



## Wisconsin State Curling Association

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Saturday, Oct. 9, 2020, 8:00am  
Zoom Conference Call

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### **Minutes**

1. 8:03 Dan Lilla called the meeting to order
2. Roll Call (Kampen)
  - a. Present: Alpine, Appleton, Centerville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Rice Lake, Superior, Wausau
  - b. Absent: Arlington, Blackhawk, Clintonville, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Medford, Stevens Point, Tri-City, Waupaca, Wauwatosa
  - c. Guests: Ryan Mehberg, Mark Hartman
3. Jim Shlimovitz made a motion to approve the WSCA Board of Directors Spring 2021 Minutes – 2nd Mark Swandby. Motion approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - No report
5. President Report – Dan Lilla reported that he attended the Member's Assembly and Terri was approved as the USCA Director from the WSCA. Approved 5 new clubs. There were other seminars to attend.
6. USCA Directors' Report (Gleason)
  - a. Governance bylaws has adopted a transgender policy.
  - b. Jeff Annis has formed a Recognition Committee. This committee has started several recognition programs – Rock Star and Peer-to-Peer are two of them. Link is <https://www.usacurling.org/awards>
  - c. The new vice-chair has a background in marketing.
  - d. Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and MOPAC are now in a new region.
  - e. Terri also shared information about the USWCA Gifts and Grants program.
    - i. Jeannie Borland's family established a memorial fund that has already raised over \$30,000. Grants from this fund will go to youth curling at a grassroots level.
    - ii. The program is also looking for nominations for people or clubs who are in need of funding.
7. WCF Report – Mark Swandby is on competition and Rules Committee.
  - a. The Pan Continental Championship (Asian Zone will be combined with the America Zone) will lead to Worlds.
  - b. The WCF Board has plans to trial run several rule changes at the Men's and Women's Championships to make curling more appealing to the viewer. Some possible changes are:

- i. Rock on the centerline cannot be ticked
    - ii. Thinking time per end
    - iii. No extra ends. Points will be awarded instead and for ties a draw to the button will be used.
  - c. The host site for the World Juniors will no longer be obligated to pay for the hotel stays for the participants.
  - d. The Polish Curling Federation has been suspended from the WCF.
- 8. Committee Reports
  - a. Rules – No report
  - b. Website – moved this item to the start of the meeting to accommodate Mark’s work schedule.
    - i. Mark Hartman created a survey that will go out to help him get the information he usually gets from the USA Curling Media Guide. Vietta has added some lines to help with her contact list.
    - ii. He also brought forth several concerns about the website which needs an upgrade. Mark has been in touch with Justin Ramm, who curls out of Madison and does their website. The wish list includes: Security, photo capabilities, editing historical information, updating the WSCA Service Award and BWCA pages, adding directory pages, and adding flexibility to the bonspiel categories. Justin will do this work for \$800. Discussion noted that a member’s only area would work best, but that this was not in the initial quote.
    - iii. Sam Johnson made a motion to approve \$800 for website improvements focusing on private access to sensitive information, and an additional \$800, if needed, for improvements as approved by the Executive Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Dundore. Motion passes. Mark will keep in contact as Justin has questions.
  - c. Bylaws – No report
- 9. Competition
  - a. Jim Shlimovitz shared that they are looking for a site for the U18 Championships which will be held at the end of April or early May.
  - b. Mixed and Men’s and Women’s – Superior is hosting Men’s and Women’s. No site chosen for Mixed. Registrations are not open yet.
  - c. Seniors – No report
  - d. High School – Jim Shlimovitz shared that the high school championships will be held on Feb. 18-19 in Wausau.
  - e. NOTE: There have been some changes in personnel and positions in the USA Curling offices and different people are in charge of setting up the various national championships.
- 10. Old Business
  - a. COVID-19 Updates – Each club shared their plans for the upcoming season. Most are going to do business as usual, but will strongly encourage their members to be vaccinated and to wear masks. There are a couple that need to follow the rules in place by their county
  - b. WSCA Dues – Dues will remain the same this season
  - c. WSCA Grant – Vietta made a motion to allocate up to \$3,000 to be used by the Gifts and Grants committee to be used as they see fit for grassroot curling. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Shlimovitz. Motion passed.
  - d. USCA Director Stipend – Update approved \$1,500 last spring – cover hotel costs, travel, food costs that are supported by receipts.

## 11. New Business

- a. Spring Election – Anybody interested in serving on the Board should contact one of the officers.
  - b. Need 2022 WSCA Service Award Nominations – In January, an email will be sent out looking for nomination.
  - c. A possible State Mixed Doubles Championships was tabled at the last meeting, but Justin isn't at the meeting. The state isn't looking at sanctioning this event because it doesn't lead to a National Championships.
  - d. Question is anybody looking at starting Mixed Doubles at a junior level? As a high school competition?
    - i. Nothing is planned at this time.
    - ii. This might be a good way to host an event, even at some of the smaller clubs as it takes less time to play a game.
    - iii. There is a fairly established list of junior events in the state. Any new events should keep this in mind when trying to plan a new event.
12. Next Meeting date and location – will be determined once the date of the USCA spring board meeting date is set. Hopefully, in person.
13. Mike Dry made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sam Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.