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Wisconsin State Curling Association Board of Directors

Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call (Kampen)
 - a) Present: Appleton, Blackhawk, Centerville, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kettle Moraine, La Crosse, Madison, Medford, Milwaukee, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Racine, Rice Lake, Stevens Point, Superior, Tri-City, Wausau, Wauwatosa
 - b) Absent: Alpine, Arlington, Clintonville, Loch Wissota, Lodi, Marshfield, Waupaca, Waukesha
 - c) Guests: Brian Wilson, Garret Perry, Terri Gleason, Rich Lepping, Mark Swandby, Richard Maskel, Courtney Schmidt
- 3) Sam Johnson moved to approve the WSCA Board of Directors Fall 202 Minutes – 2nd Jim Shlimovitz. Motion approved.
- 4) Doug Anderson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report – 2nd Terri Gleason. Motion approved.
- 5) President's Report – Dan has been attending the USCA Council of Presidents to cover what has been happening in the states and regions.
- 6) USCA Director's Report – Courtney thanked the Wausau Curling Club for creating the bubble and taking on the Mixed, Men's, and Women's National Championships and also from the Stevens Point club for the ice time for the Paralympic team which helped with their success in Finland. USA Curling is moving headquarters to the Vikings complex in Minneapolis. Discussed plans for clubs as they plan to reopen for the season; this news will be coming out shortly. The President's Council meets quarterly and has helped to both the USCA Board of Directors to keep states and regions informed and also for the organizations to share what is happening in their states and regions. Discussed governance questions and bylaws and how policies will be in one document and bylaws in another. There are a number of seats that will be open including Wisconsin. Nominating Governance gave a report on gaps analysis to see who is on the board and where there are gaps in experience and subject matter expertise. The goal is to have the right people in place as the organization continues to see growth. The gaps are in professional services, business experience, finance experience, media, technology, and sponsorship. They are also addressing the need to get states and regions to understand what the organization's needs are regarding staffing at the national level. Courtney thanked Garret for his support as Wisconsin's USCA Director.

Garret thanked the WSCA for allowing him to serve as the USCA Director. The board is made up of curlers who have their own personalities, their own backgrounds, their own political beliefs who have an understanding that we are all curlers with a common goal which is to curl. He also thanked Wausau for creating the bubble to host the national events.

- 7) WCF Report – Rich Lepping gave a shout out to Canada for hosting the Worlds. Issues at the end with the Women’s Worlds where the production and media team tested positive for COVID. The four US reps to the WCF have put together a working group of other nations (Scotland, Canada, US, Switzerland, and Norway). They meet quarterly to address some of the biggest items prior to the next congress. The next meeting is scheduled for Saint Petersburg, Russia. Olympic update - continuing in Beijing without attendees, similar to Japan. WCF still looking at governance structure and 8-ends versus 10, still doing surveys. Mark Swandby (Competition and Rules Committee) not a lot on the table this year. There is a lot of filtering before their recommendations are implemented. This year they provided advice on how to qualify counties for worlds and Olympics especially with the pandemic.
- 8) Rules (Maskel) – No report
Website (Hartman) – No report
Bylaws (Russell) – reminder for who can vote during the meeting on discussions and motions
- 9) Competition
Juniors (Wendling) – No report
Mixed and Men’s and Women’s (Mossberger) – Mixed Nationals was scheduled for Stevens Point and they canceled due to World Mixed being canceled.
Seniors (Molter) – Event is scheduled out for five years. Clubs have still agreed to host, just one year later than planned. The clubs are Rice Lake, Milwaukee, Wausau, Stevens Point, and Poynette/Arlington.
High School (Wendling) Poynette Boys and Pardeeville Girls
- 10) WSCA Service Award (Gleason) There were 3 candidates. She shows the spirit of curling locally, within the state and nationally, including USWCA and raising funds for the curling ramp. That award goes to Vietta Kampen.
- 11) Old Business
 - a) USCA Director Reimbursement – Discussion – Garret Perry shared his experience with the expenses – they must attend at least two of the meetings. Expenses include flight, lodging and meals for a weekend. There are additional meetings they can attend. Terri Gleason shared what the USWCA is doing for their USWCA/USCA liaison. Tom Godar made a motion to reimburse the Wisconsin USCA Director up to \$1,500 per year for direct expenses (with receipts) related to attending the USCA meetings. 2nd – Sam Johnson. After additional discussion about the history and governance of the USCA and per diem reimbursement options, a roll call vote was done. Motion approved 22-0.
 - b) WSCA Grant – Terri Gleason shared the work done so far on the grant including the Mission Statement, the Rubric, Scope of Impact, and Financial Need. Discussion followed about the application process and the rubric. Details still need to be finalized by the Executive Committee or Grant Committee – parameters for the number of grants, limit of the amount per year, who is eligible for the grant. Terri shared the t-shirt idea for fundraising and other places where the logo can be used. Next step is to look at the financial aspect of the grant. Looking for more members for the committee. Garret volunteered to serve on the committee.
- 12) New Business:
 - a) Rich Lepping emphasized raising dues given the USCA Director’s stipend and the grant program. Tom Godar and Brian Kopp would be willing to serve on the committee regarding raising dues.
 - b) Zak Rau asked if there could be a state level mixed doubles championship. The history behind the state championship was discussed. They are in place because they lead to qualifying for a national event. Other logistics were discussed. Decision was to table this idea and bring it up again in the fall.

13) Election of USCA Director

Sam Johnson introduced the three candidates: Brian Kopp, Richard Maskel, and Terri Gleason. Each person shared their background, what they bring to the table, and their desire to fill the USCA Director opening. Moved the candidates to the waiting room during the discussion. Dan Lilla covered the voting process to achieve a simple majority. If it is not obtained on the first vote, then the top two candidates will face off. A majority was reached on the first ballot. Terri Gleason was voted as the USCA Director.

14) Set Fall Date and Location – Tentative late September or early October. Possible locations – Stevens Point.

15) Adjourn – Chris Horak moved to adjourn – 2nd Doug Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.