



USA CURLING MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY
October 1, 2021
Teleconference

APPROVED October 21, 2022

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Courtney Schmidt calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm, October 1, 2021.
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian** – The Chair appoints Gordon Maclean as Parliamentarian.
3. **Roll call**

Delegates (Representing, Votes)

Present – Bill Gryder (Alaska CA, 0), Todd Ussatis (Dakota Territories CA, 425), Benj Guzman (GNCC, 156), Sarah Allen (Coastal Carolina CC, GNCC, 20), Bret Jackson (Great Lakes CA, 1001), Sandra Takata (Great Lakes CA, 0), Nick Myers (Mid-America CA, 432), Marc Beyer (Minnesota CA, 403), Sonia Montero (Mountain-Pacific CA, 229), Katie Feldman (Mountain-Pacific CA, Wine Country CC, 77), Jim Pleasants (Washington CA, 0), Dan Lila (Wisconsin CA, 431), Brad Whitlock (At-Large, Curl Vegas, 0), Peter Dohm, (At-Large, Southern California Curling Center, 0), Aileen Geving (AAC, 847.5).

Absent – Sara Gaum (Midwest CA, 216), Eric Boyden (At-Large, Aspen CC, 0), Kevin Geer (At-Large, Campbell County CC, 0), Dean Boril (At-Large, Casper CC, 0), Evan Lu (At-Large, Mid-South CC, 0).

Certification of Votes – Our CFO Eric Gleason has certified the vote allocations presented. That certification was sent to all delegates on September 22, 2021, 10-days prior to the meeting as required in our bylaws. Since that notification the GLCA changed it's vote allocation between its delegates from 500.5 votes each for Bret Jackson and Sandra Takata, to 1001 votes for Bret Jackson and 0 for Sandra Takata. That change took place by email from GLCA President Ben Levy on September 22, 2021 in accordance with our bylaws, prior to the six business day deadline for such action.

Quorum – 4,021.5 votes being present out of 4,237.5 votes total, and 2,118.75 being required, we have a quorum.

4. **Additions/changes to the Agenda** - None
5. **Discussion and approval of Minutes** –
 - a. Minutes from the November 14, 2020 meeting are presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Allen, seconded by Gryder. Motion approved by unanimous consent.
 - b. Minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting are presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Lila, seconded by Montero. Motion approved by unanimous consent.
6. **Reports to Board:**
 - a. Chair –
 - i. The Chair thanks all present in a year that we did not expect to still be virtual. The following months leading up to the Olympics are eagerly awaited by all of us.

- ii. We are ready as an organization to support our clubs, athletes, and those who represent the future of curling in the US. With the support of an amazing staff the board is confident that we are poised for a great future.
 - iii. Thanks our CEO Jeff Plush for leading our team with incredible focus and vision.
 - iv. Thanks those directors leaving the board for their service to the organization, Doug Potter, Garrett Perry, Roger Rowlett, and Rob Shelton.
 - v. We are looking forward to working with the new board members who are on this meeting's agenda, and starting to work with them at tomorrow's meeting.
- b. CEO Report –
- i. As we work towards opening up this fall he thanks every club for all the hard work that has been done to open back up even as we are required to work in an environment that revolves around Covid.
 - ii. Thanks for all the hard work involved by the athletes, ice techs, staff, and volunteers that are required to make each and every event a success.
 - iii. The Olympic Trials are coming up with the Men's and Women's in Eveleth, MN, and the Mixed Doubles in Omaha, NE. The move from Irving, CA to Eveleth for the Men's and Women's Nationals was due to safety logistics involved with the sites. The Eveleth site was deemed to be much safer for the health of our athletes, so the decision to move to that location was easy to make.
 - iv. As we open up our clubs we look forward to the Men's and Women's Nationals in January, Mixed Doubles in March and also the Seniors and Club National's. We have proven that we as an organization and as a sport can operate safely and with minor accommodations we can still enjoy our sport and look forward to great times ahead.
7. **Consideration of Full USCA membership –**
- a. The following clubs with provisional membership status (and their state/regional association):
Motion to admit all as full members by Jackson, seconded by Myers. Montero calls for a roll call vote on each of the individual applicants.
 - i. Pacific Northwest Curling Association (region application, replacing the Washington State Curling Association)
 - 3,715.5 votes in favor, Mountain-Pacific (229 votes) and Wine Country (77 votes), total of 306 votes in opposition, Motion carries.
 - ii. Last Chance Curling Club (Helena, Montana, Dakota Territories)
 - 4,021.5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, Motion carries.
 - iii. Road Runner Curling Club (Albuquerque, New Mexico, MACA)
 - 4,021.5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, Motion carries.
 - iv. Steamboat Curling Club (Oak Creek, Colorado, MACA)
 - 4,021.5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, Motion carries.
 - v. Rock Creek Curling (Lafayette, Colorado, MACA)
 - 4,021.5 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, Motion carries.
8. Election of USA Curling Board Members
- a. The Chair reviews the process that brings this slate of candidates before the Assembly, and expresses that's to those organizations for their work to bring a single nominee from combined regional groups.
 - i. Nominee from the Grand National Curling Association – Charles Brown
 - ii. Nominee from the Wisconsin Curling Association – Terri Gleason
 - iii. Nominee from the combined Dakota Territories/Mid-America Curling Associations – Roger Smith

- iv. Nominee from the combined Alaska/Mountain Pacific/Pacific Northwest Curling Associations – Darryl Horsman.
 - b. Motion by Jackson to elect the slate as presented, seconded by Lila. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.
- 9. **Old Business** - None
- 10. **New Business** –
 - a. Secretary mentions that the Governance 3.0 notifications as required under our bylaws will go out shortly.
 - b. Question regarding sites and dates for national playdown events. This information will be publicized shortly, some sites/dates have been finalized but we are still looking to site others.
- 11. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourns at 7:33 pm