



UNITED STATES CURLING ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

October 15, 2023

In person and via Teleconference

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1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 8:37am CT by Bret Jackson

2. **Roll call**

a. **Board Members -**

- i. **Present** - Bret Jackson (Chair), Colin Huffman (vice-Chair), Alexandra Agre, Jeff Annis, Brian Koop, Tracy Lawless, Roger Smith, Phil Shryock, Paul Wilson
- ii. **Absent** – Luc Violette, Aileen Geving, Patrick McDonald
- iii. **Quorum** - 11 members of five being required, we have a quorum.

b. **Non-Board**

- i. **Committee Members -**
- ii. **Staff / Non-Board Executives** - Dean Gemmell (CEO), Dick Dawson (Secretary, recording). Craig Perry (Chief Operating Officer), Alexis Boccanfuso (Treasurer)

3. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes—Sept 11 [Link](#)

Motion to approve Consent items, B Jackson moves to approve Consent items. Seconded by R Smith. Voice vote, approval is unanimous.

4. **Annual Members Meeting Review – Bret Jackson**

- a. Feedback on the meeting

- i. Overall excellent participation, managed. Great to have Todd Ellis as parliamentarian, made motions and management of meeting smooth and accurate.
 - ii. Great feedback from Membership. Unanimous vote on new By-Laws is a great move forward for USA Curling.
 - b. Dates of the Future Members Meeting/Members Assembly
 - i. National Team Camp alignment
- 5. **Policy & Procedures Review/Approval**–Dean Gemmell, Dick Dawson
 - a. Discussion on revisions to the Policies and Procedures to allow for discussion
 - b. Discussion on returning Member Clubs process and procedure
 - c. Discussion on returning Regional Associations in P&P document
 - d. Voting on changes to the document by the Board scheduled
- 6. **Introduction of new Directors, Phil Shryock (Alaska, Pacific Northwest, Mountain Pacific) and Brian Kopp (Wisconsin).**
- 7. **Discussion on Board Practices Session / meeting with David Patterson, USOPC Sr. Director of Governance**
 - a. Feedback from Attendees
 - b. Key takeaways
 - i. Preparation for issues / crisis and how better to manage them in the future
- 8. **Other Business** – Bret Jackson
 - a. Reminder of Conflict-of-Interest Forms - [Link to form](#)
 - b. Content platform for Board Materials
 - i. Access to all materials for specific teams / people
 - c. GNCC invite to return to USA Curling
 - i. Letter reviewed by the Board to formally invite the GNCC back to USA Curling as a Regional Association.

- ii. Letter to be sent by USA Curling Chair of the Board

Motion to invite the Grand National Curling Club to return to USA Curling made by Alex Agre, seconded by Phil Shryock. A voice vote approving the Motion was passed unanimously.

9. CEO Report and Board Discussion – Dean Gemmell

- a. Financials
- b. USOPC Funding Updates
- c. WCF/CEOs Meeting
- d. Nationals Sponsorship
- e. Foundation Plan
 - i. Will be a key focus area for 2023-24 for Chair and CEO to develop sponsorship and participation in the Foundation

10. Board was moved into Closed Session at 12:05pm by Bret Jackson

11. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 12:47pm CT.