

U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors

Conference Call Agenda – FINAL

Monday, June 29, 2020; 8:00PM ET
Via Video Conference

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of June 15, 2020 Board of Directors Minutes and ROA
5. Diversity & Inclusion Working Group Update
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Vice Presidents' Reports (Midwest, Pacific Coast, East)
8. Group Coordinators' Reports
 - a. Membership Development
 - b. Administrative/Legal
 - c. Athlete Services
 - i. General
 - ii. AAC Report
 - iii. Coaches
 - d. Technical and Officials
 - i. General
 - ii. Qualifying Season Discussion
 - e. International
9. Executive Director's Report
 - a. USOPC Updates
 - b. Other
10. New Business
11. Executive Session
12. Next Meeting – ZOOM Video Conference - Monday, July 20, 2020 – 8pm ET/5pm PT

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Present

Kristin Arneson Cutler, Samuel Auxier (Past President), Gretchen Bonnie, Todd Bromley, Anne Cammett (President), Janis Engel, Rachael Flatt, Lynn Goldman, Troy Goldstein, Bob Horen (ISU Representative), Jenna Longo, Bobby Martin, Colin McManus, Heather Nemier, Heather Paige, Elise Preston, David Raith (Executive Director), Karen Terry Perreault, Felicia Zhang (non-voting athlete)

Guests

Kathleen Krieger (Competitions Committee Chair), Juliet Newcomer

I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting

- A. Cammett called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Bonnie took roll call, and a quorum was confirmed.
- C. The agenda was adopted.
- D. The June 15 minutes were approved as presented.
- E. The June 15 report of action was approved as presented.

II. Diversity & Inclusion Working Group Update

Cammett reported that she is working to finalize the diversity and inclusion working group, and the interest in participating has been great. Cammett and Raith provided additional information on the response and the next steps. The board then discussed the goals of the working group and ideas for moving forward.

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Goldstein notified the board that the 2021 FY approved budget templates were delivered to the group coordinators today, and reviewed the information that was included.
- B. Goldstein reported that the membership numbers year-over-year continue to be lower, but this is expected with COVID-19.
- C. Goldstein notified the board that the request has been submitted to the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation for the annual funding.

IV. Vice Presidents' Reports

- A. Midwest
 1. Cutler reviewed her June VP call which was June 24 and covered membership renewals with Susi Wehrli McLaughlin and Erika Lehman presenting, test rule updates for the new competition season with Todd Bromley presenting, and information on returning to rinks and returning to competitions with Bob Dunlop presenting.
 2. Cutler reported that she is helping clubs share information about reopening successfully.
 3. Cutler announced that her next VP call will be July 28 and is expected to cover updates on collegiate programming, competitions and the website.
- B. Pacific Coast
 1. Engel reviewed her June VP call, which was June 23 and covered the same topics as the Midwest call.
 2. Engel provided the latest information on rinks reopening in the Pacific Coast Section.
 3. Engel announced that her next VP call will be July 28.
- C. East
 1. Nemier reviewed her June VP call, which was June 23 and covered the same topics as the Midwest and Pacific Coast calls.
 2. Nemier provided an update on rinks reopening in the Eastern Section.
 3. Nemier reported that the three vice presidents met last week to outline the topics and set the dates for their VP calls through December, and reviewed some of the topics that are planned.

V. Group Coordinators' Reports

- A. Membership Development
 1. Preston reviewed the Excel Virtual Festival that was held the weekend of June 13.
 2. Preston reviewed the membership numbers in more detail, and announced that the membership toolkit is live on the U.S. Figure Skating website.
 3. Preston announced the recipients of the Community Development Grant and informed the board that the recipients have been announced publicly and notified.

B. Administrative/Legal

1. Perreault provided an update on SafeSport reports since the last meeting.
2. Perreault notified the board that the Rules Committee is considering splitting the rulebook into three parts: with part 1 being all of the written bylaws and rules, part 2 being the moves in the field diagrams, and part 3 being the pattern dance diagrams. There was no objection, but Bromley suggested working with the PSA to combine their moves in the field and pattern dance booklets with the diagram sections of the rulebook, and Newcomer agreed to explore this option.

C. Athlete Services

1. Goldman informed the board that the Synchronized Development & Technical Committee has also been working on removing some information from the rulebook and putting it into a handbook. A proposal has already been approved by the committee.
2. Goldman notified the board that the synchronized DREAM skaters have been selected.
3. Flatt reviewed the first AAC meeting. Flatt notified the board that the first AAC leadership meeting will be held tomorrow, and on Thursday the athletes will meet with Goldstein to talk about U.S. Figure Skating finances.
4. Martin and Paige reported that coaches are eager to learn more about the qualifying season.

<8:58 p.m. EDT – Kathleen Krieger joined the meeting>

D. Technical and Officials

1. Bromley reviewed the responses to the qualifying competition survey and presented tentative plans for the 2021 qualifying season. The board provided feedback on the recommendations and will come back to the board with updates at its next meeting. Bromley then made the following motion:

<Request for Action> to approve the recommendations of the Competitions Committee to make the following adjustments to deadlines for the 2021 singles, pairs and ice dance, and synchronized skating qualifying seasons.

Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance

- SPD: Rule 2062 (Announcement/Open); 2401 (Deadline)
 - Existing: July 15 – September 1
 - Proposed: August 3 – September 11

Synchronized Skating

- Rule 2062 (Announcement/Open); 2401 (Deadline) and 2812 (Deadline Reiterated)
 - Existing: August 15 – October 1
 - Proposed: October 15 – November 15
- Rule 2821 (D) – Roster Substitutions
 - Existing: December 1
 - Proposed: January 5
- Rule 2824 (A) – Proof of Age (i.e. Birth Certificate Verification)
 - Existing: October 1
 - Proposed: November 15
- Rule 2821 (C) – Collegiate Withdraw & Refund
 - Existing: December 1
 - Proposed: January 5
- Rule 2824 (B) – Form C Collegiate Roster Verification
 - **This is not listed in the rulebook with a date, the date is only published on the form.
 - Existing: October 1
 - Proposed: January 5

(15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent)

2. Bromley reviewed the recommended entry fees for the synchronized sectional championships and agreed to gather more information before proposing a request for action.

<10:09 p.m. EDT – Kathleen Krieger left the meeting>

E. International

1. Horen reviewed ISU Communication 2332, including the decision to withdraw ISU Communications 2323 and 2324 for single and pair skating.
2. Horen notified the board that the decision on the ISU Junior Grand Prix stands with the ISU Council at their next meeting on July 6 and reviewed the various options.
3. Horen reported that the Senior Grand Prix countries have been meeting every two or three weeks and still expect to decide whether to hold the series – as usual – by Aug. 1.
4. Raith reviewed a new request to release two specific athletes. The current athlete release policy will be followed for both athletes.

VI. Executive Director's Report

- A. Raith reviewed some key aspects of the USOPC's proposed bylaw amendments and the draft Implementation Guide for NGB Audit Standards, and discussed next steps.
- B. Raith notified the board that the conflict of interest form is being revised and discussed the new online process that will be implemented this season.

VII. New Business – None

<10:22 p.m. EDT – Newcomer left the meeting>

VIII. Executive Session – Legal matters

IX. Closing Announcements and Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the board will be via video conference on Monday, July 20, 2020, at 8 p.m. EDT.

Meeting concluded at 10:46 p.m. EDT

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Bonnie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gretchen Bonnie, Secretary