



**UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2016
Teleconference**

APPROVED February 11, 2016

Call to Order

Chair Rich Lepping calls the meeting to order at 12:01pm CST.

1. Roll call

Present- Matt Gamboa, Jeff Hannon, Rich Lepping, Catharine Persinger, Doug Potter, Courtney Schmidt, Chris Sjue, Scott Stevinson, Mark Swandby, Carl Thomas, Craig Brown, Allison Pottinger, Doug Pottinger, Jennifer Stannard, Hawley MacLean, Beau Welling.

Absent- Cyndee Johnson, Sean Silver, Nick Wellen, Joe Polo, Jessica Schultz.

A quorum constitutes 11 members, 16 are present, a quorum is present.

Non-Board- Rick Patzke (CEO), Gordon Maclean (Secretary, Recording)

2. The Nominating Committee has presented Courtney Schmidt to be Vice Chair of the Board. Her biography has been sent to the Board and is on the call and able to answer questions.

- A. Motion to accept the nomination by Jennifer Stannard, second Jeff Hannon.
- B. There are no questions of the nominee.
- C. Chair asks three times for further nominations. None are put forward. Nominations are closed.
- D. Discussion- None
- E. Nomination approved on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Chair notes that the Chair, and the Vice-Chair along the Finance Chair (Sean Silver), Athletes Representative (Allison Pottinger), and one other appointed by the Chair (Jeff Hannon) will form a five seat Executive Committee per By-Laws Amendment approved by the Members Assembly in October.

4. Agenda for February 11 Board teleconference will be sent out soon.

5. Reminder of in person Board meeting in Colorado Springs, April 22-24. Members will be housed on site in athlete dorms, travel arrangements from the Denver airport are being looked into.

6. Other Non-Agenda Items of Note:

- A. 62,000 tickets sold at the Continental Cup, congratulations to team North America, and thanks to the organizing committee.
- B. Continue Board focus this year on
 - i. communications to clubs and regions, Board engagement, safe sport accreditation and background checks
 - ii. looking at Junior's program, concern over participation numbers dropping
 - iii. looking at revenue development and sponsorships. Fundraiser opportunity in conjunction with the Jacksonville Men's and Women's National Championships.

7. Courtney Schmidt offers her thanks for the support

8. Chair adjourns meeting at 12:17pm CST.