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F O R W A R D

Our 1979 Annual Convention can well be considered the turning point for future Speedskating activity in the United States. Using the theme of Promotion, Development and Growth, the attending delegates have done a masterful job of passing legislation that will ensure our future progress.

Outstanding presentations were made and unanimously accepted, on the concept and feasibility of Novice development, but the job has only begun. Now it will be the duty of the Associations and their members to carry out the intent of the proposals. We have finally come to realize that the future of this sport lies in the development and active participation of the untapped talent that our nations young people afford us. Thru their participation and with the able assistance of our existing membership, our sport can once again flourish and we will finally see an end to the declining registration figures.

As the 1979-80 season begins, let us all dedicate ourselves to the further development and implementation of ASU programs for the Novice youngster.

Respectfully,

Lawrence R. Ralston
Executive Secretary

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL AND NORTH AMERICAN SPEEDSKATING CHAMPIONS 1978-79

CLASS	NATIONAL OUTDOOR ST. PAUL, MN. Feb. 3-4, 1979	NORTH AMERICAN OUTDOOR WINNIPEG, MANITOBA Feb. 24-25, 1979	NATIONAL INDOOR COSTA MESA, CALIF. Mar. 23-24-25, 1979	NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR COSTA MESA, CALIF Mar. 30-31, Apr. 1, 1979
SENIOR MEN	Erik Henriksen Champaign, IL.	Erik Henriksen Champaign, IL.	Bill Lanigan Teaneck, NJ.	Gaetan Boucher Quebec, Canada
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The Convention was officially called to order by President Helminski at 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 18, 1979.

Invocation followed by Dr. Milan Novak.

The following officers were present:

President, Roy Helminski
Vice President, Gary Eikaas
Vice President, Dave Roche
Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Ralston

Past President of the ASU in attendance:

Ray Zuckerman

Special guests in attendance:

Mr. Jack Jaynor, CASSA representative from Monckton, New Brunswick.

Mr. Bill Baltas, former Illinois skater and now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, who is interested in developing the sport in the Omaha area.

Dr. Tom McPartlin, Founder of the Eastern Minnesota Novice Program.

The Secretary then called the roll and the following Associations responded:

Illinois	Maryland	Western New York
Minnesota	Missouri	Eastern Minnesota
Ohio	Montana	Middle Atlantic
USISA	Southern California	Northern New York
Northeastern	Connecticut	Wisconsin
	Michigan	Colorado

Roll call showed a quorum present. Absent - Iowa.

The Convention the proceeded....

MINUTES OF THE 1978 CONVENTION: A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1978 Convention and that they be accepted as distributed by the Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

President Helmski delivered some opening comments on the theme of this convention, Promotion and Development of the Sport, and cited the need for better unification and fund raising efforts by the membership if our goals were to be obtained. He then introduced Mr. Joseph Simone, President of the Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Simone welcomed the delegates and gave a detailed agenda of the festivities planned during our stay. He offered to do everything possible to make our convention successful and our stay enjoyable. The next 2 days proved that his address was well founded as all the convention delegates had positive comments on the way that the details were handled and the good times that were afforded us.

The convention then proceeded to hear and receive the various committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WORLD INDOOR REPORT: Bill Markland reported on the activities of this committee over the past season. He noted that the title "Short Track", has been officially changed to "Indoor" and cited the problems encountered over the season. There was a lack of communication from committee members and consequently the designated meet schedule was not approved until Feb. 3rd. This resulted in problems and hard feelings among associations that had requested designated qualifying meets but were denied.

The concept of a National Indoor Team was approved on Feb. 3rd and put together with the help of the National Chief Clerks. As a result of this work the sport of Indoor speedskating will be represented at the Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 22 thru August 1, 1979. Thirty-two skaters, 16 men and 16 women will participate with all expenses paid.

Developments on the International level include the probability that a Junior Class will be included in Indoor competition beginning in 1982 and the official rules for Indoor competition will include most of the present ASU rules.

The World Team did poorly at the 1979 Championships in Quebec. The best showing was by Nicky Thometz who managed to place third overall. The team was headed by Bill Markland and coached by Mary Polaski.

Dates for the 1980 Championships in Milan Italy are scheduled for March 15-16 and alternate dates of March 22-23.

A complete program for the 1979-80 season has been prepared by Markland and Ray Zuckerman. This report was submitted to the Board and a few amendments were made. The final report was adopted unanimously and appears on page 20 of these minutes.

ELECTRONIC TIMING AND STARTING: Lou Eliasberg reported that the electronic timing equipment worked well at all meets and that the times are as accurate as is humanly possible.

The time delay that was encountered at the 1978 National Outdoor meet was eliminated by the use of additional equipment. The electronic starting system continues to be used and tested and he expects to receive more feedback from Associations that choose to use the sequential lighting start on an experimental basis. Upon questioning from the floor regarding progress on the training of personnel to enable them to set up and use the equipment, Mr. Eliasberg noted that the ASU has never seen fit to purchase the equipment, as has the USISA. He announced that the present system could be utilized in every rink in the country at a cost of less than \$1,000.00.

TRACKS AND DISTANCES: Charles Moore noted that most of his committee material is to be found in other sections of the agenda. He is awaiting the decision of the ISU to determine what track will be used in the 1980 Indoor championships and then consider the ASU position very carefully. A report from skater Nicky Thometz was read indicating a skater preference to the oval track as apposed to the present safety track. Skaters agree that the oval is a better "skating" track and those that have used it continually have a decided advantage. Mr. Moore requested that the Board of Control give his committee some direction as to what to propose for consideration by the ISU for official adoption in 1981.

Later in the Convention he proposed adopting the 100 meter oval track as an official ASU track. This proposal passed unanimously. A further proposal to use the 100 meter oval track for the 1980 National Indoor Championships was narrowly defeated.

Complete details of this action appear in the section of these minutes under "Racing" and the diagram of the 100 meter oval appears on page 22 .

ASU-CASSA REPORT: Jim Chapin reported on the continuing meetings that have been taking place at the North American Championships. One of the main concerns is making the North American an elite meet with perhaps only 8 competitors per class. John Drenckpohl commented on his anticipated attendance at the CASSA meeting the following week end when hopefully some of the continuing problems could be worked out or resolved. A report by John Drenckpohl on the CASSA meeting appears on page of these minutes. Gary Eikaas commented that he understands that CASSA is taking a closer look at pack style competition for Intermediate and Senior classes once again in as much as the curtailment of competition at these levels has put a serious dent in the CASSA program.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Dr. Milan Novak distributed copies of the new 1979 handbook and noted that the book was complete and up to date thru the 1979 season. The book contains Legislative items and Racing rules and a complete update on records, history and Hall of Fame members. This is the most thorough revision since 1962. Items have been re-organized for clarity, language has been changed to provide more meaningful reading and new sections added. He noted that Bob Vehe was the man responsible for securing the ads which helped defray the cost of the printing. Bob Vehe commented on the tremendous job of soliciting over 200 individuals and firms. Final receipts will amount to nearly \$2,000.00, but he was disappointed in the lack of patron advertisers which were made available for a cost of \$10.00 each. These new handbooks are scheduled for distribution prior to the start of the 1979-80 season and will be mailed from Michigan under the ASU postal permit, to every registered skater in the ASU.

SKATER RANKING COMMITTEE: Al Hentzen presented a report on the work that his committee has accomplished over the past season. With the help of Don Anderson and Greg Boyer rankings were given to over 100 outdoor competitors and 150 indoor competitors. Certificates were prepared and presented to each Nationally ranked competitor thru the office of the Executive Secretary.

This will become a continuing ASU program designed to achieve the following goals:

1. Provide a greater opportunity for achievement.
2. Provide greater recognition for competitors.
3. Provide better participation and competition.
4. To show that the ASU has an interest in all competitors.

5. Provide more interest and meaning to a broader base of people at the ASU level.
6. Affords opportunity for better publicity at the local level.
7. To enable competitors to use their ranking as a reference in submitting resumes to potential employers.

Mr. Hentzen indicated that this first attempt was highly successful but offered suggestions for improvement which included the following:

1. A uniform data system for heat cards in order to better correlate the material.
2. Skaters must follow the criteria to obtain ranking.
3. Association Secretaries should send pertinent information to the ranking chairman so he can become better acquainted with the competitors.
4. We must remember that the ranking is a direct result of what happened over the past season and must not, under any circumstance, be used for rating purposes during the coming season.

This committee will welcome any suggestions that can be used for improving the criteria used in the ranking process.

SKATE-A-THON: Doris Patnode reported on the Skate-A-Thon program for the past year and the disappointment at the lack of participation; approximately only \$5,000.00 gross. Figures are included in the Financial report and a list of the members of the \$100.00 club is included on page 27 of these minutes. ASU T-Shirts and Certificates have been issued to each of the members. Kurt Backman of Northern, New York was presented with a special award at the Saturday banquet for his outstanding effort.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

HALL OF FAME: Dr. Milan Novak reported on the Hall of Fame Committee and proposed that the present rules and guidelines for members of the committee be rescinded and substituted with a new proposal. This proposal was accepted and adopted unanimously. The complete report appears on page 28 of these minutes.

He then nominated Ken LeBel and Elmer Greenwood for election to the Hall of Fame; approved unanimously.

Committee member Howard Gutgesell then nominated Dr. Milan Novak as a candidate to the Hall of Fame and after reading his credentials and accomplishments on behalf of the ASU, a motion was made from the floor and seconded that Dr. Milan Novak and his Wife Dorothy, be honored by a joint induction into the Hall of Fame. Approved unanimously. A complete report on all of the 1979 Hall of Fame inductees is included on pages 29 to 33 of these minutes.

Mary Novak Sand reported on the physical plant at the Hall of Fame site in Newburgh, N.Y. and introduced Mr. Leif Halvorsen of the Newburgh Lions Club who commented further on the facility.

Mr. Halvorsen noted that the facility was running out of space and that concrete blocks had already been donated for a pending addition. He then submitted a sketch and model of a proposed new building and facility that would house the Hall of Fame and include a 400 meter skating oval. Funding for the facility would come from a government grant and private donations. Another method of fund raising would be by sale of boxes of Christmas Cards by which the various clubs and/or Associations could share in the profits.

He solicited the support of the ASU on this project and announced that since all work is voluntary and no salaries are paid, that every penny donated would go toward the up keep and maintenance of the present facility. The Newburgh Lions would appreciate any and all donations to keep the project working.

Mary Sand also commented on the promotion of a pin collection at the Hall and requested all Clubs and Associations who have had pins designed and manufactured, to donate one such pin for inclusion in the display.

RACING BLADE: Bob Kellerman commented on the beginning of this publication by the Novaks' and the 2 years of publication by Larry Pearce. He cited the ongoing frustrations encountered by all editors, past and present, and called for a better working relationship with all Associations. A complete report appears on pages 34 to 42 of these minutes. He acknowledged the tremendous support rendered by President Helminski in getting this publication out to the speedskating public and thanked those that sent material to him for inclusion at various times over the past season.

RECORDS: Charles Blair announced that National and North American Outdoor, and National Indoor record certificates were prepared and presented to the deserving competitors for their performances over the 1979 season. He had not yet received the 1979 North American Indoor records from California and those certificates would be delayed. A complete list of the new records, to date, are included on page 43 of these minutes.

AUDIT-BUDGET: Finance Committee Chairman, Larry Pearce issued a report of the auditing committee indicating that no irregularities were found in the 1979 financial report and that this report was a true and accurate accounting of receipts and expenditures over the past fiscal year.

He also complimented the Secretary-Treasurer and his wife for setting up the new method of bookkeeping and being cooperative in issuing quarterly financial reports to the finance committee. These new methods are a valuable aid in determining financial responsibility for the ASU.

ICE SKATING INSTITUTE: Secretary Larry Ralston reported on the work that has been accomplished with this organization over the past year. With the assistance of Bill Markland and Einar Jonland, the ISIA Speedskating testing manual has been revised and will be made available to rink managers throughout the country. This testing program will enable participants to attain various skill levels and earn Award Patches as part of an on-going speedskating development program.

The seven part series "Speedskating, Whats' It All About" has been concluded and appeared in "Recreational Ice Skating" magazine. The articles will be condensed and printed in booklet form by the ISIA and distributed to rink managers as a basic training booklet for speedskating. Copies will also be made available thru the ASU office.

Feature articles on Sarah Docter and the 1979 National Outdoor Championships also appeared in this magazine over the past year.

Plans are underway to prepare a basic training booklet for speedskaters that will be financially assisted by the Ice Skating Institute.

We are very fortunate to have such a close working arrangement with the ISIA. Since 1976 the ASU has derived tremendous benefit and exposure to the rest of the skating world. This should assist in lowering the barriers to speedskating activity at many rinks in the United States.

Bill Markland and Larry Ralston have been selected as members of the editorial board for the 1980 Winter Olympic book being published by the Ice Skating Institute. These books will be available in August 1979 featuring highlights of all Winter Olympic Sports, past to present, at a retail cost of \$19.95 each.

They may be ordered and used as a fund raising project with a huge profit potential. The ASU has ordered 100 copies and they will be available thru the National Office after September 1st. Contact the Executive Secretary for further information.

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY/GROWTH: This was the theme of the 1979 Convention. Agenda items and previous Racing Blade articles had pointed out the need for a unified effort to promote a Novice development program. Ernie Spencer of Northern New York presented a video tape film entitled "Racers, Rivals, Winter Companions", which was funded by a New York State grant of \$10,000.00.

The film was very well received and labled as a tremendous promotional film for the sport of speedskating. It was made available in June of 1979 in a 16 MM color, sound version at a cost of \$160.00 per print. Copies are available from the ASU office or it may be loaned to member associations upon posting a deposit. The ASU is grateful to Mr. Spencer for doing such a superb job in getting this film produced.

Arnie Albrecht, President of the Eastern Minnesota Skating Association, introduced special guest, Dr. Tom McPartlin who founded the Northern Lights Novice Speedskating Association in the St. Paul, Minnesota area. President Helminski had requested Mr. McPartlin's presence in order to have him present his program to the convention. The Novice program has been highly successful and the working arrangement with the Eastern Minnesota Association has led to permanent membership on the Eastern Minnesota Board of Directors.

Mr. McPartlin announced that since 1973 over 2500 youngsters have been involved in the program. He showed some 8MM color films that were taken of various facilities and events in the program and provided a running commentary. The film and presentation was well received and numerous questions were asked from the floor.

Some of the highlights and procedures that have proven so successful include the following:

- Program conducted on a very informal basis, lots of individual attention.
- Do not need big tracks, small ovals seem to lend better control to the conduct of the program.
- Do not need speed skates to participate.
- Keeping record times as a goal to betterment as progress is achieved.
- Each entity of the program gives seperate record certificates.
- Rewards for competition retains youngsters interest. Useful tool for "Show and Tell" and achieves good public relations.
- Program deals in numbers and lessons all kept at basic levels.
- Waiting list for meet sponsors due to program success.

- Emphasis placed on dual meets.
- Interest of former speedskaters is very high - all coaches are volunteers.
- Utilization of parents to develop and assist program as needed.
- Complete autonomy - never a part of E. Minnesota Championships.
- Separate age groups - male and female, rather than 2 year divisions.
- Emphasis on lessons rather than meets.
- Points awarded thru 5 places 5-3-2-1-1/2
- Everyone accepted regardless of ability.
- Program times made convenient for parents.

Mr. McPartlin strongly emphasized the autonomy of the program. There is no way that the vast number of participants can be accomodated in conjunction with any Association meet. An agreement has been established that no club will "raid" the program to recruit established participants and if a youngster progresses to a point where he/she should be moving up to club status, a club representative is called in for a parent conference. No preferance is given to any one club.

Mr. McPartlin concluded his presentation in saying that the program was fortunate to secure assistance from the St. Paul Park System. "Every locale has their own individual problems", says McPartlin, "but these ideas and programs have worked successfully for us. I hope you will be able to use some of these ideas in your local Associations. Thank you for inviting me."

LEGISLATIVE/BY-LAWS: John Drenckpohl commented on the work of this committee over the past season.

ASU LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE---1979 ACTIVITY REPORT

The following dates marked formal action of this group for the 1978-79 season:

- 28 June 78 *Committee selection requests went to interested persons (at convention); mid-July reply requested
- 9 Oct 78 *Replies all back; Goals and Plans distributed with some asked to focus on specific parts
- *personal letters to some members in this interval
- 21 Jan 79 *Letter to committee members and the RACING BLADE with collected topics (RB Spring 79, #4).
- 21 March 79 *Activity Report to ASU and committee

Because of the lack of the ability to meet as a group, or a partial group, during the season, each member has been urged to deveolp proposals for convention agenda through their own Associations. In addition, publication in the RACING BLADE of the topics was intended to give all members the same option.

The emphasis here was on working from the bottom up in a grassroots program, rather than dumping from above at the National level. Both means suffer from the same problems of lack of coordination among all our members, of waiting for the convention to "handle" the situation, or of difficulty in understanding the roles of committees and our regulations.



John W. Drenckpohl. Chair
ASU Legislative Committee

Vice President Eikaas then addressed the Convention on the need for greater participation at these annual Conventions.

Because of the small representation and the number of important committee meetings taking place, everyone should make a stronger effort to get people involved to avoid legislation being passed without adequate representation.

Mr. Drenckpohl spoke on the adoption of the new handbook. He stated that the items must be studied before adoption to insure that the wording is correct.

Before breaking into committee meetings, we should continue to use the old handbook for reference in studying proposals until the new book is officially adopted.

RACING COMMITTEE: Dave Roche

After attending two National and one North American Championships, and the Short Track Trials this season, I have observed the following:

1. The hosting associations seem to have worked hard in their efforts to make the meets successful.
2. The number of competitors was lower this year than at last year's meets.
3. The heats were fairly set up, and I can remember only one case in which a heat was changed.
4. The refereeing appeared consistent and impartial in all cases, resulting in a minimum of protests submitted.
5. There is still a need for more consistency in starting, particularly in respect to the time lapse between the "Ready" command and the firing of the gun. As a Chief Starter, I feel that, in theory, this is the best starting system we've ever had, but the essence of a good start lies in getting the competitors to hold an upright stationery position until the word, "Ready". This seems to be the one major problem at the line. I feel that the only possible solution is to charge a false start to any competitor who initiates his starting position before the command.
6. At each of the four meets, there was a last-minute call for judges before the races could start, and at three of the meets a CHIEF JUDGE had to be appointed on the spot. These are most important posts, and should not be relegated to catch-as-catch-can at the last moment. It is the responsibility of the hosting association to make sure, before the meet, that the personnel necessary for an even flow of events be arranged for in advance - from the Clerks, to and including the runners.
7. At the Short Track Trials both competitors and officials were charged an admission fee of \$3.50 to enter the rink. I am adamantly opposed to the idea that competitors intent on representing our Country in World competition have to pay dollars in addition to time, effort, and dedication. Less importantly, officials also gave of themselves, and I'm against their having to pay for the privilege of rendering a service.

RACING COMMITTEE: Dave Roche (Continued)

8. I believe also that, in future, the Short Track Trials will have to be held before the National Indoor. It is impossible for our skaters to be mentally and physically fit for three major meets in one week, and in the case of the North American Championship it put our skaters at an unfair disadvantage.

I think several of the foregoing points deserve discussion at the Convention this May, and trust you will feel the same.

NOVICE DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH: Larry Ralston spoke on the proposal for Novice development. He cited the need for some positive action to be taken lest we go away for another year and watch our membership figures decline even further. Excerpts from the proposal were assigned to various committees for study. The figures presented were accurate and documented and the need for such a proposal was justified as an item submitted from the National office. He then proposed that the entire proposal be accepted in concept. Motion seconded - passed unanimously.

The complete proposal appears on pages 55-57 of these minutes.

The Convention recessed at this point for the Board of Control Luncheon and movement to committee meetings to study the various proposals.

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
1978-79
REGISTRATION REPORT

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>1978-79</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Skater</u>	<u>Non-Skater</u>	
COLORADO	17	0	17
CONNECTICUT	31	1	32
EASTERN MINNESOTA	92	1	93
ILLINOIS	279	2	281
IOWA	53	2	55
MARYLAND	44	0	44
MICHIGAN	151	4	155
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	97	7	104
MINNESOTA	51	6	57
MISSOURI	103	27	130
MONTANA	19	2	21
NORTHEASTERN	27	3	30
NORTHERN NEW YORK	100	18	118
OHIO	89	6	95
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	66	42	108
WESTERN NEW YORK	22	5	27
WISCONSIN	209	2	211
ASU DIRECT REGISTRATION	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
TOTALS	1460	133	1593

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN ENTRIES

	<u>1979</u>
NATIONAL OUTDOOR	195
NATIONAL INDOOR	169
NORTH AMERICAN OUTDOOR	100 *
NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR	189

* Conducted by CASSA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
 MAY 1, 1978 to APRIL 30, 1979

RECEIPTS

<u>ASSOCIATIONS</u>	<u>ANNUAL DUES</u>	<u>SKATER REGISTRATIONS</u>	<u>NON-SKATER REGISTRATIONS</u>	
Amateur Skating Assn. Ill.	\$ 300.00	\$1,400.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,705.00
Colorado	300.00	85.00	-	385.00
Connecticut	300.00	160.00	-	460.00
Eastern Minnesota	300.00	465.00	-	765.00
Iowa	300.00	275.00	-	575.00
Maryland	300.00	220.00	-	520.00
Michigan	300.00	755.00	20.00	1,075.00
Middle Atlantic	300.00	520.00	-	820.00
Minnesota	300.00	285.00	-	585.00
Missouri	300.00	650.00	-	950.00
Montana	300.00	105.00	-	405.00
Northeastern	300.00	135.00	15.00	450.00
Northern New York	300.00	520.00	70.00	890.00
Ohio	300.00	475.00	-	775.00
Southern California	300.00	330.00	210.00	840.00
Western New York	300.00	135.00	-	435.00
Wisconsin	300.00	1,055.00	-	1,355.00
Direct Registrations with ASU	-	50.00	25.00	75.00
TOTALS	<u>\$5,100.00</u>	<u>\$7,620.00</u>	<u>\$345.00</u>	<u>\$13,065.00</u>

1979 National Outdoor Sanction Fee (E. MN.)	\$ 500.00	
1980 National Indoor Sanction Fee (MI)	500.00	
1980 North American Outdoor Sanction Fee (N.NY)	500.00	TOTAL \$ 1,500.00

National Outdoor Entry Fees, St. Paul (195)	\$ 1,950.00	
National Indoor Entry Fees, Costa Mesa (168)	1,680.00	
North American Indoor Entry Fees, Costa Mesa (170)	1,700.00	TOTAL \$ 5,330.00

ASU Merchandise sales	\$ 317.00	
Medallion Income recovered	145.50	
Medal Income recovered (from CASSA)	530.15	
Miscellaneous Income	153.29	
Novak Trust Income	1,022.50	
Advertising revenue - Handbook	1,265.00	
Racing Blade Subscriptions	11.00	
Reported Gross Skate-A-Thon Income	5,136.51	
Skater Assessments - Open Meets	1,316.25	
Donations to Short Track '78 & '79	5,392.49	
Donations from direct ASU Memberships	36.00	
Deposit on ASU Film	250.00	
Recovered Income from Check	220.00	TOTAL \$15,795.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$35,690.69

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1978-79

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary Bond	\$ 30.00
ASU Merchandise (Emblems - T-Shirts)	572.23
Medallions	5,054.25
Medals	2,308.50
Refund on Film deposit	244.37
1978 Convention expense disbursements	311.42
1978 Convention Photos	21.60
Legal Fees	72.75
Presidential Committee expense	9.41
USISA Annual Dues	10.00
Secretary promotion expense - skate manufacturer	9.00
Office supplies and expense - President and Secretary	96.35
Postage & Shipping	455.53
Handbook committee expenses (postage)	30.70
Handbook committee expenses (printing - ad set up)	150.00
Printing - Secretary's office	1,061.84
Racing Blade	4,488.21
Skate-A-Thon distributions	3,414.26
Special Awards	335.44
Telephone - Secretary & President	701.54
Travel - Officials - Commissioner	5,881.44
Travel & Lodging President & Secretary	1,974.31
World Short Track disbursement	8,847.18
Canadian Exchange Debit	62.29
Annual Filing fee (Corporate)	5.00
Secretary Fee	1,000.00
Debit memo check returned	<u>220.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$37,367.62</u>

SUMMARY

Balance on Hand, April 30, 1978	\$ 7,472.49
Receipts - May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979	<u>35,690.69</u>
TOTAL	\$43,163.18
Disbursements	<u>37,367.62</u>
Balance on Hand, April 30, 1979	<u>\$ 5,795.56</u>

OTHER ASSETS

Passbook Account-Northwest Federal Savings	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 9,795.56</u>

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

Audit Committee Report

May 19, 1979

The Audit Committee reviewed the books and records of the ASU for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1979 and found no irregularities or inconsistencies in the manner in which the ASU accounts and transactions have been handled and maintained.

Very few recommendations were made, related to procedural items only, for simplification of maintaining documentation and files for general review requirements.

The Audit Committee is pleased to report extensive time and effort was devoted to the improvement of the ASU records and accounting processes during the fiscal year by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer (and his wife). A detailed cash disbursements and cash receipts journal was set up for the first time, monthly reports of income and expenses was prepared, and a summary spread sheet of all major income and expense categories for each operating month made the audit process significantly easier, providing for better analysis and more effective review and reporting.



Lawrence E. Pearce
Chairman,
Audit Committee

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AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

Annual Operating Budget
and Projected Cash Flow

Fiscal Year: May 1, 1979 to April 30, 1980

Projected Receipts:

A. Membership Dues		
1) Association (17 @ \$300.00 ea.)		\$ 5,100.00
2) Skater Registration (1500 @ \$5.00/skater)		7,500.00 (a)
3) Non-skating members (150 @ \$5.00/member)		750.00 (b)
B. National Meet Fees (3 meets @ \$500.00/meet)		1,500.00
C. National Entry Fees (\$10.00/entry)		5,650.00
1) National Outdoor Entries	Est. 200	
2) National Indoor Entries	Est. 175	
3) North American Outdoor Entries	Est. 190	
Total Entries:	<u>565</u>	
D. Local Open Meet Skater Assessments (.25¢/skater)		1,200.00 (c)
E. Skate-A-Thon (net proceeds)		-0- (d)
F. Merchandise Sales		2,995.00
1) Racing Blade Subscriptions	50	
2) Emblems and T-shirts	950	
3) ISIA 1980 Olympic Books (100)	<u>1,995</u>	
G. Novak Trust Fund		1,540.00 (e)
H. Advertising (uncollected handbook ad sales)		800.00
I. Donations and Miscellaneous Income		200.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$27,235.00</u>
Cash On Hand May 1, 1979:		<u>5,795.56</u>
Total Cash Available:		<u>\$33,030.56</u>

- Notes: (a) Skater registration membership dues includes ALL COMPETITOR skaters (Pony, Pee Wee, and Sub-Class Skaters, eg. "B" and "C" classified competitors)
- (b) Non-skater members includes all non-registered skaters who are active, or are interested in supporting speed skating (including officials, officers, administrators, parents, community members, etc.). The Finance Committee has recommended concerted efforts be made to collect all ASU non-skater membership fees to avoid operating deficits.
- (c) .25¢ open meet assessments dedicated to World Indoor (Short Track) Team travel expenses.
- (d) No estimate was made for Skate-A-Thon receipts, and accordingly does not reflect income or expenses for the program.
- (e) Proceeds dedicated to off-set costs and expenses of publishing and mailing Racing Blade.
- (f) \$4,000 in savings represent surplus prior receipts dedicated for the World Indoor (Short Track) program to be handled by separate account from ASU operations. An additional \$1,000 receivable for World Indoor reimbursements, and the .25¢/per skater assessment dedicated to World Indoor Team travel expenses will increase available funds to \$7,200 for FY 1979-80.

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

Annual Operating Budget
and Projected Cash Flow

Fiscal Year: May 1, 1979 to April 30, 1980

Projected Disbursements:

A.	Medallions (4 yr. supply, No. Am. only, @ \$65.00 ea plus 10% for ties, 44 total)		\$ 2,860.00
B.	Medals (2 yrs. Natl's, + 1 yr. No. Am. thru 1981 @ \$4.65/ea.)		3,645.00
C.	ASU Merchandise		1,195.00
	1) Emblems, T-shirts	700.00	
	2) ISIA 1980 Olympic Books (100)	<u>495.00</u>	
D.	1979 Convention Expense (coffee, Board of Control lunch)		350.00
E.	Handbook Printing (Est.)		2,350.00
F.	Racing Blade - Printing and Mailing		2,750.00
G.	Office Expenses		4,340.00
	1) Fee (Secretary/Treasurer)	1,000.00	
	2) Secretary's Bond	30.00	
	3) Annual USISA Dues	10.00	
	4) President & Secretary/Treasurer	100.00	
	5) Postage and Telephone	1,250.00	
	6) Printing (minutes, agenda, tr. manual)	1,500.00	
	7) Special Awards and Honorariums	250.00	
	8) Misc. Office Expense	<u>200.00</u>	
H.	Hall of Fame Displays (two year budget)		300.00
I.	World Indoor (Short Track) Team		1,200.00 (c)
J.	Skate-A-Thon		-0- (d)
K.	Skater Development & Promotion		2,000.00
L.	Travel and Lodging		9,050.00
	1) President or Representative	1,000.00	
	2) Secretary/Treasurer	1,000.00	
	3) Commissioner of Officials	2,000.00	
	4) Officials (National Meets)	4,800.00	
	5) CASSA Representative	<u>250.00</u>	
M.	Safety		100.00
N.	Miscellaneous Operating Expense		<u>500.00</u>
	Total Disbursements		\$30,640.00
	<u>Operating Deficit</u>		(3,405.00)
	<u>Cash Reserve Before Operations</u>		<u>5,795.56</u>
	Total:		<u>\$33,030.56</u>

Note: It should be noted that in addition to recommended efforts to obtain non-skater membership dues, aggressive Skate-A-Thon events represent an excellent source of revenue to offset operating deficits with no capital expense or advance cash flow requirements on the part of the ASU.



AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

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SHORT TRACK (INDOOR) COMMITTEE REPORT

1979

This year the Committee began by considering the proposals referred to it by the 1978 Convention. Each of these proposals were reviewed and turned down primarily because of the added travel and financial strain the change/or changes would place on the skaters. Considering the present competitive schedule of the A.S.U., expanding the trials would place an added burden on the competitors.

Next the Committee reviewed the requests for designated meets and came face to face with a condition it does not intend to let prevail. Competition organizers are asking for designation for the purpose of increasing the numbers in "their meet". This year's "Designated Meet" schedule caused un-necessary embarrassment to some organizers, allowed an excess of "Designated Meets", and in no way improved on the Indoor Program. The Committee discussed this subject in Costa Mesa and agreed to basic changes for next year, i.e., meet requests must be in writing and in by a certain deadline.

This year saw the creation of an Indoor National Team to consist of 32 skaters. Because this did not develop until February, only the basic program could be started this year. Further development will be discussed at the 1979 Convention and a more solid program presented next year.

Through the Indoor Program the United States now has a major manufacturer making uniforms. Gym-Kin, Inc. now manufactures skating tights, jerseys, and warm-ups and plans to have them available through their 2200 outlets in the United States.

The members of the Indoor Committee are now beginning to develop a common understanding of the Indoor Program and how it can contribute to the overall Speed Skating environment in the United States. It is very important to Speed Skating that we take the 3 years experience as a platform in which to develop a continuing Indoor Program that contributes to the development of Skaters and Skating.

William L. Markland
Chairman Indoor Program(Short Track)

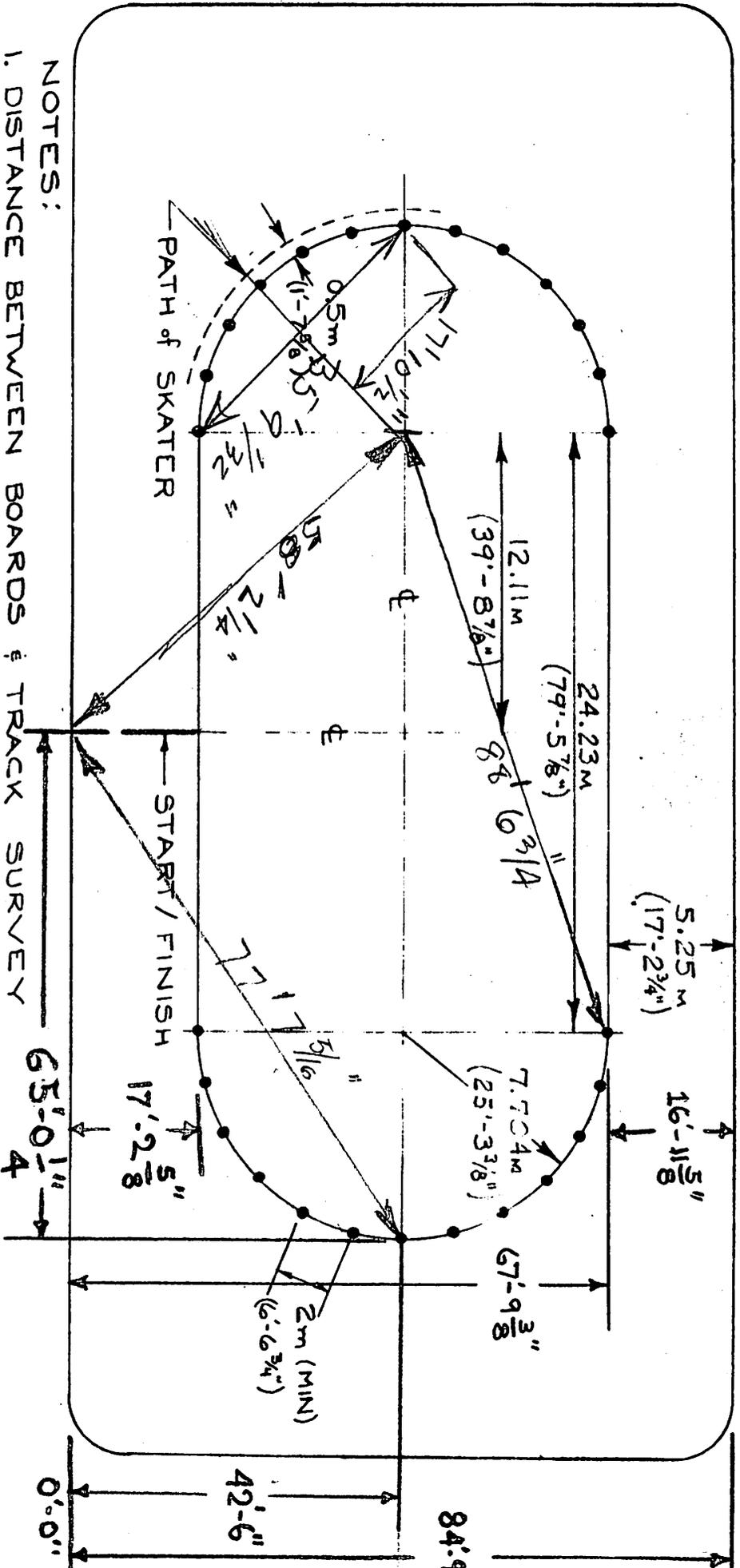
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INDOOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
(REVISED)

The following program was approved by the ASU Board of Control at this year's Convention and will serve as future Guidelines for the Indoor Program.

- I Regional Competitions will be scheduled and have official ASU Sanction.
- II These Regional Competitions will be skated on an Oval Track.
- III The Regional Competitions will be skated with only three divisions for each, Men and Ladies. Divisions as follows:
 - SENIOR - 18 and over
 - JUNIOR - 15, 16, 17
 - NOVICE - 14 and under(ISU July 1 age date to apply. Points scored will not effect other ASU standings or class participation.)
- IV Qualifiers for the Indoor Team Trials to be determined from the results of the Regional Competitions.
- V National Team members to be determined as follows:
 - World Team members plus a pre-determined number of Skaters.
 - This selection will be determined from the results of the Indoor Team Trials.
- VI The Coach and Team Leader will be selected by the Indoor Committee.
- VII All funds for the Indoor Program to be handled thru a separate account, controlled by the Indoor Committee, and accountable to the ASU Finance Committee.
- VIII Any suggestion for change must be submitted to the Indoor Committee and approved by it, before presentation to the ASU Board of Control.

100 METER OVAL



NOTES:

1. DISTANCE BETWEEN BOARDS & TRACK SURVEY LINE SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 5.25m (17'-2 3/4")
2. CURVE RADIUS AND STRAIGHT LENGTH MAY BE ADJUSTED TO CONFORM TO RINK LENGTH BUT YIELD SKATERS PATH OF 100m
3. MAXIMUM SURVEY LINE RADIUS IS 85m (27'-10 5/8")

100 METER OVAL

3	5'21 1/8"	6'7 1/8"	4'2 1/8"
2	8'4"	1'10 1/8"	1'10 1/8"
1	1'10 1/8"	1'10 1/8"	1'10 1/8"
0	1'10 1/8"	1'10 1/8"	1'10 1/8"

NATIONAL OUTDOOR SPEEDSKATING RANKINGS 1979

SENIOR CLASS

MEN

1. Erik Henriksen, Illinois
2. Greg Oly, Minnesota
3. Rich Wurster, Ohio.
4. Dave Montgomery, Minnesota
5. Bruce Merrill, Illinois
6. Ocie Trimble, Iowa
7. Jan Hansen, Wisconsin
8. Vaidis Zepts, Wisconsin
9. Dick Martin, Illinois
10. Joe Meek, Missouri
11. Barth Levy, Ohio
12. Marc Arfholter, Michigan
13. Dennis Manning, Wisconsin

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Billy Peterson, Minnesota
Mike Greenland, Iowa
Grant Oly, Minnesota

WOMEN

1. Gretchen Byrne, Northern New York
2. Mary Saxton, Illinois
3. Cynthia Wayne, Wisconsin
4. Kris Garbe, Wisconsin
5. Kathy Lee, Eastern Minnesota
6. Mary Jo O'Brien, Northern New York
7. Mary Mane, Wisconsin

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Dawn Hays, Michigan
Shari Miller, Montana
Mary Whalen, Montana
Janet Hainstock, Michigan
Betsy Davis, Middle Atlantic
Rose Marie Bogacki, Illinois

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

BOYS

1. Tom Grannes, Minnesota
2. Jeff Bradley, Iowa
3. David Sand, Connecticut
4. Andy Gulczynski, Wisconsin
5. Matt Trimble, Iowa
6. Paul Jacobs, Illinois
7. Rolf Hansen, Wisconsin
8. Craig Nelson, Minnesota
9. Darren McCurry, Middle Atlantic
10. Michael Yates, Illinois

GIRLS

1. Sandy Chobot, Wisconsin
2. Susan Sandvig, Minnesota
3. Tammy Todora, Eastern Minnesota
4. Chris Griffith, Eastern Minnesota
5. Debbie Dow, Eastern Minnesota
6. Cathy Klopp, Eastern Minnesota

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Dawn Peterson, Minnesota
Patty Albrecht, Illinois
Lisa Merrifield, Montana
Margaret Burns, Illinois
Jeanne Hall, Iowa
Elsie Brinich, Ohio

JUNIOR CLASS

BOYS

1. Mike Jansen, Wisconsin
2. Bob Kuspa, Wisconsin
3. Paul Grannes, Minnesota
4. Michael Ralston, Illinois
5. David Besteman, Wisconsin
6. Dan Lindstrom, Illinois
7. Tom Cushman, Eastern Minnesota
8. Bob Speltz, Eastern Minnesota
9. Dan Marks, Illinois
10. Matt Chapin, Missouri

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Nicky Thometz, Minnesota
Mike Drenckpohl, Michigan
Shane Hoft, Montana

GIRLS

1. Dorothea Boyce, Illinois
2. Jan Goldman, Illinois
3. Katie Class, Eastern Minnesota
4. Ann Schugel, Eastern Minnesota
5. Terese Schwartz, Illinois
6. Jacque Bradley, Iowa
7. Bonnie Blair, Illinois
8. Ann Klopp, Eastern Minnesota
9. Lynn Albrecht, Eastern Minnesota
10. Sharon Pavlacic, Missouri
11. Cynthia Orr, Wisconsin
12. Mary Dow, Eastern Minnesota
13. Becky Mane, Wisconsin

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Janelle Mondloch, Montana

NATIONAL OUTDOOR SPEEDSKATING RANKINGS
1979

JUVENILE CLASS

BOYS

1. John Baskfield, Eastern Minnesota
2. Andy Gabel, Illinois
3. Scott Clasen, Eastern Minnesota
4. Dan Jansen, Wisconsin
5. Jeff Rajacich, Eastern Minnesota
6. Antonio Sella, Wisconsin
7. John Malmberg, Minnesota
8. John D'Andrea, Northern New York
9. Kurt Backman, Northern New York
10. Roger Bauer, Eastern Minnesota
11. David Pavlacic, Missouri
12. Robbe Ziniel, Eastern Minnesota
13. Brian Tetzlaff, Eastern Minnesota

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Dave Silk, Montana
Brian Arseneau, Illinois
Tom Carter, Illinois

GIRLS

1. Angela Zuckerman, Wisconsin
2. Anne Hills, Eastern Minnesota
3. Janice Schwartz, Illinois
4. Rhonda Reinke, Wisconsin
5. Michele Orr, Wisconsin
6. Kelly Mullen, Wisconsin
7. Denise Sedey, Eastern Minnesota
8. Peggy Milashius, Eastern Minnesota
9. Megan McConville, Ohio
10. Carri Hayne, Eastern Minnesota

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Lisa Zordani, Illinois
Ann Smith, Michigan

MIDGET CLASS

BOYS

1. John Albrecht, Eastern Minnesota
2. Wes Smith, Eastern Minnesota
3. Steve Eikaas, Minnesota
4. John Sand, Connecticut
5. Steven MacGregor, Wisconsin
6. Mark Baskfield, Eastern Minnesota
7. Tom Quigley, Minnesota
8. Jim Ehlert, Wisconsin

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Mike Heldrich, Illinois
John Noster, Illinois
Jeff Frank, Michigan
Frank Filardi, Illinois
Thomas Riley, Wisconsin

GIRLS

1. Christine Schwartz, Illinois
2. Becky Farr, Eastern Minnesota
3. Barbie Nagengast, Minnesota
4. Beth Nowell, Northern New York
5. Nikki Boucher, Wisconsin
6. Linnea Lindgren, Eastern Minnesota
7. Maura D'Andrea, Northern New York
8. MaryAnn Gulczynski, Wisconsin
9. Cathy Sedey, Eastern Minnesota
10. Laura Zuckerman, Wisconsin

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Lynde Schulze, Illinois
Kelly Ziniel, Eastern Minnesota

Insufficient Date * These skaters finished in the top ten in their respective classes during the 1979 National Outdoor Championships; however, we could not rank them because they didn't compete in any of the qualifying regionals or the North American Outdoor based on information supplied the ranking committee.

**NATIONAL INDOOR SPEEDSKATING RANKINGS
1979**

SENIOR CLASS

MEN

1. Bill Lanigan, Middle Atlantic
2. Scott Drebes, Illinois
3. Barth Levy, Ohio
4. Stan Wisniewski, California
5. Allan Rattray, California
6. Pat Maxwell, Northern New York
7. Marc Affholter, Michigan
8. Benjie Perez, California
9. Greg Klaiber, Illinois
10. Steve Merrifield, Southern California
11. Andy Portman, Missouri
12. Bob Fenn, Wisconsin
13. Ben Sipes, Michigan
14. Wayne Winslow, Michigan
15. Jan. Hensen, Wisconsin

WOMEN

1. Patty Lyman, Colorado
2. Peggy Hartrich, Missouri
3. Dawn Hayes, Michigan
4. Barb Johnson, Michigan
5. Liz Crowe, Missouri
6. Chris Lanigan, Middle Atlantic
7. Leslie Moore, Middle Atlantic
8. Doreen Jackson, Southern California
9. Rose Bogacki, Illinois
10. Debbie Carlstrom, Illinois
11. Lucy Baker, Southern California
12. Sue Nauvara, Michigan
13. Mary J. O'Brian, Northern New York
14. Janet Hainstock, Michigan
15. Kris Garbe, Wisconsin

INTERMEDIATE CLASS

BOYS

1. Pat Moore, Illinois
2. Pat McDonough, California
3. Paul Jacobs, Illinois
4. David Sand, Connecticut
5. Charles Riddle, Michigan
6. Andy Gulczynski, Wisconsin
7. Paul Wagner, Ohio
8. Tom Grannes, Minnesota
9. Dan Wood, Northern New York
10. Rolf Hansen, Wisconsin
11. Jeff Oken, Illinois
12. Bob Mills, Michigan
13. Mike Yates, Illinois
14. Bob O'Dea, Illinois
15. Creig Nelson, Minnesota

GIRLS

1. Cathy Turner, Western New York
2. Kathy Quigley, Minnesota
3. Margie Burns, Illinois
4. Julie Dorenkott, Ohio
5. Patti Albrecht, Illinois
6. Tammy Todora, Eastern Minnesota
7. Cathy Klopp, Eastern Minnesota
8. Lorilynn Guy, Illinois
9. Brenda Matthews, Southern California
10. Anita Konkol, Illinois
11. Pam Mercer, Michigan
12. Dorothy Thompson, Connecticut
13. Sue Renshaw, Michigan
14. Pam Arena, Wisconsin
15. Susan Eliasberg, Middle Atlantic

JUNIOR CLASS

BOYS

1. Nick Thometz, Minnesota
2. Dan Lindstrom, Illinois
3. Sam Renshaw, Michigan
4. Dave Besteman, Wisconsin
5. Dennis Alumbaugh, California
6. Tom Cushman, Eastern Minnesota
7. Mike Ralston, Illinois
8. Paul Grannes, Minnesota
9. Dan Marks, Illinois
10. Mike Drenckpohl, Michigan
11. Carl Franz, Middle Atlantic
12. Bob Pierce, Michigan
13. Tom Chobot, Wisconsin
14. Dave Spencer, Northern New York
15. Kevin Madden, Wisconsin

GIRLS

1. Gloria Bogacki, Illinois
2. Kathy Reif, Illinois
3. Dorie Boyce, Illinois
4. Bonnie Blair, Illinois
5. Derenda Baker, Southern California
6. Ann Klopp, Minnesota
7. Diane Bruck, Illinois
8. Mary Serafin, Illinois
9. Becky Mann, Wisconsin
10. Ann Hansen, Wisconsin
11. Ann Glaser, Connecticut
12. Bonnie Jo Reid, Northern New York
13. Janel Mondlach, Montana
14. Lisa Parfitt, Michigan
15. Lindsey Ames, Michigan

NATIONAL INDOOR SPEEDSKATING RANKINGS
1979

JUVENILE CLASS

BOYS

1. Andy Gabel, Illinois
2. Marty Pierce, Wisconsin
3. Biran Arseneau, Illinois
4. Tom Carter, Illinois
5. David Pavlacic, Missouri
6. Brian McDonough, Southern California
7. Mark Powell, Michigan
8. Doug Drenckpohl, Michigan
9. Brian Tetzlaff, Eastern Minnesota
10. Scott Running, Minnesota
11. Bob Haig, Northern New York
12. Eric Serchuk, Illinois
13. Darrin Glass, Northern New York
14. John D'Andrea, Northern New York
15. John Chobot, Wisconsin

GIRLS

1. Pam Albrecht, Illinois
2. Megan McConville, Ohio
3. Noelle Wood, Northern New York
4. Ann Smith, Michigan
5. Patti Hunter, Michigan
6. Angela Zuckerman, Wisconsin
7. Lisa Dorenkott, Ohio
8. Ann Hills, Minnesota
9. Rhonda Reinke, Wisconsin
10. Kelly Mullen, Wisconsin
11. Kerry Ann O'Connor, Illinois
12. Kathy Bucciero, Michigan
13. Kelly George, Illinois
14. Michelle Fang, Illinois
15. Muareen Fahey, Connecticut

MIDGET CLASS

BOYS

1. Frank Filardi, Illinois
2. John Sand, Connecticut
3. John Albrecht, Minnesota
4. John Singer, Illinois
5. Mike Heldrich, Illinois
6. Jeff Frank, Michigan
7. Tom Quigley, Minnesota
8. Bruce Grannes, Minnesota
9. Nick Gerebi, Eastern Minnesota
10. George Nowell, Northeastern New York
11. John Noster, Illinois
12. Jay Forsythe, Northeastern New York
13. Brian Wanek, Wisconsin
14. Mark Kressler, Michigan
15. Steve McGregor, Wisconsin

GIRLS

1. Barbie Nagengast, Minnesota
2. Beth Nowell, Northeastern New York
3. Lynda Schulze, Illinois
4. Linna Lindren, Eastern Minnesota
5. Tammy Rosebeck, Michigan
6. Mary Ann McDermott, Illinois
7. Valerie Speciale, Illinois
8. Beck Farr, Eastern Minnesota
9. Maura D'Andrea, Northern New York
10. Cindy Krajauski, Michigan
11. Nickki Boucher, Wisconsin
12. Mary Ann Gulczynski, Wisconsin
13. Paula Burton, Wisconsin
14. Amy Stuercke, Illinois
15. Sonia Sprag, Michigan

ASU SKATE-A-THON REPORT

Certificates, letters of commendation and ASU T-Shirts were issued to the following members of the "\$100.00 Club", collecting \$100.00 or more in pledges as their part of the Skate-A-Thon program.

Northern New York

Gretchen Byrne
Jack Byrne
Stefan Smith
Bonny Jo Reid
Cindy Patnode
Noelle Wood
Kurt Backman

Minnesota

Art Peterson
Susan Sandvig
Gene Sandvig
Tom Grannes
Steve Eikaas
Gary Eikaas

Michigan

Toby Rogers
Sonia Spragg
Mark Kressler
Danny Lozon
Coleen Grzeskowiak
Patti Hunter
Janet Hainstock
Bob Mills
Jeff Frank

Middle Atlantic

Dave Roche

Total Gross Income: \$5,136.51

Best Association Effort: Northern New York (\$1,274.00)

Best Individual Effort: Kurt Backman - Northern New York (\$697.30)

Runner Up: Susan Sandvig - Minnesota (\$347.85)

REVIEW OF ACTIONS AT A.S.U. CONVENTION OF 1979 REGARDING HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Since several actions were taken at the annual convention in Saratoga Springs, which changes somewhat the nature and operational routine of our committee, I am taking this opportunity to review them for the record.

1. The "permanent" tenure of the committee membership was terminated.
2. A five year term was established for all future new members. Re-election to a second five year term is permitted only once.
3. To provide for an orderly staggered election of new members for five year terms, the current terms of the present members would terminate as follows:

Pat Peaslee, 5 year term ending in 1984.

Howard Gutgesell, 4 year term ending in 1983.

Clarice Mattson, 3 year term ending in 1982.

Milan Novak, 2 year term ending in 1981.

John Egan Jr., 1 year term ending in 1980.

4. Representation shall be geographic; two members from the eastern U.S., two members from the midwest, and one member from the far west.
5. Each year the four members whose terms are not expiring shall act as a nominating committee. Election shall be at the annual convention by the Convention of Delegates.
6. The Hall of Fame Committee shall select its own chairman annually. Clarice Mattson was selected as the chairperson for 1979-80.
7. The Hall of Fame Committee shall remain an instrument of, and under the full jurisdiction of the A.S.U. Convention of Delegates.
8. Committee members who have retired from the active role as committee members shall continue indefinitely as Honorary committee members and function in an advisory capacity without vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Milan Novak
Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee

ELMER J. GREENWOOD

Submitted by: **Pat Peasley and Northern
New York Skating Association**

CATEGORY: Non Competitor, Official and Promoter of the Sport
BIRTHPLACE: Mohawk Valley, N.Y.
BIRTHDATE: June 4, 1899

Elmer J. Greenwood moved to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. in 1931 and joined the Saratoga Winter Club in 1935. He served as President of the Saratoga Winter Club for five years, 1940-1945, and served as its team manager also for five years. Was the Club's Board of Control Delegate to Northern New York for 10 years. He is now an honorary member of the Club.

A founder of the Northern New York Skating Association, was elected as its president in 1948 and is the only president who has served in that office for three consecutive years.

Greenwood served as a referee and in 1951 was appointed a National Referee and served until 1955. He was appointed Chief Judge of the Northern New York Skating Association and served until 1970 at which time he retired because of failing eyesight. In 1972 he officiated in Lake Placid at the F.I.S.U. Games.

Nearing his 80th birthday he is still active in the Saratoga Winter Club and the Eastern States Committee in the organization and promotion of the Annual Eastern States Outdoor Speed Skating Championships and assists in laying out the track for their meets yearly. Also guided in the construction of the new 400 meter skating facility located in Saratoga State Park.

Greenwood was instrumental in the organization and setting up of the Eastern Schedule Committee in 1956 which at that time consisted of Middle Atlantic, Connecticut, Northeastern and Northern New York Skating Associations and served as its first Chairman.

A collector of antique skates since 1945 he has a collection of 100 pairs of wooden bases. He has made donations to the Speed Skating Hall of Fame in Newburgh, N.Y., the Blue Mountain Adirondack Museum, the Saratoga Historic Society and has plans to donate more.

KENNETH B. LEBEL

Submitted by: Eugene Lynch and
Pat Peasley

ADDRESS: 53 Tanager Lane, Levittown, N.Y.

DATE OF BIRTH: July 26, 1937

PEAK YEAR IN SKATING COMPETITION: 1956

QUALIFICATION DATA FOR ELIGIBILITY: (Senior Class)

National Indoor Champion, 1956
North American Indoor Champion, 1956
North American Indoor Champion, 1962

HISTORICAL DATA:

Kenneth B. LeBel was one of those outstanding all-around indoor skating champions that covered the fields of speedskating, ice hockey, and barrel jumping. It is not surprising that he now manages an ice rink on Long Island.

Originally a native of Connecticut, he won the Connecticut State Outdoor Midget championship at 7 years of age in 1944. When his family moved to Lake Placid, Kenny surfaced again in 1949 when he set two indoor records as a Midget, at Lake Placid in the 440 yard indoor in 0:46.0 and at Colorado Springs in the 220 yard indoor in 0:24.2 seconds.

As an intermediate class skater in 1955, Kenny won the North American Outdoor Championship at Saranac Lake, N.Y. and followed it up by winning the North American Indoor at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the National Indoor at Lake Placid the same year, he set a new record of 1:21.9 in the 880 yard distance.

In the Senior Class in 1950, he won both the National Indoor and the North American Indoor Championships and in 1962 he won the North American Indoor.

Along the way to the top Kenny won the 1956 Senior Race of Champions, the Silver Skates New York Daily News at Madison Square Garden and the 1956 and the 1958 St. Louis Post, Race of Senior Men Champions.

He has accumulated 19 National Indoor Senior Medals in gold, 10 in silver and 4 bronze medals. In all classes he has won more than a hundred trophies, 147 gold medals plus 63 silver and bronze medals.

In a show of his versatility on ice, Ken took up ice hockey and was a member of the 1962 U.S.A. World Hockey Team.

Another demonstration of his ability on ice, he took up barrel jumping and during this phase of his skating record, he won four World Outdoor Barrel Jumping Championships in Grossingers, N.Y. and three World Indoor Barrel Jumping titles at Lake Placid, N.Y. His World Distance Record was 28 feet and 8 inches over 17 barrels.

NOMINATION FOR ASU HALL OF FAME

Submitted by: Lawrence Ralston, Executive Secretary,
Amateur Skating Union of the United States

CANDIDATE: Dr. Milan Vaclav Novak

CATEGORY: Non competitor; Official and promoter of the sport.

BIRTHDATE: December 24, 1907

BIRTHPLACE: Cobb, Wisconsin

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE:

National Official, Timer, 1952-1970

ASU Board of Control member, Illinois, 1956-1958

Editor and Co-Editor, ASU Handbook, 1957 to present

Co-Author, "Speedskating, What You May Want To Know", 1959

Founder and co-editor of the "Racing Blade" with his wife

Dorothy. Now the official ASU news publication, 1968-1976

Consulting Editor, the "Racing Blade", 1976 to present

Chairman, ASU Hall of Fame committee, 1959 to present

ASU Parliamentarian 1975 to present

This unique record of meritorious and dedicated service to the Amateur Skating Union of the United States spans a total of twenty-six years.

In addition, Milan and Dorothy Novak, in 1978, established the "Novak Trust Fund", the primary purpose of which is to promote and advance the sport of ice speedskating at the grass roots level; the first time in history that such an endowment has been bestowed upon the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Graduate, Macalester College, B.A. 1929

Graduate, University of Minnesota, M.S. 1930, PH.D. 1932, B.S. 1936, B.M. 1938, M.D. 1938

Macalester College, D.Sc. (Honorary), 1947

Milan has also served on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, Past chairman of the Commission on Graduate Work for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Past Director of the National Tuberculosis Association Board.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Five Time recipient of the ASU Certificate of Appreciation.

Recipient of ASU award for outstanding service and dedication as co-editor of the "Racing Blade".

Listed in: Who's Who in America
Who's Who in American Education
Bibliographical Directory of the World
American Men of Science
American Men of Medicine

Pioneered and developed disposable plastic blood transfusion equipment and in 1943, received a patent on a disposable blood transfusion filter.

OTHER INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

President of the Tucson Rose Society and winner of over 100 Blue Ribbons for prize roses.
Patron member of the Tucson Symphony.
Patron member of the Tucson Museum of Art.
Silversmith and Lapidary, specializing in original design turquoise jewelry.
Photography, Music and Gardening.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

His career in medicine has been distinguished as a medical educator. He is still active in that capacity as a lecturer at the University of Arizona, School of Medicine. Since 1933 he has authored eighty-six articles relative to the field of Medicine, that have been published in major Medical journals.

His interest in speedskating began as a speedskating parent, becoming active on the local and State levels and progressing to serve in many official capacities on the National level.

Long after his children had ceased their competitive activity, he has continued to serve the sport he loves. His record of achievement and service as an official, administrator, chairman, promoter and benefactor to the sport of ice speedskating is unsurpassed in ASU history.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA:

Milan V. Novak and Dorothy Flint Novak were married July 28, 1934. The children born of this marriage were: Mary Dayle Novak Sand, several times U.S. National Speedskating Champion and former instructor at the University of Wisconsin. John Lotus Novak, presently the Treasurer of DuPage County, Illinois. Raymond William Novak, several times U.S. National Speedskating Champion and presently a resident Dr. of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence R. Ralston
Executive Secretary, ASU

NOMINATION FOR ASU HALL OF FAME

CANDIDATE: Dorothy Flint Novak

CATEGORY: Non competitor; Official and promoter of the sport.

NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE:

Dorothy Flint and Milan Novak were married July 28, 1934. She became the "guiding light" that encouraged her husband to finish medical school and leave his indelible mark in the field of medicine. Along the path of life they were blessed with three children, all of which were outstanding speedskating competitors.

The combined interests of Dorothy and Milan led to active participation in the sport in which their children excelled. Dorothy and Milan jointly founded and edited the "Racing Blade" in 1968 and held that position until 1976. In 1978 she and Milan established the Novak Trust Fund, designed to aid speedskating at the "grass roots" level.

After Milan's election to the ASU Hall of Fame in 1979, the Convention delegates bestowed a most fitting honor upon this lady by nominating her for membership in the Hall of Fame.

Citing her past performance as a devoted speedskating enthusiast and her activity in the sport as the woman behind the man, the delegates unanimously elected her to the ASU Hall of Fame on May 19, 1979.

This then became the first time in history that a husband and wife were so honored.

RACING BLADE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

AS YOU KNOW, THE "RACING BLADE" NEWSLETTER IS A NOVAK CREATION. IN 1968, DOROTHY AND DR. MILAN NOVAK CREATED THE RACING BLADE. WORKING AS A HUSBAND-WIFE TEAM, THEY EDITED AND PUBLISHED THE FIRST THREE ISSUES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$886.00 OR \$295.00 PER ISSUE. THEIR INTENT WAS TO PROVIDE SPEEDSKATING FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WITH THE KIND OF SUBJECT MATTER WHICH MAKES FOR A CLOSELY KNIT FEELING THROUGH AN INFORMAL APPROACH AIMED PRIMARILY TOWARDS THE "GRASS ROOTS" OF SPEEDSKATING, THE AMERICAN STYLE OF MASS START COMPETITION.

FOR EIGHT LONG YEARS AND 30 EXCELLENT ISSUES, THEY NOURISHED AND BROUGHT TO MATURITY THIS CHATTY NEWSLETTER. IN MAY 1976, AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN COLORADO, WE ALL WERE SADDENED WHEN DR. NOVAK GAVE HIS "PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW SPEECH". DR. NOVAK MENTIONED "THERE IS A TIME IN ONE'S LIFE WHEN ONE HAS TO STEP DOWN - SLOW DOWN SO TO SPEAK" - SO ALMOST TEARFULLY, DR. NOVAK AND DOROTHY TURNED OVER THEIR "BRAINCHILD", HOPEFULLY, TO MORE YOUTHFUL AND AGILE MINDS.

IN THE FALL OF 1976, A.S.U. PRESIDENT, DUNCAN MACPHERSON, APPOINTED LARRY PEARCE FROM CALIFORNIA TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF EDITOR. LARRY HELD THE BLADE TOGETHER FOR TWO YEARS AND EIGHT ISSUES WORKING UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, TRYING TO OBTAIN NEWS AND KEEP THE MAILING LIST CURRENT ALONG WITH BEING INVOLVED IN TWO NEWLY ACQUIRED BUSINESS VENTURES.

LARRY WROTE AND TOLD ME OF HIS FRUSTRATIONS - TRYING TO GET INFORMATION FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR LARRY. HE TOOK OVER THE RACING BLADE BECAUSE HIS LONG AND FAITHFUL FRIEND, NOW DECEASED, DUNCAN MACPHERSON, ASKED HIM TO. LARRY PEARCE DID HIS JOB - SOMETIMES UNDER CRITICISM; BUT MOST OFTEN UNDER FAVORABLE COMMENTS.

IN JUNE 1978, WHEN A.S.U. PRESIDENT ROY HELMINSKI AND JOHN DRENCKPOHL VISITED ME AT MY NEWLY ACQUIRED HOME ON LAKE FENTON AND ASKED ME TO ACCEPT THE POSITION "EDITOR OF THE RACING BLADE", I RATHER RUEFULLY TOLD HIM - NO!!! I THOUGHT OF MY OWN FRUSTRATIONS OF TRYING TO GET PEOPLE IN THE ASSOCIATIONS TO COMMUNICATE WHEN I WAS THE 1976-77 NATIONAL SKATE-A-THON CHAIRMAN. I THOUGHT OF MY FRUSTRATIONS, FOR TWO YEARS, AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION, TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COMMUNICATE, AND BESIDES, I TOLD ROY I WAS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT SUMMER ASSIGNMENT FOR THE MICHIGAN SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION, EDITING AND PUBLISHING THEIR ANNUAL YEARBOOK.

WHEN ROY SAID "KEL - WORK WITH ME ON THE RACING BLADE - WE WILL DO IT TOGETHER". TWO THINGS CAME TO MIND: (1) I REMEMBERED WORKING WITH ROY ON THE NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR MEET HELD IN WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN APRIL 2-3-4, 1976, PERHAPS THE FINEST MEET EVER HELD IN THE UNITED STATES. I REMEMBERED WORKING WITH ROY ON THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD AT BAY VALLEY, MICHIGAN IN JUNE 1977. SO I TOLD ROY WE WOULD DO THE RACING BLADE TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

I HAVE KNOWN ROY FOR ONLY SIX SHORT YEARS. I KNOW SOMETIMES HE IS OUTSPOKEN, BUT ROY IS VERY SERIOUS AND DEDICATED TO SPEED-SKATING AND HAS BEEN FOR FORTY YEARS. HE WILL DO A GOOD JOB BECAUSE HE LOVES WHAT HE IS DOING, AND NOW THAT HE IS RETIRING - HAS THE TIME TO DO IT.

WEBSTER - DEFINES EDITOR: ONE WHO PREPARES THE WORK OF ANOTHER FOR PUBLICATION. THAT'S ME.

WEBSTER - DEFINES PUBLISHER: ONE WHO ISSUES, OR CAUSES TO BE ISSUED, FROM THE PRESS, AND OFFERS FOR SALE OR CIRCULATION PRINTED MATTER, ENGRAVED OR THE LIKE. THAT'S ROY.

REGARDING THE NOVAK TRUST FUND - TO PAY THE EDITOR \$100.00 PER ISSUE IS A VERY GRACIOUS, GENEROUS GESTURE, BUT THERE IS NO WAY, I, AS EDITOR, AND ROY, AS PUBLISHER, CAN OR WILL ACCEPT ANY MONEY FOR WORKING ON THE RACING BLADE. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND PLEASURE FOR ME TO WORK WITH MY POLISH FRIEND AND A.S.U. PRESIDENT, ROY HELMINSKI. ALL WE TRIED TO DO IS FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE NOVAK TRUST FUND, USE SOME OF LARRY PEARCE'S IDEAS AND SOME OF OUR OWN AND PRESENT TO THE MEMBERS IN THE AMATEUR UNION OF THE UNITED STATES A NEWSLETTER ABOUT SPEEDSKATING AND PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH IT.

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE RACING BLADE

A.S.U. CONVENTION - MAY 1979

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

THIS IS THE 11TH ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER, THE RACING BLADE, AS A MEDIA OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES. FIVE ISSUES OF THE RACING BLADE WERE EDITED AND PUBLISHED.

THE FIRST ISSUE (BY LARRY PEARCE) CONTAINED 12 PAGES AND WAS MAILED IN SEPTEMBER. IT EMPHASIZED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1978 CONVENTION AND ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL REPORTS.

THE SECOND ISSUE (MY FIRST) HAD 12 PAGES AND WAS MAILED NOVEMBER 24TH. IT FEATURED OPEN MEET SCHEDULES, JIGS & STONES, HALL OF FAME REPORTS, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, NOVAK TRUST FUND REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS.

THE THIRD ISSUE HAD 16 PAGES AND WAS MAILED JANUARY 2ND. THIS ISSUE WAS DEDICATED TO ALL THE OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO UNSELFISHLY GIVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO OUR SPORT. IT FEATURED A.S.U. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE HEAD REPORTS, PROFILE OF AN OFFICIAL AND SKATER, AND INCLUDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING NATIONAL OUTDOOR MEET IN ST. PAUL.

THE FOURTH ISSUE HAD 20 PAGES AND WAS MAILED ON THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY. THIS ISSUE CARRIED THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR

MEET, FEATURED THE UPCOMING NATIONAL AND NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND U.S. WORLD TEAM TRIALS, LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, AND MISCELLANEOUS SPEEDSKATING INFORMATION.

THE FIFTH ISSUE AND LAST FOR THE 1978-79 SEASON HAD 20 PAGES AND WAS MAILED APRIL 17TH. THIS ISSUE INCLUDED RESULTS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR AND SENIOR OLYMPICS MEETS. ALSO, THE WORLD SHORT TRACK TEAM MEMBERS AND INFORMATION ON THE UP AND COMING NATIONAL CONVENTION.

IN CONCLUSION, I FEEL THE RACING BLADE NEWSLETTER IS IMPORTANT TO SPEEDSKATING AND IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER AND COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER. HOW DO WE DO THIS? THROUGH OUR SECRETARIES. MANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE DON'T REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE IN THIS ORGANIZATION TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY THAT IS DOING SUCH A TREMENDOUS JOB THAT LARRY RALSTON IS DOING. MY PRIMARY GOAL, THIS YEAR, AS YOUR EDITOR, WAS TO GET YOU TO COMMUNICATE BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY YOUR RACING BLADE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DID COMMUNICATE, I WANT TO "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR THE CHANCE TO SERVE.

GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BOB KELLERMAN

MAY 19, 1979

1978-1979

RACING BLADE EXPENDITURES

ISSUE NO.	RESPONSIBILITY	NO. PAGES	NO. ISSUES MAILED	DATE MAILED	PRINTERS COST	MAILING COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Pearce	12		9-3-78	\$ 836.00	\$ 217.78	\$1,110.63	\$ 56.85
2	Kellerman	12	1,716	11-24-78	402.00	46.35	448.35	editor expense
3	Kellerman	16	2,082	1-2-79	527.00	56.22	583.22	
4	Kellerman	20	1,643	2-2-79	700.00	44.37	744.37	
5	Kellerman	20	1,568	4-19-79	658.00	42.34	700.34	
TOTAL		80	7,009		\$3,123.00	\$407.06	\$3,586.91	

Misc. Expense:

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| 1. Pearce: stamps, phone calls, 1 issue | = \$ 56.85 | \$3,586.91 |
| 2. Kellerman: stamps, phone calls, 4 issues | = \$ 39.07 | <u>195.92</u> |
| 3. Helminski: stamps, phone calls, 4 issues | = \$ 50.00* estimated | \$3,782.83 |
| 4. Bulk Mail Renewal - 1978-1979 | = \$ 30.00 | |
| 5. Mailing issues to officers (2 issues) | = \$ 20.00 | |
| | | <u>\$195.92</u> |

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Bob Kellerman
RACING BLADE - Editor

PROPOSED RACING BLADE BUDGET
1979-1980

Printers Cost	4 issues = \$572.00 ea. x 4 =	\$2,288.00	
Mailing Cost	4 issues = \$ 47.32 ea. x 4 =	189.28	
Phone calls	4 issues = \$ 50.00 ea. x 4 =	200.00	
Special mailing	4 issues = \$ 10.00 ea. x 4 =	40.00	
Bulk mail renewal	= \$ 30.00	=	30.00
			<u>\$2,747.28</u> TOTAL

PROPOSED
NOVAK TRUST FUND EXPENSE

Printers cost	2 issues = \$572.00 ea. x 2 =	\$1,144.00	
Mailing cost	2 issues = 47.32 ea. x 2 =	94.64	
Phone calls	4 issues = 50.00 ea. x 2 =	200.00	
			<u>\$1,438.64</u> TOTAL

PROPOSED
ASU RACING BLADE EXPENSE

Printers cost	2 issues = \$572.00 ea. x 2 =	\$1,144.00	
Mailing cost	2 issues = 47.32 ea. x 2 =	94.64	
Special mailing	4 issues = 10.00 ea. x 4 =	40.00	
Bulk mail renewal	30.00	=	30.00
			<u>\$1,308.64</u> TOTAL

SUMMARY

ASU Racing Blade Expense	\$1,308.64
Novak Trust Fund Expense	<u>1,438.64</u>
	\$2,747.28

NOTE: These figures are based on 1978-1979 Racing Blade expenditures (averaged).

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Bob Kellerman
RACING BLADE - Editor

RACING BLADE DATA

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Japan. Averaged 1752 copies per issue.

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A. S. U. Non-Skater \$10.00
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

In order to provide the members of the
A. S. U. with a better newsletter, your
editor and publisher would like to offer
these suggestions:

SUBJECT

RESPONSIBILITY

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Better job of proofreading the <u>Racing Blade</u> . | Helminski - Kellerman |
| 2. All Association secretaries communicate 100%. | Association Secretaries |
| 3. Get your meet schedules in on time. | Association Secretaries |
| 4. Mail A. S. U. registration forms immediately to executive secretaries office. | Association Secretaries |
| 5. Registration forms are difficult to read due to carbon smudging, or careless handwriting. Sometimes a name is not clear or zip code missing (Illinois does super job - they type their forms.) | Association Secretaries |
| 6. Material for the younger set. | Kellerman |

The Racing Blade solicits your ideas and comments.

Thank you.



Bob Kellerman

NATIONAL INDOOR RECORD CERTIFICATES

COSTA MESA

SEN. MEN	1000M	1:36.83	BILL LANIGAN	M.A.	3/25/79
INTER. BOY	800M	1:18.25	PAT MOORE	ILLINOIS	3/25/79
	1000M	1:37.65	PAT MOORE	ILLINOIS	3/25/79
JUNIOR BOY	400M	38.65 H	NICK THOMETZ	MINNESOTA	3/24/79
	400M	38.00 F	NICK THOMETZ	MINNESOTA	3/25/79
	1000M	1:38.13	NICK THOMETZ	MINNESOTA	3/25/79
JUVENILE BOY	300M	29.49	ANDY GABEL	ILLINOIS	3/25/79
	400M	39.57	ANDY GABEL	ILLINOIS	3/25/79
SENIOR WOMEN	400M	41.32	PATTY LYMAN	COLORADO	3/25/79
	800M	1:23.04	PEGGY HARTRICH	MISSOURI	3/25/79
	1000M	1:45.66	DAWN HAYS	MICHIGAN	3/25/79
	1500M	2:40.81	PEGGY HARTRICH	MISSOURI	3/25/79
INTER. GIRL	1000M	1:44.47	CATHY TURNER	WEST N.Y.	3/25/79
JUNIOR GIRL	800M	1:23.71	GLORIA BOGACKI	ILLINOIS	3/25/74

NATIONAL OUTDOOR RECORDS SET 3 & 4 FEB. 1979

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

INTER. BOYS	800 M	1:18.55	Jeff Bradley	Iowa	2/ 3/79
	1000 M	1:40.94	David Sand	Conn.	2/ 4/79
	3000 M	4:48.60	Jeff Bradley	Iowa	2/ 3/79
JUNIOR BOY	300 M	0:27.65	Mike Jansen	Wisconsin	2/ 4/79
	1000 M	1:37.17	Mike Jansen	Wisconsin	2/ 3/79
JUVENILE BOY	300 M	0:28.74	Andy Gabel	Illinois	2/ 3/79
	600 M	0:58.67	John Baskfield	E. Minn.	2/ 3/79
JUNIOR GIRL	800 M	1:18.60	Dorthea Boyce	Illinois	2/ 3/79
JUVENILE GIRL	600M	1:00.98	Angela Zuckerman	Wisconsin	2/ 3/79



AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL OFFICE - [REDACTED]

July 1979

REPORT OF ASU DELEGATE TO 1979 CASSA CONVENTION (Annual General Meeting)

This was my first opportunity to represent the ASU as the delegate to the meeting of the Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Association. The AGM was held this year in Vancouver BC on 25-27 May. It was a real privilege for me to have this honor as well as the chance to see old friends and make many more.

I attended all the sessions and workshops except the Executive planning meeting Thursday nite and the election of the officers from the Executive committee from their own members. The Canadians' exhibited a real, concerned attitude about their agenda, but did not restrict discussion and proposing as long as the issue was germane to the original proposal. I felt, in fact, that there was more concern about speed skating and less about the politics than at our ASU sessions. In all, it was very fruitful with CASSA giving ideas to me for the ASU, and visa versa.

A brief rundown of the key issues for the ASU found CASSA first endorsing the support needed to continue the North American meets. They will also be having more mass start (pack style) races in their programming which will strengthen this meet. The elite concept (limiting participation) for the NA was also stressed, but without specific proposal. Another item for the NA is the choice of the medallion. Cost alternatives will be developed this summer so the ASU and CASSA can get orders ready for next season. All of these items on the NA meets will get direct attention from the two groups on the joint CASSA/ASU Committee.

Several people gave me direct requests to communicate information about the ASU, the Associations, and some of the local clubs. I will be passing these along to the appropriate people. Please follow-up. Communication as this on the action level of our many groups will do a lot to develop our sport. While a good part of CASSA is funded through the Canadian government, there are still many people just like us, volunteers, doing a fantastic job. We can learn from them, and they from us. Communicate..... For example, the Intro-CEP program has boosted speed skating in Canada to many areas brand new to the sport. What a terrific shot in the arm this concept could give to our promotional efforts!

To help get ourselves together during the season, I believe each NA Meet should have a joint meeting of representatives (to include at least one officer from each organization) to discuss mutual interests. There is no way these things will show progress with once-a-year meetings. This is going on now, but should be expanded and made more formal so issues can be resolved.Through CASSA we have been asked about speed skating efforts in Alaska and Washington States, mutual consideration here could add real strength to the Western Canada skaters, and develop interest in geographically difficult states for the ASU. (?)..... The RACER (Canadian SS paper) gave Certificates of Honor to several including from the USA, Leah P. Mueller (World Sprint Champ) and Erik Hendrickson (NA Sr. Men Champ)....Congratulations to them, and a nice gesture from CASSA.

If you have a topic of interest which may relate to something or someone in CASSA and want to know where to go for more information, please give me a call. I'll see you get on the right track,Respectfully for ASU, John W. Drenckpohl

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Reference: 25¢ Surcharge Modification

Drop the 25¢ ASU Open Meet surcharge per skater, add \$1.00 to the ASU Skater Registration Fee, and add a budget item of the expected amount gained as "Travel for National Teams and Officials".

Rationale: The mechanism of collection is greatly simplified; the amount in 1977-78 was \$1,180.00 and is similar to the number of registered skaters (1650); this will help maintain the ability to not only send skaters, but also send desired Officials (including the ASU Comm. of Off.) to all National Meets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation,
13 No - 3 Yes - 1 Abstain - Proposal rejected.

2. Reference: 1978 Finance Committee Report

Associations must not be given the responsibility for the "Conduct of National Meets" as stated in the report accepted at the Convention. This is clearly an ASU responsibility.

Rationale: Perhaps this was a slip of the tongue in the Committee's report, but clearly this is not the intention of the direction of the ASU.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Noted that this item submitted for clarification only.
Sponsoring Associations would purchase awards from the ASU at cost.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: None

3. Reference: ASU Sanction Fees for National and North American Championships

It is proposed the ASU Sanction Fee be revised from \$100.00 to an amount consistent with reasonable expenses incurred by the ASU for conducting such National and North American Competition, or a minimum of \$250.00.

Rationale: The ASU Sanction Fee for hosting National and North American Championships was increased from \$100.00 to \$500.00 to provide funds for the ASU to pay for all awards, and ASU officials travel expense to the Championships. The 1978 Convention re-established the \$100.00 Sanction Fee and changed the responsibility for payment of officials travel expense from the ASU to the Host Association effective with meets held in 1982 and after. Payment for all ASU Championship Awards still rests with the ASU. With increased cost of medals, awards, and operation of a National Sports Organization, the \$100.00 Sanction Fee is inadequate.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous -
Proposal accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

4. Reference: Budget Expense Request

All Committee chairpersons, officers, commissioners, Racing Blade Editor, and other persons responsible for ASU activities requiring the expenditure of ASU funds shall prepare a standard budget request form projecting financial requirements for the next succeeding year (see attached sample). This budget request form would be required to be submitted to the Finance Committee by mail prior to the Annual Convention from all of the above responsibilities, even though the person responsible at the time of required submittal may be changed by election, appointment, or resignation at the Annual Convention.

Rationale: In order to effectively analyze and plan financial requirements of the ASU for proper preparation of the annual operating budget, a process must be developed to obtain a projection of financial requirements by the people who have the best and most realistic knowledge of expenses required, and this information submitted prior to Convention to avoid "forgotten" requirements, and/or overlooked items.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous -
Proposal accepted.

5. Reference: Budget Expense Control Procedure

- a) No disbursements shall be authorized in excess of the approved budgeted amount, without appropriate authorization.
- b) Authorization may be given by the President of the ASU when:
 1. Funds are available and not allocated for other budgeted items (surplus of projected receipts available).
 2. The item does not exceed 15% of the approved budgeted amount or \$250.00, whichever is less.
 3. Written confirmation of approval is forwarded to the requestor, with copies to the ASU Secretary/Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee for distribution to Committee members.
- c) Any expense in excess of \$250.00 not approved within the annual budget will require the recommendation from the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the ASU, and approval of the majority of the Finance Committee. Such approval shall be made on the basis of funds available and not allocated for budgeted items, or new sources of pending funds not previously projected or anticipated. Written confirmation of approval is forwarded to the requestor, with copies to the President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Rationale: A system is needed to insure proper and effective financial planning for the ASU with appropriate control measures adhered to. Without a procedure to control expenses in accordance with approved budget, financial planning and budget preparation efforts would have no meaning or usefulness in the over-all management of ASU financial operations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended this item be amended as follows:

NOTE: The following items regarding this proposal are submitted as the final Finance Committee Report. Items 6, 7 & 8 of this report are additions to clarify existing procedures.

The annual report of the Finance Committee consists of two parts:

1. Final disposition by the Board of Control of agenda and other items submitted to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Control.
2. Preparation and submittal of the annual operating budget, consisting of projected receipts and disbursements (cash flow analysis).

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 25¢ Surcharge Modification: Proposal to drop the 25¢ ASU open meet surcharge per skater, add \$1.00 to the ASU Skater Registration Fee, and add a budget item of the expected amount gained as "Travel for National Team and Officials".

Rejected by the Board of Control.

2. 1978 Finance Committee Report (Page 9): Action on this item only required clarification regarding host Association and ASU responsibilities beginning in 1982.

a) Associations would be responsible for the conduct and expense of all National and North American Meets conducted in the United States. The ASU shall continue to approve and sanction all such meets as appropriate, select and assign the National chief referee, starter, and clerk of the course, obtain all medallions and medals for these meets, and provide them to the host Association at ASU cost. (Underline emphasis added for clarification only).

3. ASU Sanction Fees for National and North American Championships: Proposal that the ASU Sanction Fee be revised from \$100.00 to an amount consistent with reasonable expenses incurred by the ASU for conducting such National and North American competition, or a minimum of \$250.00.

\$250.00 Approved by the Board of Control Beginning in 1982.

4. Budget Expense Request: All committee chairpersons, officers, commissioners, Racing Blade editor, and other persons responsible for ASU activities requiring the expenditure of ASU funds shall prepare a standard budget request form projecting financial requirements for the next succeeding year. This budget request form would be required to be submitted to the Finance Committee by mail prior to the Annual Convention from all of the above responsibilities, even though the person responsible at the time of required submittal may be changed by election, appointment, or resignation at the Annual Convention.

Approved by the Board of Control.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

5. Budget Expense Control Procedure:

- a) No disbursements shall be permitted in excess of the approved budgeted amount, without authorization.
- b) Authorization may be given by the President of the ASU when funds are available and not allocated for other budgeted items (surplus of projected receipts available) and the item does not exceed 15% of the approved budgeted amount or \$250.00, whichever is less.
- c) Any expense in excess of \$250.00 not approved within the annual budget will require the recommendation from the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the ASU, and approval of a majority of the Executive Committee of the Board of Control. Such approval shall be made on the basis of funds available and not allocated for budgeted items, or new sources of pending funds not previously projected or anticipated. Written confirmation of approval is forwarded to the requestor, with copies to the ASU Finance Committee.
- d) Budget line item adjustments may be made during the year when recommended by the Secretary/Treasurer and approved by a majority of the Executive Committee of the Board of Control and submitted to the ASU Finance Committee.

Approved by the Board of Control.

6. ASU Reimbursement for Expenses: All expenses for officials, officers, and other persons authorized to receive expense reimbursement from the ASU for travel, meals, lodging, or any other expense shall be reimbursed only upon presentation of actual signed receipts verifying expenses incurred.

Approved by the Board of Control.

7. ASU Lodging Requirement at National Meets: Beginning in 1982, it shall be the responsibility of the host Association to provide adequate lodging for two ASU representatives, appointed by the President, at all National and North American Championships and Annual Convention. Any expense incurred shall be the responsibility of the host Association.

Approved by the Board of Control.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

8. Travel and Lodging Expenses for National Officials:

- a) Beginning in 1982, it shall be the responsibility of each Association hosting a National or North American Championships to submit to the ASU Secretary/Treasurer an amount estimated for travel to the Championship, and a minimum of two nights lodging for the National referee, starter, and clerk of course, at the time the request for such officials to be appointed by the ASU President is made.
- b) Payment of travel and lodging expense for these officials shall be made directly to the official assigned, by the ASU Secretary/Treasurer upon presentation of actual signed receipts, within 30 days of presentation.
- c) Any deficiencies between estimated and actual expenses shall be billed to the hosting Association together with copies of all actual receipts. Payment shall be made to the ASU by the hosting Association within 30 days.
- d) Any surplus estimated amounts received by the ASU shall be refunded to the hosting Association together with copies of all actual receipts within 30 days from date presented by the National official.
- e) Failure to submit estimated funds for travel and lodging expense for these National officials by the hosting Association will result in denial of appointment and approval of such National officials until such funds have been paid to the ASU.

Approved by the Board of Control.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous Proposal accepted as amended with addition of items 6, 7 & 8.

RACING PROPOSALS

1. Reference: None. A proposal to drop the "Designated Meet" approach to qualifying for the USA National Indoor Team Trials and establishing a quota-based system giving the Associations jurisdiction to select candidates.

Rationale: The current practice has caused much ill will and gains nothing that could not be had much easier.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation,
13 No - 3 Yes - Proposal rejected.

2. Reference: Racing Rules, Page 10, "Protests", Add new par. "h"
 - h. Written protests shall contain the following information:
 1. The date, time and event number of the incident.
 2. The person or persons involved, including skating numbers, whenever possible.
 3. The particular rule or rules alleged to have been infringed.
 4. A statement of the facts.
 5. Requested action of the Referee.
 6. Signature of protestor.
- Failure to present the required information gives the referee the authority to reject the protest if he/she sees fit to do so.

Rationale: To give a check list and format to written protests.
To force the protestor to sit down with the rule book, think out the case, and put the facts into an orderly document.
To give the referee a complete description of the incident, rules abridged, and requested remedy in reasonable detail and usable format.
To stop frivolous protests.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance; Commissioner to devise form and distribute prior to 1979-80 season.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous.

3. Reference: Racing Rules. par. 1B. Proposed:
Drop current 1B and substitute the following:
 - B. A skater may compete in an advanced age classification under the following provisions:
 1. If any point be earned in competitions sponsored and sanctioned by any of the following, the skater may not return to the normal age classification for any competition:
 - a. Association(s) in which the skater is not registered.
 - b. Any Nationality's governing body for speedskating.
 2. If any point be earned in competition sponsored and sanctioned by the Association in which the skater is registered:
 - a. The skater may return to the normal age classification for competitions governed by groups in (1) a) and b) above.
 - b. The skater may not return to the normal age classification for competitions sanctioned and sponsored by the Association in which he/she is registered.

RACING (Continued)

3. An Association may, through their rules, prohibit skaters registered by them from competing in advanced age classifications.

Rationale: This clarifies some of the muddiness in current rules and gives a reasonable and flexible position to help skaters develop their potential under manageable procedures.

COMMITTEE ACTION: This proposal was submitted in amended form and recommended to accept. After lengthy deliberation the proposal was sent to the Board of Control.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected the Committee recommendation -
9 No - 7 Yes - 1 Abstain - Proposal rejected.

4. Reference: Racing Rules, par.1A , Add the following as new item:
(3) Member Associations may establish further divisions of the "Midget", classification for their own competitions.

Rationale: Allows current practice.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS WITHDRAWN.

5. Reference: Racing Rules, New items:
a) Establish criteria for the number of skaters on the line for various races, heats, semi's and finals, by class and whether Indoor or Outdoor competition.
b) In all classes where more than 15 skaters are competing, Semi's shall be added to the program in distances of 800 meters and less.

Rationale: Absence of criteria leaves discretion to Chief Clerk subject to approval by the Referee. Pressures to "speed up" meets leads to in-consistency.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended (a) be sent to Commissioner for implementation and (b) be accepted as written.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved Committee recommendation of (a) and (b) - Unanimous - Proposal Passed.

6. Reference: Racing Rules, Starting procedure.
Surprisingly, not much material was submitted on this topic. Many feel that the rule should be left alone but continue to educate the starters. One distinct proposal on this topic is to add the following to rule 3B as amended at the 1978 convention:

3 B)there shall be a distinct interval of at least 1.5 seconds between the command.....

Rationale: This would bring the ASU rule in concert with the ISU Olympic practice and give a clear standard to starters and skaters for the intent of the 1978 revision. It would further promote a more fair start by reducing the chance for marginally false starts.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance of the following amendment:

"The skaters are to stand still in an upright position until the starter calls "Ready", whereupon they are to take their starting position and keep this position absolutely until the shot is fired. (If a skater takes their starting position before the word "Ready", it is a false start).

RACING (Continued)

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation -
9 Yes - 7 No - 1 Abstain - Proposal as amended
is accepted.

7. Reference: Age classifications.

A number of proposals have been presented for discussion on this topic. These range from adopting no change to our present rule to total compliance with the ISU rule. All submissions are included in the Chairperson's packet and can be discussed at length during committee session.

This will be a very important matter for consideration at this convention. At the present time the ASU is the only speedskating organization in the world that has a rule contrary to International regulations. Because of this fact some of our competitors have been adversely affected. If the ASU could fall in line with other country's it would greatly simplify matters for everyone.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended to comply with ISU rule of July 1.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation -
12 Yes - 4 No - 1 Abstain - Proposal passed.
**AGE AS OF JULY 1 IS NOW DETERMINING FACTOR FOR
SKATER CLASSIFICATIONS.**

8. Reference: Track layout and measurement. Page 19, par. d. Proposed revisions:

1. par. d, Add the following so it will read:

"...marked in the ice for meets where ice dimensions permit, 0.75 m.
(29.5 in.) lanes is minimum for all other meets."

2. par. i, (revise second sentence to read) "The interval between marks shall not be less than 0.5 m. (19 3/4 in.) but the preferred distance shall be 0.75 m. (29 1/2 in.)"

3. Page 6, par 2, sub par. c: Delete "one half mile", substitute "1000 m."

4. Page 19, par i, sub par. j: Delete.

Rationale: 1. To specify a starting line with starting lanes that fit on our tracks but permit larger lanes where practical.
2. 3/4 m. may be excessive for small rinks and it may preclude laying extra tracks.
3. To substitute a metric distance for an English one and to require lots to be drawn for one extra distance (1000 m.)
4. Par. j is not required. Approved stamp is on drawing.

NOTE: The Track committee does not recommend a change to Oval's or twin radius tracks at this time. Things are still not in a firm state re: tracks at the International level. Until things settle down, we should stand pat.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Referred to Track Committee. Track Committee recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous
Proposal passed.

9. Reference: Racing rules, page 14, par. 1-2.

Consider either moving the start for 200 m. back toward the 300 m. line and finish race out of corner or replace with a 600 m. race in the Midget division.

Rationale: On a 384 or 400 m. track, the race is not fair since the start is too close to the corner.

RACING (Continued)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Referred to Track Committee. Track Committee recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimous - Proposal rejected.

10. Reference: None.

A proposal to conduct all National and North American final events on Sunday afternoon.

Rationale: Accumulation of final events and conduct at a specific time would make it possible for expanded news and TV coverage. This would be one way to obtain better publicity.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended this item be referred to Commissioner. After lengthy discussion it was sent to the Board for final action.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Defeated the proposal as written - Unanimous

11. Reference:

Qualifications for National and North American Championships.

A number of proposals on this topic have been submitted. The main theme is to provide more quality competition at these championships. Proposals range from establishing qualifying times to instituting a system of regional qualifying meets. Specific details are included in the Chairperson's packet and will be discussed in detail at the committee meeting.

This proposal is in keeping with the theme of the 1979 Convention: Promotion and Development of the sport. Positive action on these proposals would eliminate the need for lengthy three day meets and give some positive input to the ASU/CASSA deliberations on the elite meet status for North American Championships.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended tabling this proposal until a report is received from a select sub-committee that will study the problem and make specific recommendation prior to the 1980 Convention.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted motion to table - Unanimous

12. Reference: None.

A proposal to provide each participant in a National or North American Championship, two complimentary passes for the entire program of events.

Rationale: Passes would be used by parents or other family members who have sacrificed time and money for the participants contribution to the sport. Adequate precedence exists in other sports at various levels.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance as written.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected the Committee recommendation.
13 No - 3 Yes - 1 Abstain - Proposal rejected.

The following additional items were submitted to the Racing Committee from the Tracks and Distances Committee.

RE: 100 meter oval track

1. That the 100 meter oval track be officially approved for use.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended approval.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - unanimous
Motion passed.

2. That the 100 meter oval track be used at the 1980 National Indoor Championship.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Referred to Board of Control for final action.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Ended in tie vote - 8 Yes - 8 No - 1 Abstain
Motion defeated.

SPEEDSKATING: A PROPOSAL FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

FORWARD: Over the past few months the ASU has published a number of articles in the RACING BLADE, citing the need for more involvement, promotion and development of our sport. The idea was to stimulate interest at all existing levels so that some viable proposals would be forthcoming at the 1979 Convention.

The reports by Ted Klaiber, Bill Cushman and Larry Ralston, all say basically the same thing; this sport needs a "shot in the arm". We must take steps to halt the declining registration figures and start making this sport available to more youngsters.

Although the following material is not a remedy designed to correct all our problems, it is at least a starting point for discussion. If the concept of this material is adopted, many of the proposals and ideas contained herein will necessitate amending our present Racing rules. The Racing, Legislative, Finance and Growth committees will have to work together in order to prepare, propose and present the necessary changes to the Board of Control. Much of this work can be done prior to arrival in Saratoga Springs. Each committee member should start now to research the material and be ready to offer additional input.

If we are truly interested in the promotion, development and advancement of this sport, this topic is where we should be channeling our efforts at this Convention.

PROPOSAL: Each member club of each ASU member Association, start developing plans now to implement a Novice program, beginning with the 1979-80 season, that will focus on attracting youngsters 15 years of age and under. Such a Novice program would include instruction, skill testing, games, and finally, competition. Each individual in this program would be able to compete and advance to his/her own level of ability.

ALSO: Each Association give serious consideration to revamping their racing schedules in order to fully implement a better competitive program at all levels.

RATIONALE: The ASU is prepared to furnish the necessary instruction material and training programs to get these programs started. The Ice Skating Institute of America will assist us in disseminating material that may be used by each member club. These programs will be workable at either Indoor or Outdoor facilities so no youngster would be excluded.

RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: As printed in the Feb. '79 issue of the RACING BLADE, it is a simple matter to find willing participants. Youngsters in these age groups are literally looking for things to get involved in; particularly during the Winter months, and their parents will be a vital asset to the program if properly used and made to feel welcome.

Interest will remain high if the program is properly presented but speedskating at this level must be made fun; the participants must be able to compete at their own ability level and they must also be able to visually view their own progress. Records and charts should be kept on each individual so progress can be measured and improved upon.

Any Novice program involving a large group of youngsters will far outnumber and outweigh your existing club programs for already accomplished skaters. It stands to reason that a Novice program is where the emphasis on development should be placed, and competition at this level should be given at least equal, if not more time, than your local championship caliber programs.

SPEEDSKATING: A PROPOSAL FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

HOW WILL THIS EQUAL COMPETITION FIT INTO YOUR EXISTING ASSOCIATION PROGRAM? Our current plight is directly attributable to the neglect of the "average" participant in this sport. There is entirely too much emphasis placed on the championship caliber competitor. This fact, coupled with the problem of traveling long distances each and every weekend, makes our sport very unacceptable and unaffordable to the very people that should be forming the nucleus of our sport for the future. Not every Association has this problem but the majority do.

Give yourself an honest answer to the following questions:

IS IT REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION FOR TWO DAYS EVERY WEEKEND OF THE SEASON? Figures will show that the same competitors will win and amass points from week to week, with little or no change in the top positions. When do the "average" competitors get a chance at recognition? Neglect of these competitors will eventually cause discouragement and eventual abandonment of the sport.

DOES EACH ASSOCIATION CLUB HAVE TO SPONSOR A CHAMPIONSHIP MEET? Suppose two or more clubs joined forces to sponsor and present one championship meet. The cost per club would be cut proportionally.

WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THE LEFT OVER DATES? You could conduct Novice events at one of the following levels: dual meets, triangular meets, local meets, City, County or State meets, and exclude all championship caliber competitors from these programs. These championship caliber competitors could be released to attend other open meets or utilized as coaches and officials at the novice events. They could become a very viable part of your novice program if they are used properly, their interest will heighten and they may even be encouraged to give something back to the sport, long after their competitive days have ended.

Local cooperation between Associations and clubs would give each entity more open dates to concentrate on the Novice and "average" participant. It would enhance the caliber of competition at all levels, Associations and clubs could concentrate on developing new skaters and programs; the end result will be expansion of the sport and each club will have a nucleus of new recruits to move into another level of competition as individual progress is attained.

THE CONCEPT OF REGIONAL QUALIFYING MEETS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: With special and added emphasis on conducting Novice meets and providing more equitable competition for the "average" skater, there is a distinct need to look ahead at the concept of having to qualify for National Championships; at least a better method than what is available now, which makes a sham of the entire championship program.

By using a series of regional qualifying meets, the qualified skaters from these meets would be entitled to advance to the National Championships. Example: 4 regional meets, top 3 in each division to qualify for the National Championship. Result? Each heat would be a semi-final, and it would not take 14 hours over 2 days to determine a true National Champion.

Geographical divisions would be determined by a committee of this Union and already established meets in these areas would be sanctioned and awarded by the Board of Control, just as the National Championships are awarded. To carry this concept one step further, only the top 4 competitors from the National Championships would be entitled to advance to the North American Championships. This would give the National and North American Championships an elite status that would feature only the best talents.

SPEEDSKATING: A PROPOSAL FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

This concept would free skaters to participate in other meets on the same days and give those "average" competitors a chance at more equitable competition. (This concept could also work at State Championship levels if membership swells to a point where it would be practical).

Viewing this program in its' entirety, you can see that the number of annual meets would not diminish, but the caliber of competition would improve at every level and you would be servicing a greater number of participants..

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION: The ASU would begin by allotting \$100.00 per Association, to be distributed at their club level, for recruitment of new participants. These funds could be used for publicity, mailing or personal contact with local organizations, or anywhere that youngsters are prevalent. This would in effect, reduce the annual franchise fee from \$300.00 to \$200.00, per Association.

First year competitors in an Association Novice program would continue ASU membership as non dues paying members and receive the RACING BLADE. A supply of handbooks would be furnished to each Association for distribution to Novice competitors.

Under this financial consideration it is well to remember that the USISA program is vitally interested in development of skaters and has left that job entirely to the ASU. The annual dues to the USISA, amounting to \$2,000.00, has been rescinded, so the ASU has these funds to work with. We also have funding available for development from the NOVAK TRUST. Since these funds have been made available, the ASU has done a deplorable job of using them wisely and for the purposes which they were intended.

CONCLUSION AND COMMENTS: Such a proposed program will never be successful as long as individual selfish attitudes and motives prevail. We must ALL be willing to sacrifice something in order to get this sport back on the right track and encourage growth of the sport. Proper thinking will pay big dividends in terms of added participation.

The best way to start an active program is to utilize former skaters, interested speedskating promoters and officials, at the local rink level, Indoor or Outdoor. It is futile to believe that any rink manager will carry out any type of a speedskating program without your constant assistance. They simply are not qualified to do so because they know nothing about it. There is not one College or University that offer curriculum on the sport of speedskating. YOU are the experts in a little known and highly un-publicized sport and it will benefit YOUR program if you agree to work closely with management, in order to ensure success.

As with any new program, nothing will happen easily. It will take a lot of hard work and re-adjustment of our present thinking, to carry out these proposals. The main thing is to realize that something has to be done to reverse the current trend, lest we continue to phase out our very intent and purpose for being.

With these points in mind, hopefully we can approach the topics with an open mind and devote our attentions to a much needed change. PLEASE THINK POSITIVE!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ralston

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Proposal for the Growth and Development of Speedskating:

1. The ASU should require each association to recognize that the instruction and training of novice speedskating is essential to its program.
 - A. That each association must actively support the development and promotion of novice skating and competition.
 - B. That each association provide permanent administrative responsibility and authority to those of its memberships who accept the challenge of novice promotion and development.
2. That each participating shall be eligible for a funding grant not to exceed 1/17 of allocated funds, for the creation and active operation of a novice promotion and development program in the following year 1979-80.
 - A. To receive the grant each participating association must file a report verifying its diligent pursuit of an active growth, development and promotion of a novice program. The report shall be filed with the Chairman of the Growth, Development and Promotion Committee and the Secretary/Treasurer of the ASU.

Motion made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

1. Reference: Membership in the ASU - Article X - Paragraph 1

Delete the current and add the following:

1. The Government of the ASU shall be vested in a Board of Control:
 - (A) The membership (and votes) of which shall be:
 1. Either current wording or that accepted per proposal on "Representative Voting".
 2. Past ASU Presidents (1 vote collectively).
 3. A delegate from the U.S. International Skating Association.
 4. A skater representative (1 vote).
 - (B) Current Item #2...President is Chairman...

Rationale: Items 2, 3 and 4 should be considered separately so as not to remove the entire section due to disfavor for only one part. This proposal clarifies role of USISA and adds participation from other important parts of the sport. A mechanism will have to be developed to clarify qualifications and method of selecting a skater representative. Also Article IX 1c will have to be examined for effects of any changes above.

1. This proposal was amended to read as follows:

1. The Government of the ASU shall be vested in a Board of Control:
 - (A) The membership (and votes) of which shall be:
 1. Current wording.
 2. Past ASU Presidents (1 vote collectively), cannot simultaneously vote as Board of Control member.
 3. A delegate from the U.S. International Skating Association, 1 Vote.
 - (B) Current Item #2...President is Chairman...

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance as amended.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - 13 Yes - 3 No
1 Abstain - Proposal Accepted.

2. Reference: Representative Voting - Article X - Paragraph 1

Delete the current and substitute:

1. The Government of the ASU shall be vested in a Board of Control consisting of Representatives of the active Associations whose vote(s) shall be as:
 - 1-49 ASU Registered Skaters: 1 Vote
 - 50-149 ASU Registered Skaters: 2 Votes
 - 150 or more ASU Registered Skaters: 3 Votes

Rationale: Representation should be formatted more toward the number of skaters represented by the vote at the governing body meetings; it will also encourage Associations to seek growth if they desire more voice.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - 12 No - 4 Yes - 1 Abstain
Proposal rejected.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (Continued)

3. Reference: By-Laws - Executive Committee - Article III

New Item:

3. The Executive Committee of the Board of Control shall consist of the President, the Past Presidents, all Vice Presidents, the Commissioner of ASU Officials, and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (A) It shall have power to establish rules and regulations and to decide financial and procedural matters requiring immediate attention, and which enforce preservation of order and obedience to the success of the ASU.
- (B) Those present shall constitute a quorum.
- (C) It shall file a brief, written report of all decisions to each Association within 10 (ten) days of each meeting, and a full, written Annual Report for review by the Board of Control at the Annual Meeting.
- (D) No action of the Executive Committee may be taken contrary to the ASU Constitution or By-Laws.

Rationale: Need for such a Committee has been expressed for several years and is evident when attending National Meets. The desire here is to give legality to such a body, to spell out its duties, and to show its limitations by and ties to the ASU.

3. This proposal was amended to read as follows:

New Item:

3. The Executive Committee of the Board of Control shall consist of the President, all Vice Presidents, and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (A) It shall have power to enforce rules and regulations and to decide financial and procedural matters requiring immediate attention, and which enforce preservation of order and obedience to the success of the ASU.
- (B) A quorum will consist of three members.
- (C) It shall file a brief, written report of all decisions to each Association within 10 (ten) days of each meeting, and a full, written Annual Report for review by the Board of Control at the Annual Meeting.
- (D) No action of the Executive Committee may be taken contrary to the ASU Constitution or By-Laws.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance as amended.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - 12 Yes - 4 No - 1 Abstain
Proposal passed as amended.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (Continued)

4. Reference: Constitution: Article III

- Delete current and substitute: shall
1. The membership of the ASU may/consist of:
 - A) Active Associations
 - B) Unattached Skaters
 - C) Associate (non-skating) Members
 - D) Honorary Members
 - E) Allied Organizations

Rationale: Some of these classifications already exist in wording in other parts of the Constitution and By-Laws, but are not allowed in the Constitution section; others above are new to open membership (nothing said here about voting) to encourage participation by other interested persons and organizations.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation - Unanimously
Proposal rejected.

5. Reference: By-Laws - Article III - Paragraph - New

- New Item:
3. The President is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Rationale: Not allowed currently although practiced; this opens practice to legality; our organization could not properly function without active involvement of the President.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - 14 Yes - 1 No - 2 Abstain
Proposal accepted.

6. Reference: Constitution Task Force

- A specific Task Force should be appointed to re-word the Constitution, By-Laws, and Racing Rules (Rules and Procedures) to be consistent with:
1. All enacted changes
 2. Within themselves
 3. Eliminate excess wording, and/or relocate wording to appropriate instrument.

Rationale: Several instances of omission or confusion exists in the current versions; this group should be of a membership so as to allow frequent meetings during the year...this will also give a better result...it cannot be done in one, massive jam session.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous
Proposal accepted.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (Continued)

7. Reference: NEW - Charitable Organization Status

Some section needs to be adopted to recognize the ASU's status as a Charitable, non-profit organization.

Rationale: Obvious, Ralston should suggest wording after consultation with counsel.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance as printed in 1979 edition of ASU Handbook.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous
Proposal accepted.

8. Reference: Roll Call Vote Procedure

Roll call voting of the ASU Board of Control shall be done by random order selection of the members by the Secretary using pre-recorded random listings.

Rationale: An example suitable for use is included with the submission; random voting enables the Board to have more meaningful votes as each member is given more inclination to vote his/her best rather than wait for the vote of others to influence it.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved committee recommendation - Unanimous
Proposal accepted.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

These items were studied by the Legislative Committee as part of the "Ralston proposal on Growth & Development".

Proposal on Growth & Development (See page 55)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous
Proposal accepted.

Proposal on Concept of Regional Meets (See page 56)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection as written.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - 15 No - 1 Yes - 1 Abstain

NOTE: This proposal is included in the tabling motion on item Racing #11 - page 53, pending study by the select committee and a report to be filed prior to the 1980 Convention.

OTHER ITEMS TO BE STUDIED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL

1. Reference: Duties of the Commissioner of Officials - ASU Minutes 1978
Page 62 - Paragraph 8 - Sub-Par. 3

Any examination used in testing officials use the same validation criteria required in selecting employees in other occupational fields.

Rationale: Private and public sector employers have to have valid tests that have been determined to measure bona fide job qualifications. Our present examination doesn't meet this criteria and should not be used under the guise of being a true measure of the officials' skating knowledge.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected by voice vote.

2. Reference: Conduct of officials at meets.

If officials are found to be drinking while performing their duties on the ice they should be replaced by the referee. (Rule should be printed on program.)

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected as official rule - should be left to discretion of Referee - not printed in program. Rejected by voice vote.

3. Reference: Duties of the Commissioner of Officials, 1978 Convention minutes, page 62.

The following items are submitted at the request of the Commissioner to clarify the duties of that office and the responsibility of the membership of the ASU thereto:

1. Each Association must have at least one representative attend the Officials clinic.
2. For the Clerk of Course, Starters and Referees, they shall be required to take the written examination, return it to the Commissioners office by the date specified, and score a minimum grade of 80%. Failure to comply with these requirements shall mandate that an Official not receive a National or North American assignment nor be allowed to assist in any National or North American event during that current season.

In the event that an official does not comply with these obligations for two consecutive years, the official shall be dropped from the list of ASU National officials.

Rationale: The Commissioner is required to hold clinics and prepare a written examination. 50% of the exams sent out were not returned and many Associations were not represented at the clinics.

This item was treated in two separate parts:

Item 1 - Was rejected by voice vote.

Item 2 - Was amended to include "Chiefs and Assistants" and was passed unanimously.

OTHER BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION

The Board recommended updating the present ASU book "Guidelines for Sanction and Conduct of National & North American Meets".

Various slide, movie and vocal presentations were made by Association representatives for the following events:

Butte, Montana	-	National Indoor 1981
Midland, Michigan	-	North American Indoor 1981
St. Louis, Missouri	-	National Indoor 1982
Lake Placid, New York	-	North American Outdoor 1982
Chicago, Illinois	-	National Indoor 1982
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	-	National Outdoor 1981

On a proposal from Bill Markland, the Board agreed unanimously to endorse the program being pursued by Grossingers resort, to stage a World Cup Speedskating event. Former competitor Richard Widmark has been very instrumental in assisting the ASU obtain this type of event for national television exposure.

The Board accepted the report of the Commissioner and commended Mr. Chapin for an outstanding job during his first year in this position.

They then accepted the resignations of National Referee, Steve Gadus and National Clerk, Norman Anderson. New National Officials were appointed as follows:

Referee	-	Bill Markland, Champaign, IL.
Starter	-	Charles Moore, Newton, MA.
Clerk	-	Ted Gulczynski, Milwaukee, WI.

In other business, talk centered around the North American medallion program. The position of the Board is to drop the North American medallion program if CASSA refuses to continue the program.

EDITORS NOTE: After the CASSA Annual meeting, John Drenckpohl, ASU Representative to CASSA, announced that CASSA did wish to continue the program but would like to shop around for a better price. At present, we are still looking for alternatives.

The Board unanimously approved a resolution to have each member Association double their registration figures in 1979-80, by registering not only each competitive member, but also each Association official and/or one parent member of each registered skater.

This will assist in meeting our current financial obligations and was recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Board also awarded meets for 1982 and approved the list of National Officials.

EVENT	1980	1981	1982
NATIONAL OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	St. Paul, Minnesota Jan. 26-27	Milwaukee, Wisconsin Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	St. Paul, Minnesota Feb. 6-7
NORTH AMERICAN OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Saratoga Springs, New York Feb. 2-3	To CASSA Site & Dates to be determined	Lake Placid, New York Feb. 13-14 (?) (Tentative)
NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Wyandotte, Michigan March 21 - 22 - 23	Butte, Montana March 20 - 21 - 22	St. Louis, Missouri March 13 - 14
NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Esquimalt, B.C. (CASSA) March 28 - 29 - 30	Midland, Michigan March 27 - 28 - 29	Sherbrooke, Quebec (CASSA) March 26 - 27 - 28
WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Milan, Italy March 15 - 16	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
ANNUAL ASU CONVENTION	Minneapolis, Minnesota May 16 - 17 - 18	Colorado Springs, Colorado May 15 - 16 - 17	Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 14 - 15 - 16

OFFICIALS 1979-80

NATIONAL REFEREES

John Considine

[REDACTED]

Bill Cooney

[REDACTED]

Greta Hall

[REDACTED]

Bill Cawthra

[REDACTED]

Harold Henrich

[REDACTED]

Sam Hicks

[REDACTED]

Ted Klaiber

[REDACTED]

Don Anderson

[REDACTED]

Greg Boyer

[REDACTED]

Ted Gulczynski

[REDACTED]

Howard Gutgesell

[REDACTED]

William Markland

[REDACTED]

Paul Mueller

[REDACTED]

Gene Sandvig

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL STARTERS

Charles Moore

[REDACTED]

Mike Murphy

[REDACTED]

Frank Pogorzelski

[REDACTED]

Dave Roche

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL CLERKS OF COURSE

Larry Hansen

[REDACTED]

Jim Marquard

[REDACTED]

Mrs. Pattie Ryan

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL ASSISTANT REFEREES

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

George Ralston

CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Mary Sand

MICHIGAN SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION

Edward Tavierne

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sandvig Gary Eikaas
Art Peterson

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Moodry

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

John Byrne Angelo Giuliano
Eugene Wood Henry La Rose

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Hughes

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Robert Ewing

IOWA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Roger Greenland

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Glen Baskfield

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jim Chapin Ed Jacquin

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Don Norwood

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

James Keppler John Schaefer

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

John Allen

NATIONAL ASSISTANT STARTERS

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Judy Marks Angelo Speciale

IOWA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Fred Korsmo

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

Vern Jacquin

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Chuck Moore

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

David Murray Dennis Marquard

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Arnie Albrecht Joe Milashius

MICHIGAN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Gary Spragg

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Running Don Nelson

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jerry D'Arcy

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Robert Ahrendtsen Philip Jankiewicz

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Tony Arena Louis Mane

NATIONAL ASSISTANT CLERKS OF COURSE

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Kay Klaiber Elmer Jacobs

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Fred Korsmo

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Judy Quigley Dr. Solomon Zak

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Roy Jennison

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Thomas Ryan Eugene Keppler

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Brenda Baker

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Mary Polaski

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

James Chapin Jess Beazley

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Joe Barry

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Andrew Corcoran

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Ted Gulczynski

NATIONAL JUDGES

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Chuck Anderson

George Bauer

Nat Blatchford

Lloyd Carlstrom

Don Dathe

Juan Duran

Andy Gabel

Ron Gonzalez

Lee Marks

Phil Matson

Pete McAleese

Art Moore

Fred Morner

Mike Passarella

Larry Schwartz

Leo Wagner

Ed Wentland

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

George Anufrom

Laurance Cronk

Carla Flutcher

Ken Polaski

Diana Potts

CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Don Camp

Steve Glaser

Jim Thompson

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Joan Baskfield

Glen Baskfield

Joanne Cushman

Richard Dow

Wally Kranz

Jean Lindgren

Bob McDowell

David McGraw

Gene Plaschko

Mike Rajacich

Ruth Rajacich

Julie Sedey

Ed Sitzer

John Speltz

John Tatzlarf

Betty Todora

MICHIGAN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bruce Douglas

Henry Gesquire

Douglas Hayes

Mark Kressler

Beverly Norman

Richard Parfitt

Walter Renshaw

Louise Smith

Charles Vickery

NATIONAL JUDGES (Continued)

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SKATING ASSOCIATION

John Finn	Jenny Hughes	John Murphy
Chuck Hughes	Leslie Moore	Joseph Sulc

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

George Duerr	Pat Mitchell	Jerry Sandvig
Gary Eikaas	Joe Nagengast	Roger Schroeder
Gordon Grannes	Marilyn Oly	Jean Thometz
Bud Kind	Darrell Quigley	Walter Thometz
Gerald Mitchell	Judy Quigley	Richard Van Bergen

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

Mary Beazley	Tom Jarrett	Ken Muehlrath
Bob Blanke	Charles Klein	Dan Pavlacic
Greg Boyer	David Knickmeyer	Harold Samberg
Budd Doyle	Robert Kohen	Lester Serenco
Mike Dudley	Nick Monaco	Bill Whitener

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Leo Doran	Dick Haft	John Winston
Bill Haft	Bob McDonough	

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Paul Keith	Ted Nowak	Thomas Ross
Neil Murray	George Nowell	

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Frank Dick	H. Lee Goodwin	Carl Peaslee
E. Barnes Dunlap	J. Paul Graham	Patricia Peaslee
James Farry	Judi McTygue	Walter Slater
Walter Gavry	James Moore	Mary T. Smith
Charlotte Giuliano	Doris Patnode	Francis Tobin

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

James Dial	Roger Gabel	Charles Murar
Mark Dorenkott	Patrick Madden	Charles Varro
Philip Dorenkott	Don Martinez	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Tom Finney	Harry Merrifield	Jim Sherman
Howard Gilmore	Harvey Morris	Stan Wisniewski
Lee Jackson	Larry Pearce	

WESTERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Viola Goetz Busch	Frank Miller	Ken Smith
Ed Leppla	Nancy Miller	

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

John Arena	Erv Hanson	Grace Mane
Ted Boucher	John Illian	Mike McGregor
Pat Chobot	Barb Ketchem	Tom Miller
George Furey	Carl Krippendorf	Peggy Montgomery
Jerry Garbe	Dave Kuspa	Jerry Wanek

NATIONAL TIMERS

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Charles Blair	Charles Hall	Ted Lindstrom
William Durlak	Harry Henriksen	F. Charles Rogers

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Pendleton	Leon Wilmot	Al Zirkel
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CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Robert Mc Elroy	William Sand	Mary Thompson
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EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Class	John Klopp	Wally Lee
		Tom Lindgren

MICHIGAN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Blair Diamond	Donald Frank	Donald Smith
John Drenckpohl	Gerald Mills	David Powell

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SKATING ASSOCIATION

Vincent Fennell	Lyn Stoll	Sid Stoll
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MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Ken Anderson	George Duerr	Don Nelson
Erling Eikaas	Wayne Malmberg	Wally Thometz

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

Liz Chapin	Mary Jacquin	Kay Panek
Nick Gier	Suzie Jarrett	Ted Young

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Chuck Merrifield	Les Winston	Jack Whalen
Harry Miller		

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bernard Boyle	Charles Moore	
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NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Rita Gavry	Virginia O'Brien	Patricia Spencer
James Moore	Elizabeth Purdy	August Wurster

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jack Chambers	Judith Gabel	Charles Varro
James Dial		

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Baker	Ron Custer	Len Rattray
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WESTERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Ed Leppla	Kenneth F. Smith	
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WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jim Bubolz	Warren Kellerman	Bob Lunda
Al Hentzen	Glen Ketchum	Burl Orr

RÉSOLUTION

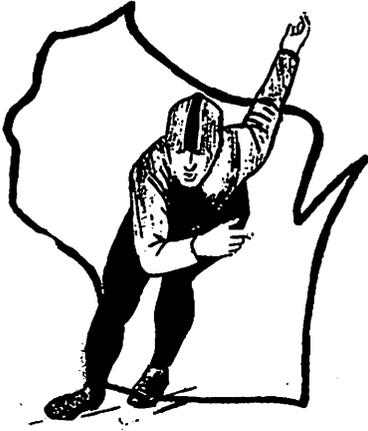
WHEREAS, with the passing of Duncan M. MacPherson on July 11, 1978, speed skating lost one of its most dedicated and respected supporters of the sport, and

WHEREAS, Duncan M. MacPherson served as a prominent member of the Southern California Speed Skating Association as Chief Judge, Executive Secretary, Administrator, ASU Representative, President, and friend of the Southern California Association, past President and Administrator of the Pickwick Speed Skating Club of Burbank, and an active supporting father to his speed skating children and family, and

WHEREAS, he faithfully served eight years as a National Officer in the Amateur Skating Union of the United States including two years as its President,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, its officers and members assembled in Convention at Saratoga Springs, New York, May 20, 1979, have received the announcement of the death of Duncan MacPherson as a great personal loss to skating, and that this resolution be placed in the record of this Convention as testimonial of Duncan's contribution to the sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all his skating friends be conveyed to his family by copy of this resolution. He is truly missed by his many friends.



WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

SKATING CLUBS

Janesville Madison Oconomowoc
 Waupaca West Allis Whitefish Bay
 Badger of Milwaukee

OFFICERS

THEO. A. GULCZYNSKI
 President
 Phone [REDACTED]

PAUL MUELLER
 1st Vice President
 Phone [REDACTED]

GLEN KETCHUM
 2nd Vice President
 Phone [REDACTED]

BETSY DOCTER
 3rd Vice President
 Phone [REDACTED]

JUDY ALLEN
 Secretary
 [REDACTED]
 West Allis WI. 53214
 Phone [REDACTED]

BERNARD KRUEGER
 TREASURER
 7012 W.K.K. River Pkwy
 Milwaukee WI. 53219
 Phone (414) 541 1531

RESOLUTION

Let it be known to all who are dedicated to the sport of speed skating that on May 24, 1978, we of the Wisconsin Skating Association lost a true friend of speed skating with the passing of J. Fred Gohl and his wife Marge of the Waupaca Speed Skating Club, and

WHEREAS, Fred Gohl organized speed skating clubs in Chicago, Illinois, and after spending 35 years in that city he moved to Waupaca, Wisconsin at the age of 55. Under his guidance, knowledge and his love of the youth the Waupaca Speed Skating Club was founded as the "biggest little club" in Wisconsin or the Midwest for that matter, and,

WHEREAS, under Mr. Gohl's leadership and promotion the Waupaca Club has grown into one of the largest clubs in Wisconsin and developed the now famous "Waupaca Classic on Shadow Lake". Fred was the coach, advisor, publicity man, skate fitter and sharpener and club manager. In later years, as the club grew he gave up most of his duties to the younger club members so he could spend more time with his invalid wife, but up until the time of his death he was still busy conducting an ice skate exchange and staying active in the Waupaca Club, as well as other civic activities.

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, at it's convention in Saratoga Springs, New York, May 18 to 20, 1979 place in its record this testimonial to J. Fred Gohl, a true friend of speed skating, and,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that we who knew and loved J. Fred Gohl will always remember this rare and remarkable man as a TRUE FRIEND OF SPEED SKATING. He will be truly missed by his many friends.

WHEREAS, WITH THE DEATH OF HAZEL ROWLEY SPENCER ON DECEMBER 14, 1978
IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, SPEED SKATING LOST ONE OF ITS MOST
FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED OFFICIALS, AND A TRUE FRIEND.

WHEREAS, HAZEL SPENCER SERVED THE NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION
AS ITS SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WAS ELECTED AS ITS FIRST
WOMAN PRESIDENT, AND SERVED AS CHIEF TIMER UNTIL HER DEATH, THE
ASSOCIATION WILL SADLY MISS ONE OF ITS MOST LOYAL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, THROUGH HER SERVICE ON THE EASTERN SCHEDULE COMMITTEE, AND AS
ITS CHAIRMAN, SHE HELPED PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF SPEED SKATING IN THE EAST.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT THE AMATEUR SKATING UNION ASSEMBLED
IN CONVENTION AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK WILL, ON THIS DAY, MAY 20, 1979
PLACE IN ITS RECORD THIS TESTIMONIAL OF HAZEL ROWLEY SPENCER'S 40 PLUS
YEARS OF LOVE AND DEVOTION TO THE SPORT OF SPEED SKATING.



AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL OFFICE - [REDACTED]

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Frank Paciariello, a founding member of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, passed away October 2, 1978 and

WHEREAS, Frank Paciariello served faithfully as an official of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, the Flushing Meadow Speed Skating Club, and as a coach of his skaters,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Skating Union of the United States in convention assembled at Saratoga, New York, May 20, 1979, place in its record this testimonial of Frank's contribution to the sport.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all his skating friends be conveyed to his family. He is truly missed by his many friends.



AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL OFFICE - [REDACTED]

MEMORIAL - MINNESOTA

Whereas, Fred Fournie passed away on September 25, 1978 at the age of 88 years. Whereas, he was a pioneer in promoting speed skating. Even though he never had a skater himself, he maintained an ardent interest in the sport for over sixty-eight years.

Whereas, Mr. Fournie never failed to appear at meetings of the Bearcat Skating Club. He was an officer in the Bearcat Club and held office in the Minnesota Speed Skating Association as president and secretary.

Mr. Fournie will be missed by the members who knew him and who remember the times when he was one of the very first members of the Board of Control.

Therefore be it resolved that the Amateur Skating Union assembled at Saratoga Springs, New York, May 20, 1979 place in its record this testimonial of Fred's contribution to the sport.

Gary Eikaas



AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL OFFICE - [REDACTED]

14 May 79

NOMINATING REPORT----- ASU 1979 Convention

In response to a request from President Helminski, I sent a memo requesting nominations for the ASU offices. This memo went out 21 March 79 to all ASU Association Presidents, Association Secretaries, Board of Control members, Officers. Comments were requested to be returned by 1 May 79.

Seven responses were received. Three were specific in nominating individuals for the offices to be elected:

Roy Helminski for President (Michigan)
Wally Lee for Promotion (III) Vice President (Eastern Minnesota)
Nick Monaco for Promotion (III) Vice President (Missouri)

While no specific nomination was made for the other offices, there was feeling to maintain the two current ones. Thus, at the convention I will out of courtesy enter these:

Dave Roche for Racing (II) Vice President
Gary Eikaas for Operations (I) Vice President

There was no indication that the current Secretary/Treasurer was resigning, so there will be no election for this continuing incumbent.

As a close to this report, I move that the five individuals mentioned above be nominated for the indicated offices. All are willing to serve.

Respectfully,

John W. Drenckpohl, Chair
1979 ASU Nominations

cc: Each Association Board of Control Member
Lawrence R. Ralston, Sec. ASU

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Drenckpohl, Chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted a report indicating the present officers were willing to serve. An additional candidate was nominated for Vice President, Promotion. The elections were conducted with the following outcome.

PRESIDENT

The name of Roy Helminski was placed in nomination for the office of President. A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Mr. Helminski was elected unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS

The name of Gary Eikaas was placed in nomination for the office of Vice President, Operations. A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Mr. Eikaas was elected unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT, RACING

The name of Dave Roche was placed in nomination for the office of Vice President, Racing. A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Mr. Roche was elected unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT, PROMOTION

The name of Wally Lee was placed in nomination for the office of Vice President, Promotion. The name of Nicholas Monaco was placed in nomination.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Ballots were distributed and the tally showed as follows:

Wally Lee	8
Nicholas Monaco	9

Mr. Monaco was elected by plurality vote.

The Board of Control unanimously elected the following:

Executive Secretary - Lawrence Ralston
 Commissioner of Officials - James Chapin

1979-1980 OFFICERS

President	Roy Helminski	Michigan
Vice President, Operations. . .	Gary Eikaas	Minnesota
Vice President, Racing	Dave Roche	Middle Atlantic
Vice President, Promotion . . .	Nicholas Monaco	Missouri
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Ralston	Illinois

THE FOLLOWING ASU COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR 1979-80

LEGISLATIVE / BY-LAWS

John Drenckpohl, Chairman
Bob Vehe, Vice Chairman
John Byrne
Tom Jarrett
Jim Marquard
Dr. Milan Novak
Carol Eikaas
Franklin Miller
Alan Glass
John Considine

FINANCE

Larry Pearce, Chairman
Bob Kellerman
Ray Zuckerman
Tony Arena
Jim Marquard
Howard Gutgesell
Mary Sand
Joe Sulc
John Sedey

SKATE-A-THON

Mary Smith, Chairman
Doris Patnode, Vice Chairman
Stan Wisniewski
Jackie Eliasberg
Don Frank
Kay Klaiber
Greg Boyer
Al Tinston
Linda Kellerman
Don Martinez

RECORDS AND AWARDS

Charles Blair, Chairman
Jackie Eliasberg
Mary Smith
Wally Lee
Greg Boyer

HALL OF FAME

Clarice Mattson, Chair Person
Dr. Milan Novak
Howard Gutgesell
Pat Peaslee
John Egan
Mary Sand (Consultant)
Harry Henriksen (Consultant)

RACING

Greta Hall, Chairman
Mike Murphy, Vice Chairman
Bill Cawthra
Ruth Moore
Patti Ryan
Dennis Marquard
Wally Lee
John Sedey
Jim Chapin
John Considine
Ted Gulczynski
Nancy Miller

TRACK DIAGRAMS/DISTANCES

Charles Moore, Chairman
Wally Lee
Mike Murphy
Charles Blair
Gary Eikaas

ASU HANDBOOK

Bob Vehe, Chairman
Charles Moore
John Drenckpohl

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH, PUBLICITY/PROMOTION

Arnie Albrecht, Chairman
Doc Savage
Ernie Spencer
Robert Kellerman
Mary Sand
Jackie Eliasberg
Stephen Glaser
Al Hentzen
Bob McDonough
Angelo Giuliano
Terri Goodwin
Al Tinston

ELECTRONIC TIMING/STARTING

Louis Eliasberg, Chairman
Mike Murphy
Jerry Mills
Charles Blair
Dave Roche

INDOOR SAFETY & ICE MAINTENANCE

Tony Arena, Chairman
Don Frank
Gene Woods
Ellen Hansen
Wally Thometz
Mary Jo Lanni

ASU COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

INDOOR TRACK COMPETITION

Bill Markland, Chairman
Leon Wilmot, Vice Chairman
Ray Zuckerman
Brenda Baker
Charles Moore
Peggy Hartrich
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