

U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors

Conference Call Agenda – FINAL

Monday, March 9, 2020; 8:00PM ET

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 22, 2020 Board of Directors Minutes and Report of Action
4. President's Update
 - a. General
 - b. Coronavirus Update
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Vice Presidents' Reports (Eastern, Midwestern, Pacific Coast)
7. Group Coordinators' Reports
 - a. Athlete Services
 - b. AAC
 - c. Coaches
 - d. Technical & Officials
 - i. General
 - ii. TN 238 update
 - e. Membership
 - f. Administrative/Legal
 - g. ISU Representative
8. Officials Nominations/Promotions to ISU (Executive Session)
9. Executive Director's Report
 - a. USOPC Update
 - b. 100th Anniversary Update
 - c. Misc.
10. New Business
11. Executive Session
12. Next Meeting – ZOOM Meeting/Conference Call – **MONDAY, April 6, 2020 – 7pm ET/4pm PT**

U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors
Via Conference Call
March 9, 2020; 8 p.m. ET

Present

Samuel Auxier (Past President), Gretchen Bonnie, Anne Cammett (President), Kristin Arneson Cutler, Christine Fowler-Binder, Janis Engel, Lynn Goldman, Troy Goldstein (joined at 8:32 p.m. ET), Mark Ladwig, Jenna Longo, Bobby Martin, Heather Nemier, Richard Perez, David Raith (Executive Director), Douglas Razzano, Karen Terry Perreault, Alan Wolf

Absent

Bob Horen (ISU Representative), Colin McManus (non-voting athlete)

Guests

Juliet Newcomer

I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting

- A. Cammett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
- B. Bonnie took roll call, and a quorum was confirmed.
- C. The agenda was approved as amended.
- D. The Feb. 22 minutes were approved as presented.
- E. The Feb. 22 report of action was approved as presented.

II. President's Update

- A. Cammett reported that the Nominating Committee slate was published on March 1.
- B. Cammett and Raith reviewed the latest information regarding the coronavirus in detail and explained steps that are being taken to stay informed and decision-making processes. Raith also informed the board that the Egna Spring Trophy, scheduled for late March in Italy, has been canceled.

<8:32 p.m. – Goldstein joined the call>

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Goldstein reviewed the Statement of Activities through Jan. 31, 2020, including specific line items.
- B. Goldstein notified the board that the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation trustees are reviewing the markets.

IV. Vice Presidents' Reports

- A. Eastern
 1. Nemier reviewed her VP call from Feb. 19, which had Patrick O'Neil and Susi Wehrli McLaughlin presenting on membership, and Mia Corsini presenting on NQS.
 2. Nemier informed the board that her March VP call will be on March 19, and will focus on collegiate, adult and adaptive skating. Nemier recognized Kelly Vogtner for helping the vice presidents transition to Zoom for their monthly calls and reviewed some of the benefits it will provide.
 3. Nemier gave a very positive review of the 2020 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships that took place in Rhode Island.
 4. Nemier has been working with the clubs to make sure they understand how Governing Council works and are registering their delegates and proxies. Nemier also notified the board that Kathy Dreves is providing delegate reports to the vice presidents to help with this work.

Cammett then called on AAC Chair Ladwig to give the AAC report as Ladwig may have to leave the meeting early.

Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC)

1. Ladwig provided an update on the AAC election process and notified the board that he will not be running for chair but will still run for the AAC. Ladwig is finalizing a document for the transition to the next chair.
2. Ladwig reported that the USOPC AAC athlete representative and alternate elections will begin after the World Figure Skating Championships.
3. Ladwig reported that the list of the athletes planning to attend Governing Council is complete, and proxies have been submitted

4. Ladwig reported that the Governing Council Event Working Group will have a call this week.
5. Ladwig reported that the athletes who served as AAC representatives at the 2020 U.S. Synchronized Championships had positive reviews of the event.
6. Ladwig informed the board that the SafeSport staff and National High Performance Development Team Camp representatives had a meeting recently.

Vice Presidents' Reports (continued)

B. Midwestern

1. Cutler reviewed her VP call from February, which had Patrick O'Neil, Sue Clemente and Susi Wehrli McLaughlin presenting on membership, and Mia Corsini presenting on NQS.
2. Cutler announced that her March VP call will be the third week of March using Zoom, and will focus on collegiate, adult and adaptive skating.
3. Cutler notified the board that she has been asked to join Shelbi Meyer at the PSA Summit in May for the SafeSport presentations, and she has agreed to help.

C. Pacific Coast

1. Engel reviewed her VP call from Feb. 25, which covered the same agenda as the Eastern and Midwestern VP calls.
2. Engel announced that her March VP call will be March 17 and will also review collegiate, adult and adaptive skating.
3. Engel notified the board that she served as an official at the Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships and reported that the event was successful.

V. Group Coordinators' Reports

A. Athlete Services

1. Goldman gave a positive review the 2020 U.S. Synchronized Championships that took place Feb. 25-29 in Providence, Rhode Island.
2. Goldman reviewed the pairs Team Up program that was held in Nashville, with 33 skaters attending. Follow up continues to see if any new pairs teams will be formed.
3. Goldman reported that she has also been in communication with her committee chairs regarding which items were cut from the budget, and all understand the decisions and why they were made.

B. Coaches

Martin notified the board that they have nothing new to report at this time.

C. Technical & Officials

1. Perez reviewed the changes to Technical Notification 238. Cutler provided additional information. Ladwig then made the following motion:

<Request for Action> to approve the changes to Technical Notification 238. (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent)

2. Perez also provided a positive report on the 2020 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.
3. Perez also reported that he was an official with Engel at the Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships and provided positive feedback about the competition.

D. Membership Development

1. Wolf reviewed the membership report and announced that total membership is up 5,275 members compared to this time last season.
2. Wolf announced that 1,161 athletes have registered for the Excel Series.
3. Wolf notified the board that the Aspire Program was announced a week ago and, in less than four days, 86 clubs have completed the interest form.
4. Wolf reported that the Membership Committee will be meeting about the application process for new clubs.

E. Administrative/Legal

Perreault provided an update on the status of active SafeSport, ethics and grievance cases.

F. ISU Representative

In Horen's absence, Auxier informed the board that Team USA won the gold medal in ice dance (Avonley Nguyen and Vadym Kolesnik) and the bronze medal in ladies (Alysa Liu) at the 2020 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships. Auxier reviewed the additional results of Team USA and announced that, based on this year's results, Team USA will have three entries for the ladies, men's and ice dance events,

and two entries for the pairs event at the 2021 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, and the maximum number of spots for the 2020 Junior Grand Prix.

<9:15 p.m. – Engel recused herself from the call>

VI. Officials Nominations/Promotions to ISU (Executive Session)

<**Request for Action**> to approve submitting the candidates recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotions at the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt, Germany, in July 2020. (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 recusal, 0 absent)

<**Request for Action**> to approve submitting the candidates recommended by the International Officials Management Subcommittee to test for promotion to ISU singles/pairs judge in Oberstdorf, Germany, in September 2020. (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 recusal, 0 absent)

<9:23 p.m. – Ladwig left the call>

<9:24 p.m. – Engel rejoined the call>

VII. Executive Director’s Report

- A. Raith reviewed the USOPC’s NGB Audit Standards.
- B. Raith reviewed a USOPC meeting involving representatives from winter NGBs that he, Mitch Moyer and Kelly Vogtner attended in Chicago last week.
- C. Raith announced that Delta Airlines will become the official airline of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee in 2021.
- D. Raith reviewed an NGB Council call that was held a week ago Friday.
- E. Raith informed the board that the 100th Anniversary working group had a kick-off call with CSG to discuss plans for the 100th Anniversary for the organization in 2021, and CSG has started their interviews. Raith expects to have a more detailed outline on April 6. Wolf then provided additional information about the call and the goals for the celebration.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Closing Announcements and Adjournment

The next business meeting of the board will be via Zoom on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 7 p.m. ET.

Call concluded at 9:39 p.m. ET

Submitted,



Gretchen Bonnie, Secretary