



UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION

Special Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2023

Teleconference

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM ET by Bret Jackson
2. **Roll call**
 - a. **Board Members** -
 - i. **Present** - Alex Agre, Jeff Annis, Terri Gleason, Colin Hufman, Bret Jackson (chair), Tracey Lawless, Patrick McDonald, Darryl Horsman, Roger Smith, Luc Violette
 - ii. **Absent** - none
 - iii. **Quorum** - 9 members of five being required, we have a quorum.
 - b. **Non-Board**
 - i. **Committee Members** - none
 - ii. **Staff / Non-Board Executives** - Dean Gemmell (Interim CEO), Dick Dawson (acting Secretary, recording)
 - iii. **Guests** - none
3. **Request by Boise CC to move from MOPAC to Pacific Northwest Regional Association**
 - a. Motion moved by D Horsman to accept transfer of BoiseCC from MOPAC to Pacific Northwest, effective immediately
 - b. Brief discussion wherein both sides agreed to the change
 - c. **Motion adopted by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Review of Membership numbers as submitted by Gordon MacLean**
 - a. Motion to accept Membership count as submitted
 - b. Discussion on Membership counts
 - c. **Motion adopted by unanimous voice vote.**
5. **Provisional creation of a Regional Association for At Large clubs**
 - a. Third largest Membership count is for At-Large clubs
 - b. Article 7.6 of Bylaws provides for representation of the three largest membership groups on the Board of Directors

- c. Discussion of creating a Regional Association for At Large clubs, and methods for doing so
 - d. Review of needs for a Regional Association to abide by Ted Stevens Act and USOPC bylaws, as outlined in USCA Bylaws Section 6.1 paragraph 2
 - e. Discussion on how this Regional Association would be formed and how to be given to Chair and Secretary to formulate
 - f. Once done, the Director position would be assigned, and filled until the Members Assembly where it will be voted upon
 - g. Chair and Secretary would work with At Large clubs to form the Regional Association, establish a method for governance, and identify a member to represent them on the Board
 - h. Motion adopted by unanimous vote**
- 6. Approval of Paul Wilson to Board as Independent Director**
- a. Motion to approve Paul Wilson to the Board of Directors as an Independent Director based on value he can bring to USCA from former employment at NBC, starting immediately and running a full three-year term
 - b. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.**
- 7. Interim CEO report –**
- a. Membership is back to near pre-COVID levels
 - b. Nationals were all successful,
 - c. Junior Nationals went well, SafeSport audited the event and were very pleased
 - d. Looking to secure repeat hosts for these events going forward
 - e. Seattle, Wausau, and Kalamazoo have been approached about repeating
 - f. Looking at other options for events, including mall location in New Jersey similar to Edmonton, and Skating Club of Boston
 - g. Cash position is good and healthy
 - h. Sponsorship updates
 - i. Merchandise sales are good, Columbia stocking USA Curling site
 - j. National Teams results not as expected, reviewing preparation and execution
 - k. Curling Stadium successful at National Championship events, looking to expand these programs to advertisers
 - l. Interim CEO report accepted by unanimous vote.**
- 8. Closed Session - Meeting moved into Closed Session. The Secretary leaves the meeting.**
- 9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourns out of Closed Session.**