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Wisconsin State Curling Association Board of Directors

Saturday, July 18, 2020 8:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call (Kampen)
 - a) Present: Arlington, Blackhawk, Centerville, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Madison, Medford, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Rice Lake, Stevens Point, Superior, Waukesha, Wausau, Wauwatosa
 - b) Absent: Alpine, Appleton, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Tri-City, Waupaca
 - c) Guests: Garret Perry, Terri Gleason, Rich Lepping, Mark Swandby, Dan Lilla, Clint Schroeder, Dwayne Jacobson, Mark Olson, Wendy, Bill Rhyme, Jennifer Severin
- 3) Approval of WSCA Board of Directors Minutes: Fall 2019 Tom Godar moved to approve as amended, 2nd – Amanda Seichter. Approved
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Sam highlighted the key points
- 5) USCA Directors' Report (Gleason, Perry) Terri's term is over. Garret has one year left on his term. The USCA Board of Directors will soon be down to 13 members. The USCA will be looking at the Members Assembly; participation has been the issue. This year's Members Assembly will be done as a virtual meeting. Terri shared that the new CEO, Jeff Plush, hit the floor running and, along with Steven O'Keefe, have been reaching out to the clubs. Rich Lepping shared that the USCA Board will be meeting on July 22nd to vote on the budget. There has been a reduction of staff, the office is closed, and staff are working from home. Jenna Martin is the Director of Communication and has increased USA Curling's presence on social media. There have been several sponsors who have dropped off due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of championships and other events.
- 6) WCF Report (Lepping) Rich shared that the World Curling Congress scheduled for Labor Day weekend will now be done virtually. Several items will be on the agenda: new officers, 8- versus 10-end games, coaches on the ice, governance, COVID-19 concerns, sweeping during World's and Olympics, funding. Mark Swandby shared the WCF Competition and Rules Committee proposals: stick rules are now recommendations, the Americas Zone would combine with the Asian Zone to form the Pan Continental Zone to qualify for Men's and Women's Worlds, wheelchair doubles competitions in hopes of adding this at the 2026 Olympics, changing pregame practice from nine to seven minutes for Mixed Doubles. Mark also shared that the Women's
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Scot Tour to the USA will be delaying their visit until Jan. 2022, and the Men's Scot Tour will be taking applications beginning October 1, 2020 for the Jan. 2022 visit to Scotland.

- 8) Committee Reports
 - a) Rules (Maskel) – No report
 - b) Website (Hartman) – No report
 - c) Bylaws (Russell) – David reminded the BOD that each director has one vote; in addition, each officer has a vote. If a director belongs to two different clubs, they can only vote as the director of one of the clubs.
- 9) Competition
 - a) Juniors (Wendling) – See below
 - b) Mixed and Men's and Women's (Olson) – See below
 - c) Seniors (Molter) – See below
 - d) High School (Wendling) – See below
- 10) President's Report (Johnson) – No report
- 11) WSCA Service Award (Lilla) – there were five nominations, two were carried forward and three were new. The committee's choice was Rich Lepping. The new VP will take over the duties of this award.
- 12) New Business:
 - a) Stevens Point update: Kris Henning shared the progress both physically and financially. A letter asking Wisconsin curlers and clubs to consider donating to this project will be sent out to the club directors and presidents. Side Note: There have been some positive changes regarding donations to 501(c)(3) organizations. Check out the new tax codes.
 - b) COVID-19 Club Response and Best Practices – Sam highlighted some of the bullet points from the USA Curling document sent to club presidents.
 - c) Discussion about the impact of COVID-19 on the opening of clubs. Rich shared that the USA Curling staff has been reaching out to clubs to get an idea of their plans, and there is a contingency plan in place if clubs delay or don't open. Richard Maskel and Dwayne Jacobson shared their experiences with the impact of the virus on Club Nationals, them personally and their concerns about reopening. Richard also shared information about the other participants who he has contacted since the event. Bill Rhyme asked about clubs holding bonspiels which are a primary source of funding for many clubs. A poll was taken and results are below. Several clubs are in the process of surveying their clubs about opening. There are many financial things to consider – from how to open clubs with reduced revenue due to lack of bonspiel funds to financially supporting the state and national organizations. There is also the cost of opening and providing a safe environment when there are still questions about how to prevent the spread of the virus.
- 13) Election of WSCA Officers: the slate of officers was passed by unanimous consent as presented
 - a) President – Dan Lilla
 - b) VP – Terri Gleason
 - c) VP of Championships – Irv Mossberger
 - i) Men's and Women's Chair – Irv Mossberger
 - ii) Senior Men's Chair – Kent Molter

- iii) Juniors Chair – Jim Wendling
- iv) Mixed Chair – Still need somebody to fill this position (Mark Olson will help train)
- d) Discussion on if the VP of Championships can be split, but the by-laws do not allow for this.
- e) David Russel moved to elect an Executive Committee comprised of the officers and the past president. 2nd – Dan Lilla. Passed.
- 14) Set Fall Date and Location – tentative date October 3, 2020. Location – Zoom meeting
- 15) Adjourned at 10:14 Mike Dry moved to adjourn, 2nd – Dan Lilla

The Wisconsin Men's & Women's club championships were held at Appleton Curling Club December 12th-15th 2019.

Only one Women's team registered (the Lori Karst rink from Madison) and was automatically given the Wisconsin berth into the Nationals. In early January, Lori resigned from the team and was replaced by Mandy Hampton. Along with vice, Brandi Kochera, second Nicole Brookhout, and Lead Anne Gravel, team Wisconsin finished round robin play with a 5-4 record. Team Wisconsin lost their tie breaker game to team O'Leary from Minnesota.

On the Men's side of the playdowns, there were twelve teams from 7 different clubs. Blackhawk, Eau Claire, Madison, Poynette, and Superior each had two; Appleton, and Wauwatosa each sent one team. The format was a two 6 team pool round robins sending the top two teams from each pool to the championship round. Team Wilberg/Poynette, consisting of Willie Wilberg, Dwayne Jacobson, Richard Maskel and Clay Osterhaus defeated Team Olson/Blackhawk on Sunday afternoon to take home the championship. Team Wilberg competed in the National club championships in March. They unfortunately did not advance out of round robin play in Maryland.

The Wisconsin Mixed championships were held at Alpine Curling Club January 31st–February 2nd, 2020. The Spielman/Rudkin rink from Blackhawk Curling Club advanced from the double round robin format to claim the championship. The National mixed championship was canceled due to COVID-19. At this time there are no concrete plans to reschedule the National event. Respectfully Submitted Mark Olson VP of Championships

2019-20 High School Curling Update – Submitted by Jim Wendling

The Tietge Bonspiel was held in Wausau with 44 teams attending. The teams were split evenly with 22 boy's teams and 22 girl's teams. 14 different schools were represented in the bonspiel. The Portage team skipped by Anna Tamboli won the girl's bonspiel and the Poynette team skipped by Coleman Thurston won the boy's bonspiel.

The State Championships were also held in Wausau with 16 girls and 16 boy's teams attending from 14 different schools. Both the Tamboli Rink and Thurston Rink continued their success at The Tietge with State Championships.

Several high school coaches announced their retirements this year. Tom and Jane Wood have coached the DC Everest teams for the past 18 years. Michael Statz has coached for Portage the past 7 years. Thank you for your commitment to the game for so many years and sharing your passion with so many young men and women.

2019-20 Wisconsin State Junior Curling – Submitted by Jim Wendling

For many years, junior curling was grouped into a single category (U21). For the past 4 years, junior curling has been divided into 2 groups (U21 and U18). This past year, the U21 and U18 Wisconsin Championships were held as a dual event in Wausau from December 27th through the 30th. There were 6 boys teams and 4 girls teams that competed for the U21 title. On the boy's side, the Wendling Rink from Wausau and Appleton defended their title by winning for the second year in a row. The team consisted of skip Wes Wendling, vice John Wilkerson, second Mitch Armstrong, lead Jackson Armstrong, and alternate Chirs Kirsch. On the girls, the Van Eeckhout Rink from Kettle Moraine and Pardeeville won the title. The team consists of skip Adah Van Eeckhout, vice Kylee Barden, second Lauren Hein, and lead Olivia Lee.

At the U18 level, 6 boy's teams and 3 girl's teams competed to represent Wisconsin in the U18 Nationals that were scheduled to be held in Wausau in March of 2020. 2 teams from the U21 competition were already qualified as the Wisconsin Host teams from Wausau. The Johnson Rink (girls) and the Wendling Rink (boys) would represent Wausau in the championships. Based on registration numbers, Wisconsin was awarded 2 additional boy's teams and 1 girl's team. On the boy's side, the Thurston Rink from Poynette, Milwaukee, and Stevens Point went undefeated in round robin play and claimed the first spot. The Thurston team consisted of skip Coleman Thurston, vice Jake Thurston, second Colin Packard, and lead Hans Nielsen. The second boys spot was claimed by the Joe Charles Rink from Portage. The Charles Rink took two tiebreaker games to claim the spot and consisted of skip Joe Charles, third Emmett Benck, second Adam Hein, and lead Noah Jahn. Unfortunately, the U18 Nationals were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and these teams did not get to compete.

For many years, the U21 title also included a traveling trophy identifying winners from past years which they take to their home clubs to celebrate the title. Trophies for the U18 representatives are currently being made to celebrate the teams which represent Wisconsin at the U18 National level.

Next year, the U21 Championships are scheduled to be held in Appleton. They have agreed to host the Wisconsin U21 Junior Championships from December 18-20, 2020. The U18 Wisconsin Qualifier will be held in Wausau from December 27-30, 2020. This will be the first time that the two events will be held separately and we hope that it will encourage more involvement at the junior level and a less complicated event.

Wisconsin State Senior Spring 2020 Report – Submitted by Jack Baker

The Wisconsin State Seniors continue to enjoy the sport of curling and always look forward to participating in the Wisconsin State Seniors Bonspiel as well as the United States Senior Men's Curling Association bonspiel. We had 24 teams participate in the State Sr.'s at Kettle Moraine Curling Club January 17-19, 2020. Results are included at the end of this report. I have been able to schedule dates for the next five years.

2021 Rice Lake CC January 22-24

2022 Milwaukee CC January 21-23

2023 Wausau CC January 20-22

2024 Have a commitment but waiting for board approval. January 19-21

2025 Stevens Point CC January 17-19. This will be a first for them and a great way to celebrate their new facility.

At the USSMCA held at Madison and Blackhawk Curling clubs where 64 teams are entered, there were 39 Wisconsin teams. What a great showing for the senior curlers in Wisconsin.

WISCA continues to thrive in the Southern part of Wisconsin. There are 24 teams from 11 clubs participating. The season was completed but the playoffs had to be cancelled due to the virus.

It is with reluctance but joyful that this is my last report as the director of Wisconsin State Seniors. I have enjoyed working and meeting with some very fine people. I have taken us from the mail system to a comprehensive list of participants via email on computer. Each year after the Senior Bonspiel, the results are posted and sent onto the following host club chairman on a flash drive. This includes all rules and guidelines to help each bonspiel to run the same format. I have found a replacement who is young (that is younger than most of us), and I know can take us to a newer level. He has participated in the State Seniors, National Seniors, WISCA and many bonspiels. Welcome Kent Molter a member of Milwaukee CC. Kent's email is: kent.e.molter@gmail.com. Again, thank you for letting me be your director of Wisconsin State Seniors. Jack Baker

Results of State Senior Bonspiel held at Kettle Moraine CC:

REGULAR SENIORS

1st event winner: Smith (Rice Lake)

1st event runner up: Sharp (Rice Lake)

2nd event winner: Fiel (Kettle Moraine)

2nd event runner up: Wilhelm (Blackhawk) 3rd event winner: Maier (Kettle Moraine)

3rd event runner up: Rave (Wauwatosa)

4th event winner: Koster (Wauwatosa)

4th event runner up: Baker (Milwaukee)

MASTERS:

1st event winner: Teeter (Poynette)

1st event runner up: Parker (Rice Lake)

