  - Reminder about stone purchase program with 3-4 clubs getting new stones.
  - Some other programs offered through the USCA are:
    - Courses – Level 1 and 2 Instructors
    - Ice Tech
    - Curling in the Gym program
    - Dar Curtis Fund Program
      - Arlington was awarded money for insulation
      - Wausau received money for automatic doors openers
    - Safe Sport available for a fee for the junior curling leaders
    - Laurie Artiss, the Pin People, have partnered with USCA; 10% discount on pins.

**WCF Report:** (Mark Swandby) Changes – cleaned up wording in the rule book, Mixed Doubles changes were made regarding the pre-positioned stones and a person does not have to be at the back at the house holding the broom...can be a sweeper. Power play rule - once during the game...complicated involves a corner guard and a stone buried behind it. LSD changed how to measure rock over the pin.

**USWCA Report:** (Mark Swandby) – Women's Scots Tour November 2016, Men's Scots Jan 17 - Feb 3, 2017. Mark is the organizer – looking for clubs in WI to host

**President's Report:** (Rich Lepping) Transition next spring when term is up. Aaron Richards said he will step up to be President, Mark Olson (VP of championships), Vietta Kampen, Secretary and Greg Dunlap, Treasurer. Somebody will need to be nominated as VP.

#### **Things to consider:**

- Fall meeting done as a conference call,
- Tying fall meeting in with other seminars, instruction.
- Possibility of ordering t-shirts and other promotional items that can be ordered with the WSCA logo. The logo could be made available to use for items, the initial set-up would be taken care of by WSCA. Promotional company gives 20% of use. We need to determine what are the allowed uses.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Rules (Mark Swandby) – Richard Maskel shared how the Mixed Doubles teams will be selected for Worlds.
- Website (Mark Hartman) – website update \$1,400. Many more people looking at the website and contacting the web-master. Place for Volunteer of the Year. Mark is looking for more pictures for the other pages. Reference to the new website in the dues letter. Are there any kinds of analytics? Money in budget for upkeep?
- By-laws (Dave Russell – no report)

**Competition Reports:**

- Juniors (Mark Hartman) 2015 in Portage, WI Ice on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 27-30  
Possibly start later rather than the 26<sup>th</sup> practice ice.  
Mark had figures comparing the costs from 2000 vs. 2015. Is there a reason for the lower numbers of teams playing down? Entry fee has gone up. Is this a concern with respect to participation?
- Mixed (Aaron) – on rotation for Tri-City from Feb. 19-21 – Linda/Aaron will follow through with this
- Men's and Women's (Aaron) In Portage, Dec. 10-13. Less teams doing this event also. Clubs do not make a lot of money with this event.
- Seniors (Jack) No report .... Notes: Wisconsin Senior Men's is at Milwaukee Curling Club, January 22-24, and Kettle/Tosa are hosting USSMCA Bonspiel Feb. 18-21.
- High School – No report
- College Bonspiel in Rice Lake Dec. 4-6 Qualifying Bonspiel for Nationals

**WSCA Service Award:** (Jim O'Neill) Bernie Dushek 1<sup>st</sup> person to be awarded this honor. Will receive a plaque to be presented at an event at Bernie's club before April.

**USCA Curling Award** - Athlete/Curler revisions in the guidelines – age 50, builder is 60

Two new applications: Jerry Packard nominated Bill Pattenson and Lisa Schoeneberg nominated Lori Mountford – recommendation to the WSCA for consideration to go to the USCA level.

**New Business:**

USCA Director Position – Two nominees Mark Swandby and Mark Hartman  
Jim O'Neill moved to close nominations and Larry Sharp 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mike Fonger Motion to not disclose the totals. Chris Horak 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried

Voting results: Mark Swandby will be Wisconsin's USCA Director.

**Spring Date, Time, Location:** Tri-City, date and time to be determined

**Motion to adjourn** – Larry Sharp 12:39.