

USS Board of Directors 7/25/2022 Meeting Minutes

In attendance for the meeting on 7/25/2022 of the USS Board of Directors (“BOD”) were USS BOD President Mark Carleton, Vice President; Susan Sandvig-Shobe, secretary Rusty Smith, Tony Liu, Jeff Castelaz, Pat Maxwell, Ryan Bedford and Carlijn Schoutens. The listed members in attendance constitutes a quorum of the Board. USS Executive Director Ted Morris, High Performance Director Shane Domer and Finance Director Michael Burdekin were also in attendance.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Shane Domer.

1) Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carleton at 6:07 PM MT.

2) Financial Report

Mr. Burdekin presented the 2021-22 financial forecast. Not much has changed since the last meeting. The annual audit is underway and moving forward without any issues. Mr. Burdekin then presented the 2022-23 budget for BOD approval. The BOD discussed details outlined in the “other revenue” line item.

Ms. Sandvig-Shobe motioned for approval; 2nd by Mr. Liu. Approved.

3) US Speedskating Foundation (USSF) report

Mr. Burdekin reported on the value of the fund through the 2nd quarter of 2022. The USSF Board will hold a meeting tomorrow evening.

4) USOPC Update

Mr. Morris and Mr. Bedford reported on the recently concluded U.S. Olympic Assembly and the results of the USOPC Board Chair election won by Mr. Gene Sykes. Mr. Carleton shared his thoughts on the election and his high regard for Mr. Sykes.

Mr. Morris shared that NBC will be shutting down the Olympic Channel. This will result in a lack of television exposure for many Olympic Sports including Speedskating. NGB’s are working on a collective evaluation of assets to bring to market for another potential broadcast partners. Mr. Carleton will send a note to Mr. Sykes to discuss ideas including potential opportunities with Sports and Discovery. Mr. Carleton inquired about the open NGB seat on the USOPC Board. This position will be determined in the next few weeks with the nominee taking the seat in January of 2023.

5) Direct Athlete Support

Mr. Morris shared an update on Direct Athlete Support for the 2022-23 season. The BOD discussed the funding levels and rationale behind the tiers. Ms. Sandvig-Shobe mentioned the importance of noting all the value in kind services and support USS also provides to funded athletes beyond cash support. Ms. Schoutens reinforced the need to get more funding to the athletes.

6) AAC Update

Ms. Schoutens reported on AAC activities and discussions.

7) ISU Update

Mr. Morris and Ms. Sandvig-Shobe reported on the recently concluded ISU Congress. The Russian, Belarus, Ukraine conflict loomed large over the Congress. The Congress approved raising the minimum age of athletes competing at elite events. Mr. Jae-youl Kim from Korea was elected president of the ISU. The BOD discussed strategies on how to better position U.S. candidates in elections moving forward. Mr. Nick Thometz was elected chair of the Long Track Technical Committee and Mr. Keith King was elected as a member of the Judicial Committee.

8) Executive Director Report

a. High Performance

Mr. Domer reported on High Performance activities including staffing changes. Summer training is off to a good start and it's nice to be able to train in a more open environment with covid more under control.

b. Marketing and fundraising

Mr. Morris reported on the changing of the date for the "91 & Counting" Fundraiser to December 3 at the Blind Dog Restaurant in Park City, UT. All the 2022 Olympic Medalists should be in attendance for the event. Mr. Morris asked for BOD support in getting people to the event and in putting together a robust live and silent auction items list.

9) Legal Update

There are no new legal issues to report on.

10) Executive Session

11) Conclusion

Mr. Carleton concluded the meeting at 7:26pm MT.