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## Wisconsin State Curling Association Fall Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 10:00am

Hybrid Meeting at Poynette Curling Club, Poynette WI

### Minutes

1. Brian Kopp called the meeting to order at 10:05am
2. **Roll Call:** Miranda Hofmann called roll
  - a. **Present:** Clubs: Alpine, Appleton, Centerville, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Lodi, Madison, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Poynette, Racine, Rhinelander, Stevens Point, Superior, Wausau, Wauwatosa; Officers and Committee Chairs: Kopp (President and USCA Director), Bazley (Vice President), Hofmann (Secretary), Dunlop (Treasurer), Russell (Bylaws), Wendling (Juniors and HS); Wiza (Mixed, Men's, Women's, Arena)
  - b. **Absent:** Arlington, Blackhawk, Clintonville, Green Bay, Kettle Moraine, Loch Wissota, Marshfield, Medford, Portage, Rice Lake, Tri-City, Waupaca; Committee Chairs: Hartman (Website), Maskel (Rules), Hewes (Seniors)
  - c. **Guests:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** John Bazley moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Fahey (Lodi). Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Greg Dunlop reported no significant changes to our finances from previous fiscal year.
5. **President Remarks:** Kopp thanked everybody for attending. We are still researching updates to our articles of incorporation, and that update may require a need to update our bylaws to allow for an easier transition. David Russell reminded Kopp that bylaw changes occur at a Member meeting and not a Directors' meeting. We are also working on a new platform for the WSCA website, and are also looking for individuals who may be interested in assisting in that effort. Kopp also reminded everyone to submit their service award nominations and grant requests in time for consideration at the Spring meeting. Forms for these can be found on the WSCA website. Kopp also mentioned the significant flooding that occurred at the Wauwatosa Curling Club; he did share the Grants form with WCC if they were interested in applying for funds to offset some of their losses. Kopp then presented the 2025 WSCA Service Award to Terri Gleason. Hofmann read a portion of the submission, outlining Terri's significant contributions to the organization and curling in the State of Wisconsin, and beyond. The WSCA thanks her for her dedication.
6. **USCA Directors Report:** At the Members' Assembly, 6 new and 12 returning member clubs were approved, including the Hayward Curling Club (new) and Alpine Curling Club (returning) from our region. USA Curling bylaw updates were noted, which were mainly clarifying procedures upon resignation of a board member and changes to match WCF language as needed. Kopp also indicated

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that USA Curling needed to adjust the Competition Policy to adhere to the current Executive Order concerning the participation of transgender athletes. The one-day membership is being rolled out, which allows open house and rental participants to purchase a one-day membership, offering insurance coverage in the case of injury. This also provides USA Curling with a better idea of how many individuals are trying curling, thereby enhancing curling's visibility to potential sponsors and advertisers. Kopp again encouraged all clubs to attend the Club Council Sessions that are held by USA Curling. Contact Kopp if you need more information regarding these sessions.

### 7. Committee Reports

- a. **Rules** – No report
- b. **Website** – No report
- c. **Bylaws** – Russell stated that language regarding dissolution would need to be updated. New language would be provided for a vote at the 2026 Members meeting in Spring.

### 8. Competition

a. **Juniors** – Jim Wendling provided an update regarding the promotion of traditional junior bonspiels, which had been struggling for attendance since the move to the Qualifier model for U-21s. Dates for this season are being announced earlier in order to encourage participation. The U-18 qualified will be held in Wausau in December, leading to U-18 Nationals in January. He does not expect Wisconsin to get an additional team, but we are encouraging additional participation to grow our entry pool. Wendling also noted that he put together some information highlighting junior curling and junior bonspiels for the WSCA website.

b. **High School** – Wendling reported that Pardeeville CC will host the Mixed Doubles HS State Championship February 20, 2026. The 4-person HS State Championship will be held in Wausau the weekend of February 27, 2026.

c-e. **Men's and Women's/Mixed/Arena** – Dan Wiza reported that Men's and Women's State Playdowns will be held in Stevens Point Jan 15 through 18. Unfortunately, this overlaps with USA Curling Senior Nationals this year. Mixed will be in Racine Feb 20 – 22, 2026. A host for Arena State Playdowns has not yet been found. For next season, Milwaukee will host Men's/Women's December 17-20, 2026. Concern was raised regarding the difficulty finding hosts, especially with larger number of entries some years. WSCA may need to split Men's and Women's into two events or limit the number of entries per club. Discussion followed regarding solutions for future events, as well as concern about this season, should there be a large number of entries, with Russell making the following motion:

**MOTION:** *Authorize the Executive Committee to make decisions for the State Playdowns for the upcoming season.* Seconded by Doug Anderson (Stev Pt). Motion passed unanimously.

f. **Seniors** – Evan Hewes was absent but Hofmann reported that the State Senior Bonspiel will be co-hosted by Arlington and Poynette, and held January 18-20, 2026.

### 9. Old Business - None

### 10. New Business – None

11. **Spring Meeting** – Stevens Point offered to host it. Date will be determined.

15. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by John Bazley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Fahey (Lodi).

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miranda Hofmann  
WSCA Secretary