



**UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION**  
**Special Members' Assembly Meeting**  
**December 16, 2020**  
**Teleconference**

**Approved** October 1, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Courtney Schmidt calls the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. C.S.T, December 16, 2020.
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian** – The Chair appoints Gordon Maclean as Parliamentarian.
3. **Roll call**

**Delegates (Representing, Votes, \* indicates multiple delegates with split vote)**

**Present** – Bill Gryder (Alaska CA, 455), Tom Ussatis (Dakota Territory CA, 736) Benj Guzman (Grand National CC, 4,854), Jim Windsor\* (GNCC, Orlando CC, 13), Bill Morrison\* (GNCC, Orlando CC, 13), Travis Haugh\* (GNCC, Orlando CC, 13), Ben Levy (Great Lakes CA, 2,212), Jeff Wright (Midwest CA, 758), Jonathan Lee\* (Mid-America CA, 375), Nick Myers\* (Mid-America CA, 377), Scott Stevinson\* (Mid-America CA, 375), Marc Beyer (Minnesota CA, 3,810), Sonia Montero\* (Mountain-Pacific CA, 588), Rob Shelton\* (Mountain-Pacific CA, 588), Katie Feldman (Mountain-Pacific CA, Wine Country CC, 110), Jim Pleasants (Washington CA, 659), Dan Lilla (Wisconsin CA, 3,949), Brad Whitlock (At-Large, CurlVegas, 0), Alex Agre\* (AAC, 1243.3125), Dean Gemmell\* (AAC, 1243.3125), Stephanie Senneker\* (AAC, 1243.3125), Bill Stopera\* (AAC, 1243.3125).

**Absent** – Steve McKee (GNCC, Charlotte CC, 0), Sarah Allen (GNCC, Coastal Carolina, 0), Eric Boyden (At-Large, Aspen CC, 0), Dean Boril (At-Large, Casper CC, 8), Evan Lu (At-Large, Mid-South CC, 0), Kevin Geer (At-Large, Campbell County CC, 0), Peter Dohm (At-Large, Southern California CC, 0), Craig Brown (AAC).

**Certification of Votes** – Our CFO and Assistant Treasurer Ron Rossi has certified the vote allocations presented. That certification was sent to all delegates 10-days prior to the meeting as required in our bylaws.

**Quorum** – 24,748.25 votes being present and 12,433.13 being required, we have a quorum.

**Guests** – Jeff Plush (CEO), Gordon Maclean (Secretary, recording), Russ Lemcke (Nom/Gov Committee), Jennifer Stannard (Nom/Gov Committee), Leland Rich (Nom/Gov Committee), .

4. **Additions/changes to the Agenda - None**
5. **Action by Membership** – The chair introduces the amendments being presented for consideration and the reason for the proviso that will be required in the motion to adopt.
  - a. Motion that Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 be approved with the proviso that they become null and void on January 1, 2022 by Shelton, seconded by Stevinson (see Appendix A for full amendment text).
  - b. The Chair opens the meeting to discussion and debate.
  - c. Questions and debate focused on: clarification that new clubs would not lose any dues discounts in upcoming year, that the amendments only apply to those clubs that have not and will not

open due to the current pandemic, and what would be the voting allocation situation after January 31, 2021 for those clubs not paying dues. On the final point, it was noted that these amendments do not apply to the sections of the bylaws that address voting allocations for the Members' Assembly. It was suggested that the Governance Committee look into further modifications to address that issue. The chair noted the concern expressed.

- d. Debate was closed and the chair called for a roll call vote. That vote (below) was unanimous for adoption of the proposed amendments.

2020 Members' Assembly Special Meeting Dec 16, Delegates and Voting Allocation, per USCA By-Laws Section 10				By-laws Amendment					
State/Region Member	Individual Club Member	2020 Delegate	Votes	Opening Roll Call	Opening Quorum Tally	Vote 1 (Y,N,A,S)	Vote 1 (Yes)	Vote 1 (No)	Sum Check
Alaska		Bill Gryder	455	x	455	y	455	0	455
Dakota Territory		Todd Ussatis	736	x	736	y	736	0	736
Grand National		Benj Guzman	4854	x	4854	y	4854	0	4854
	Charlotte	Steve McKee	0						
	Coastal Carolina	Sarah Allen	0						
	Orlando	Jim Windsor	13	x	13	y	13	0	13
	Orlando	Bill Morrison	13	x	13	y	13	0	13
Great Lakes	Orlando	Travis Haugh	13	x	13	y	13	0	13
		Ben Levy	2212	x	2212	y	2212	0	2212
Midwest		Jeff Wright	758	x	758	y	758	0	758
Mid-America		Nick Myers	377	x	377	y	377	0	377
		Jonathan Lee	375	x	375	y	375	0	375
		Scott Stevinson	375	x	375	y	375	0	375
Minnesota		Marc Beyer	3810	x	3810	y	3810	0	3810
Mountain Pacific		Sonia Montero	588	x	588	y	588	0	588
		Rob Shelton	588	x	588	y	588	0	588
	Wine Country	Katie Feldman	110	x		y			
Washington		Jim Pleasants	659	x	659	y	659	0	659
Wisconsin		Dan Lilla	3949	x	3949	y	3949	0	3949
At-Large Clubs	Aspen, CO	Eric Boyden	0						
	Casper, CO	Dean Boril	8						
	Mid-South, MS	Evan Lu	0						
	Campbell County, WY	Kevin Geer	0						
	Southern California	Peter Dohm	0						
	Brad Whitlock	0	x	0	y	0	0	0	
Athletes Advisory Council		Alex Agre	1243.3125	x	1243.3125	y	1243.3125	0	1243.3125
		Craig Brown							
		Dean Gemmell	1243.3125	x	1243.3125	y	1243.3125	0	1243.3125
		Stephanie Senneker	1243.3125	x	1243.3125	y	1243.3125	0	1243.3125
	Bill Stopera	1243.3125	x	1243.3125	y	1243.3125	0	1243.3125	
TOTAL w/o Athletes			19893.00	<b>Present</b>	<b>24748.25</b>		<b>24748.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	24748.25
Athletes Allocation			4973.25	<b>Quorum</b>	<b>12433.13</b>				
Total with Athletes			<b>24866.25</b>	<b>Majority</b>	<b>12433.13</b>		Abstain= 0		
				<b>2/3rds Majority</b>	<b>16577.50</b>		Sum Check	24748.25	

- 6. **Old Business - None**
- 7. **New Business - None**
- 8. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Courtney Schmidt at 7:40p.m. C.S.T.

**Appendices**

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### **Introduction**

These two proposed amendments will temporarily remove any sanctions that would usually be placed on member clubs and their state/regional associations and delay a board director seat reallocation scheduled for spring 2021, which is based on membership numbers.

Amendment 1 will apply to those member clubs who do not carry out curling activities during the period that the amendment is in effect. Nor will sanctions be placed on their state/regional association for dues non-payment by those member clubs fitting that criteria.

Amendment 2 will postpone the regularly scheduled bylaw mandated board of directors' seat reallocation planned for next spring. This reallocation would be based on January 31, 2021, membership numbers. Given the current circumstances and varying levels of shutdowns across the nation, it is felt that this reallocation is potentially disruptive and not indicative of the intent of the reallocation process.

The "Required Motion" contains a parliamentary action that will allow us to introduce these amendments into our bylaws and then have them automatically removed from the bylaws without further action by the board or Members' Assembly. Without the "proviso," a termination date could be put into the amendments, which would mark the end of their "life," BUT the amendments would remain in the bylaws until either the board or the Members Assembly chose to remove them (after ALL of the proper notifications, 30-day notices, etc. that would be required for that action.)

### **Required Motion to accompany these amendments**

"I move that Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 be approved with the proviso that they become null and void on January 1, 2022."



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### **Amendment 1**

#### **Section 5.0 – Temporary Novel Covid-19 Pandemic Provisions**

While this Section remains in effect, the following conditions will apply:

- a) The requirements and penalties set out in Sections 5.4, 5.5.a, 5.5.b, 5.6, and 5.8 shall not apply to any member club as defined in Section 5.1 that is unable to open or operate due to the novel Covid-19 pandemic.
- b) No penalty will accrue to any State or Regional Association as the result of any individual member club meeting the status defined in Section 5.0.a, nor will those individual member club's status be considered in any other actions related to Sections 5.5.d and 5.5.e.
- c) Any member club which received full USCA membership by vote at Annual Members' Assemblies in or after 2018 and meets the conditions detailed in Section 5.0.a. will maintain its USCA dues discount status as of January 2021.

### **Amendment 2**

#### **Section 7.0 – Temporary Novel Covid-19 Pandemic Provisions**

While this Section remains in effect, the Member-Elected Director's seat reallocation as detailed in Section 7.6.d will be suspended. The next Member-Elected Director's seat reallocation will occur in the next odd-numbered year following this section's nullification.

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