

United States Curling Association
Annual Members Meeting
1:30 – 2:30 p. m. Saturday, May 1st, 2010
Sunday Morning, May 2nd, 2010,
Club 1919, Lambeau Field, Green Bay WI

Present: Secretary Carlson took the roll and noted that the meeting has a quorum. USCA member regions present: Alaska (represented by Leland Rich); Colorado (represented by Leland Rich); Grand National (represented by GNCC President Carl Thomas); Great Lakes (represented by Paul Badgero); Illinois (represented by Sean Silver); Minnesota (represented by Kent Beadle); Mountain Pacific (represented by Jerome Larson); Nebraska (represented by Leland Rich); North Dakota (represented by Christopher Sjue); Washington (represented by James Pleasants); Wisconsin (represented by Dave Carlson); Dallas-Fort Worth Curling Club (At-Large club, represented by Janet Farr); Lone Star Curling Club (At-Large club, represented by Leland Rich).

Absent: None

1. **Convene Members Meeting** - welcome, introductions (Rich)
President Rich convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m., and welcomed and introduced those present. Rich reviewed the meeting agendas and schedule.
2. **Roll call** (Carlson)
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3. **Appoint parliamentarian** (Rich)
Rich appointed Lowe as meeting Parliamentarian.
4. **Certification of votes and proxies** (Bernauer)
Bernauer reported on the certified votes and proxies, and provided a memo dated March 29, 2010, with the vote counts:
 - a. Alaska Curling Association: 419
 - b. Colorado Curling Association: 159
 - c. Grand National Curling Club of America: 2,695
 - d. Great Lakes Curling Association: 856
 - e. Illinois Curling Association: 497
 - f. Minnesota Curling Association: 1,719
 - g. Mountain Pacific Curling Association: 427
 - h. Nebraska Curling Association: 81
 - i. North Dakota Curling Association: 838
 - j. Washington State Curling Association: 0
 - k. Wisconsin State Curling Association: 2,870
 - l. At-large Club Members:
 - i. Curling Club of Houston: 0

- ii. Dallas-Fort Worth Curling Club: 40
- iii. Kansas City Curling Club: 0
- iv. Lone Star Curling Club: 36

5. **Approve minutes of last Members Meeting April 18-19, 2009 (Rich)**

- a. **Carlson/Wisconsin moved and Rich/Alaska seconded approval of the minutes of the Members Meeting April 18-19, 2009. Motion is approved.**

6. **Admission, suspension or removal of members (Carlson)**

- a. None

7. **Secretary's report:** recording of member-elected and affiliate member-elected directors (Carlson)

- a. Carlson reported that Great Lakes elected Gordon Maclean to complete the term of Bill Forsythe through 2010, and that Illinois Director Georgia West had resigned. There were no other changes to member-elected or affiliated-elected Directors as of May 1. Other region-elected Directors remain on the Board until their regions complete elections.
- b. Carlson reported that, in accordance with USCA By-laws, representatives of regions on the USCA Board must be elected by their regions. He indicated that, based on reported membership as of 1/31/10, regions have the following Director allocation:
 - i. Alaska: 1
 - ii. Grand National: 3
 - iii. Great Lakes: 2
 - iv. Illinois: 1
 - v. Minnesota: 2
 - vi. Mountain Pacific: 1
 - vii. North Dakota: 2
 - viii. Washington: 0
 - ix. Wisconsin: 3
 - x. At-Large / Colorado / Nebraska: 1
 - xi. Total member-elected Directors: 16

8. **Proposed By-law change**

- a. Carlson explained necessity of addressing issue due to bylaws calling for Directors terms expiring April 30. Purpose of bylaws change is to allow for term of member- and Board-elected directors to continue until the close of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in the spring (section 3.8). For those directors whose term ended in 2010, without the amendments, they would not have a vote because terms ended April 30. Bylaws state at least 30-days notice of any amendment to the Bylaws is required by bylaws, unless unanimous consent of voting body to waive the 30-day notice. To make official, proxy holders will need to sign a document to waive the 30-day notice. Waiver is distributed to proxies.
- b. **Motion by Paul Badger/Great Lakes, second by Sean Silver/Illinois to amend the bylaws as follows:**

Section 3.4 TENURE OF MEMBER ELECTED DIRECTORS. The Member-elected directors and any Affiliated Body elected director shall serve a three year term expiring ~~April 30th of~~ in the third year upon the close of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held pursuant to Section 3.8. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Member-elected director or an Affiliated Body-elected director, the Member or Affiliated Body shall select a replacement director and inform the Secretary.

Section 3.7 ELECTION AND TENURE OF BOARD-ELECTED DIRECTORS. The Board-elected directors shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, for a term of **approximately** one year, or a fraction of one year, expiring ~~April 30th~~ of each year **upon the close of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting held pursuant to Section 3.8.** The Athlete Representative director(s) shall be certified and/or nominated by the same athletes eligible to elect the members of the Athletes Advisory Council.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Board-elected director, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, except that if the vacancy occurs in one of the Athlete Representative positions, then, the vacancy must be filled by an individual certified and/or nominated by the Athletes Advisory Council.

- c. Discussion. **Correct “faction” to “fraction.”** Signed waivers to 30-day requirement and proxies to vote for amendment to Bylaws received for all members not in attendance at members’ meeting. **Upon motion and second, unanimous consent given to Bylaw amendments as amended.**

Suspend Members’ Meeting 5-1-10, 1:43 p.m.

Reconvene 5-2-10 10:30 a.m.

9. **New or unfinished business (Rich)**
 - a. **None**

10. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Paul Badgero/Great Lakes, second by /Sjue/North Dakota 10:31 a.m. Motion is approved.