

**AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**2000 DIRECTORY
AND
MINUTES OF THE 72ND ANNUAL CONVENTION**



**MAY 19 - 21, 2000
HELD AT
THE ATRIUM HOTEL
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA**

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AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES			
BUDGET 2000 -2001			
		RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
ACCOUNTS AND ACTIVITIES			
Annual Dues, Associations		5,400	450
ASU Alumni		1,000	100
ASU Merchandise		2,500	1,000
Awards Fund, National Medallion/Medal Program		5,000	5,000
Bank Interest		200	
Coaching Committee		500	500
Commissioner of Officials			1,500
Committee Expenses			3,000
Convention Expenses			1,200
Donations		500	
Entry Fees, 3 meets @ \$25. Per skater		10,500	8,500
Hall of Fame		2,000	2,000
Handbook, Postage & Printing		4,000	6,000
Insurance			7,500
Medals - National, North American, Marathon		6,000	6,000
National Medallions - For 2000/2001 Events (bi-yearly)		0	0
North American Medallions		1,000	1,000
North American Travel for skaters			3,000
Office Expense			4,000
Postage, National Office			3,000
Printing, Routine		1,000	2,000
Professional Fees			500
Racing Blade publication		18,000	18,000
Registrar			4,000
Royalties		700	
Registration Fees		55,500	500
Sanction fees, 4 meets		2,000	
Scholarship fund (25-cent surcharge, memorials)		2,000	2,000
Secretary /Treasurer fee			18,000
Seminars		5,000	5,000
Skating Development		15,000	17,600
Special Awards			1,200
Telephone			4,500
Travel, Officials			4,000
Travel, & Office Expense President or Representative			4,000
Travel, Secretary/Treasurer			2,000
Contingency Fund			750
		137,800	137,800
All items are subject to change due to new proposals at convention.			
Submitted by Elayne Riley, Finance Chairman & Shirley Yates, Secretary/Treasurer			

AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MAY 1, 1999 to APRIL 30, 2000

ACCOUNTS	RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Annual Dues	5,400.00	3.73%	475.00	0.32%
ASU Alumni	25.00	0.02%		
ASU Merchandise	1,104.25	0.76%	-3.00	0.00%
Awards Fund	2,305.00	1.59%	2,305.00	1.57%
Bank Interest/Charges	259.28	0.18%	0.22	0.00%
Coaching Committee				
Commissioner of Officials			727.89	0.50%
Committee Expenses			3,208.89	2.18%
Convention Expenses			884.83	0.60%
Direct ASU Membership	3,395.00	2.34%		
Donations				
Entry Fees	11,455.00	7.90%	8,539.57	5.81%
Hall of Fame	927.00	0.64%	927.00	0.63%
Handbook Postage	10.00	0.01%	100.00	0.07%
Handbook Printing	449.50	0.31%		
Insurance			7,464.00	5.08%
Medallions	5,362.39	3.70%	5,227.78	3.56%
Medals	7,836.85	5.41%	7,836.85	5.33%
Office Expenses			2,774.06	1.89%
Postage	107.57	0.07%	1,733.31	1.18%
Printing Routine	703.50	0.49%	2,685.51	1.83%
Professional Fees			913.50	0.62%
Project 2005	70.18	0.05%	70.18	0.05%
Racing Blade	15,527.00	10.71%	16,548.22	11.26%
Registration	50,370.00	34.76%	4,714.00	3.21%
Royalties	662.12	0.46%		
Sanction Fees	2,500.00	1.73%		
Scholarship Fund	6,901.50	4.76%	6,686.50	4.55%
Secretary/Treasure Fees			18,000.00	12.25%
Seminars	1,940.00	1.34%	1,990.00	1.35%
Skating Development	27,600.50	19.05%	37,166.93	25.29%
Special Awards			803.03	0.55%
Telephone			5,070.68	3.45%
Travel Officials			5,561.15	3.78%
Travel President or Representative			2,804.52	1.91%
Travel Secretary/Treasure			1,766.74	1.20%
TOTAL	144,911.64	100.00%	146,982.36	100.00%

Beginning Balance, May 1, 1999 36,554.62
1999 Adjustments in 2000 50.00

Receipts, May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000 144,911.64 181,516.26
Disbursements, May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000 146,982.36

Balance, April 30, 2000 - Checking Account 34,533.90

ASU 1999-2000 FUNDS STATEMENT

ACCOUNTS	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EARNINGS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ADJUSTMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
Checking Account	36,554.62	123,899.04		146,982.36	21,012.60	50.00	34,533.90
Madallion/Medal Fund	87,703.12	2,305.00	(5,354.75)		(11,931.24)		72,722.13
ASU Scholarship Fund	32,472.55 (1)	4,686.50	167.72		(2,000.00)		35,326.77
ASU Hall of Fame Endowment Fund	19,567.33	927.00	1,850.17				22,344.50
Hall of Fame Passbook Account	38.36		0.88				39.24
ASU Skate Fund Passbook Account	4,275.83	8,569.10	45.62	25.00	(7,011.18)		5,854.37
Blatchford Scholarship Fund	21,956.78		387.72				22,344.50
Project 2005	70.05		0.13		(70.18)		
AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION TOTALS	202,638.64	140,386.64	(2,902.51)	147,007.36	(0.00)	50.00	\$193,165.41

(1) 1998-1999 Funds statement estimated the closing balance of \$32,675.27 because statement was not available at the time of the report.

↳ The beginning balance reflects the correct amount as indicated on the statement.



72ND ANNUAL ASU CONVENTION, MAY 19-21, 2000



at
The Atrium Hotel, Irvine, California
Hosted by the Southern California Speed Skating Association

CHECK IN: THURSDAY, MAY 18 - 5-10:00 PM - Hotel Lobby
FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 8:00 AM Hotel Lobby

Information on meeting locations will be distributed at check in.

THURSDAY, May 18 - 8-9:00 PM Safety Committee Meeting - Bill Anderson

FRIDAY, May 19 - 7-8:00 AM Audit & Finance - Elayne Riley

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 9:00-11:30 AM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. Call to Order
 - a. Invocation
 - b. Opening Comments
 - c. Introduction of Parliamentarian, ASU Officers,
Speed Skating Canada Representative, Past Presidents
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of 1999 Convention
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Report of the President - Bill Anderson
6. Report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer - Shirley Yates
7. 1999 Speed Skating Canada Meeting Report - Bill Anderson
8. Report from Speed Skating Canada Representative - Joyce Leggatt
9. Unfinished Business
10. Memorial Reports
11. New Business
 - a. Announcement of bids for 2002 National Short Track Championship
 - b. Bids for National Marathon Championship - 2001
 - c. Bids for ASU Convention - 2002
 - d. Nominating Committee Report - Dennis Marquard
 - e. Hall of Fame Committee Report and Nominations - Larry Ralston
12. Any Additional Comments on Printed Committee Reports

LUNCH BREAK

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 1-3:30 PM - Open Forum - Promotion/Publicity/Growth/Development
Conducted by Carl Cepuran & Doc Savage

3:30-4:30 PM - Open Forum - Racing Blade & Other Communications
Conducted by Carl Cepuran & Jerry Search

4:30-5:30 PM - Meet Scheduling Committee - Lisa Sundstrom

FRIDAY EVENING HOSPITALITY
— WITH HORS D'OEUVRES —
6:30 PM AT THE POOL GARDENS

SATURDAY MEETINGS

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - 9-11:00 AM - Legislative - Chuck Moore
Merger Report - Bill Anderson
11-12 NOON - North American Committee - Ruth Moore

BOARD OF CONTROL LUNCHEON - NOON-2 PM

1. Commissioner of Officials Report - Tony Arena
Report on ASU 2000 Championship Meets
 - a) National Long Track
 - b) National Short Track
 - c) North American Long Track

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - 2-3:30 PM - Racing - Jerry Search
3:30-5:30 PM - OFFICIALS CLINIC
5:30-6 PM - Bid Presentations for 2001 National Marathon &
2002 National Short Track Championship &
Convention.

RECEPTION - 6:30 PM (Cash bar)
BANQUET - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 9:00 AM - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(Requiring Delegate Action)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Delegates
3. Appointment of Parliamentarian
4. Meet Scheduling Report - Lisa Sundstrom
5. Legislative Committee Report - Requiring Delegate Action
6. Election of Officers

CONVENE BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

7. Roll Call of Board of Control
8. Records Report and Approval of Records - Susan Jarrett
9. Commissioner of Officials Report - Tony Arena
 - a. Appointment of National Officials by Board of Control
 - b. Approval of National Officials by Board of Control
10. Appointment of Commissioner of Officials
11. Appointment of Racing Blade Editor and Publisher
12. Appointment of Handbook Editor
13. Election of Executive Secretary
14. Election of Treasurer
15. Committee Reports Requiring Board of Control Action
 - a. Racing
 - b. North American Committee
 - b. Budget and Finance
16. Awarding of National Marathon for 2001 and National Championships and Convention for 2002
17. Any Other Business
18. Comments of New President

CONVENTION ADJOURNED by 2:00 PM

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT OR BEFORE THE END OF THE CONVENTION

**72nd ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION
OF THE
UNITED STATES**

The annual Convention of the ASU was called to order by President Bill Anderson at 9:00AM Friday, May19, 2000, in Irvine, California. The invocation was given by Karen Street of the Illinois Association. In his opening comments, President Anderson mentioned that he would like everyone to understand that this was an open meeting and anyone who had comments or something to add should feel free to do so as long as we could stick to the agenda. Bill announced that David Kennedy has agreed to be the Parliamentarian. He announced the officers seated at the head table:

Duane Riley, VP Operations
Shirley Yates, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Carol Moore, VP of Racing

Bill reminded everyone that this was the 72nd annual convention or "Shirley's party" !

Bill introduced Joyce Leggatt from Speedskating Canada and past-Presidents: Tom Porter, Tony Arena, Jim Chapin.

The roll call of the Board of Control and the delegates was held with a quorum recognized for the Board of Control. The following Associations responded:

Illinois Greater Minnesota Maryland Michigan Middle Atlantic Missouri
Montana Northeast Northern California Northern New York Ohio
Southern California Western New York Wisconsin

Colorado and Iowa were absent from the convention.

The 1999 convention minutes, as written and submitted by the Executive Secretary, were approved. The 2000 Convention Agenda was approved.

The annual reports of the President and the Executive Secretary followed. Shirley Yates, before delivering her Report, recognized those attendees for which this was their first convention.

PRESIDENT'S 2000 REPORT

Welcome to the 72nd annual ASU convention or rather Shirley's retirement party. This is where it all started for me. My daughter Kelly won her first Nationals here in 1990.

Being President of the ASU has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I have learned a lot. Some time ago, I worked for one of the largest banks in the country. Occasionally I would meet with the CFO and ask him what was going on in the bank...meaning the future direction. He always turned the question around and asked me what I heard. During this particular meeting, he told me this: I suppose you think that the leaders of this company have this grand plan and work towards it. Well if you want to know the truth what we do is seek out all the rumors going around the company and discuss them in our monthly meeting. Then we implement the good ones.../// Well we really do not do that in the ASU but I like to think we listen. If we hear something good we support it and encourage it. Let's participate in those good ideas this weekend. First, let me recap some highlights from last season:

The North American competitions this year are an example of people working creatively to increase participation. My thanks to Ruth Moore for working so creatively and relentlessly to see a good turnout at Regina for the North American Short Track. We also did well in Lake Placid for the North American Long Track.

I have heard people say that the National Short Track in Pennsylvania was one of the best-run nationals ever. A lot of hard work by many volunteers made it possible and we all had fun.

The National Long Track in Minnesota saw the first meet held there which required no outside Chief Officials. The meet was well run and congratulations to the Greater Minnesota Association for doing such a great job recruiting officials.

I have talked a lot about the championships that we have held over the past season and how well they came off. The reason they did was all the volunteers who helped organize, promote, officiate and generally staff all the jobs that had to be done. That is what makes this sport so much fun for us, at least four times a year we get together with our friends from all over the country. I have enjoyed that more than anything.

Let me comment on the Merger, which consumed so much of the prior two years convention. We were going to have a joint meeting with USSpeedskating, and I believed that is what we agreed on last year. Two things happened:

- a. The President's commission held a joint meeting in St. Louis and the ASU group felt uneasy about the way that meeting moved along. The openness and trust developed in the earlier meetings seemed to be gone.

- b. At the America's cup meet in Chicago we held a meeting of the ASU officers and most of the USS board representatives to discuss having a joint meeting and the overwhelming consensus was to not have a joint meeting. I was shocked that these individuals did not want to meet.

That is why we are not having a joint meeting.

One of the things people objected to was not having a completed document in hand to discuss. We do have a draft document to discuss during legislative to give you all an idea of where we are headed and to be sure our "non-negotiables" are addressed. Chuck Moore has put in substantial time on this effort which we will discuss during legislative.

I do believe that one skating organization would be best for the sport. When and how we get there is the opportunity we have.

A lot of things have changed since our last convention. US Speedskating had a board election and I want to congratulate Fred, Lisa and Brad as the ASU Board representatives and also Ed Lang and Jeff FitzRandolph for winning the general membership election. I don't know about you, but when I read the credentials of the candidates I was very impressed.

Do you realize how much the administration of our sport has changed? The individual ASU member got to vote for the USS Board members. They can't even do that in the ASU.

This is an election year in the ASU and a number of positions are open. I am very pleased with those who are running. Our jobs take as much time as you can give and I know all of us appreciate the volunteers who step forward.

We have a full agenda of important items. I am looking forward to the communications and promotions sessions and the officials clinic.

Lastly this convention is significant to me in that it is my last as your president. Moreover, it is Shirley's last meeting as Executive Secretary and Don Kangas' last as Editor of the Racing Blade. I want to thank both of them for staying on and providing all the help and advise over the last two years. I want to thank Don Kangas for all the work he has done to make the Racing Blade a better publication. My thanks to Shirley for her help over the last two challenging years.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S 2000 REPORT

Well, this is it! My last report as ASU Secretary. These reports have been important to me - and I hope to you - because I felt it was necessary to report on what goes on in the National Office each year and present the Secretary's assessment of the good and the bad.

I think you know I have taken the Secretary's job very seriously and have done my best to follow the ASU's By-Laws while citing and interpreting rules; guiding new people into the sport; working with new presidents, vice-presidents and chairmen; maintaining our varied system of communication with everyone; acting as intermediary many times with clubs, associations, skaters, parents and, overall, providing the best possible source of information for everyone in the sport and those wanting to become involved in it.

I have to give a little bit of history. I started in the job 16 years ago with a typewriter and desk (which were mine), and the files, financial records and two wonderful enormous file cabinets handed over to me by my predecessor, Larry Falston. And an incredible copy machine, a Roneo Alcatel. British made and probably in its day, a wonderful machine. But by the time I got it, it was well past its day. After numerous service calls by a Chicago company, the only one in the Chicago area that would service it, I had to get rid of it so I gave it to The Racing Blade Editor, Bob Vehe. He went through the same problems as I had - getting the Chicago company out to service etc. In the end we decided it was only good as a boat anchor and he put it out on the curb for a garbage pick up. It lasted an hour before some poor trusting soul picked it up.

I then advertised in The Racing Blade for a freebie. Tim Quinn was getting rid of his company's old Canon and it served us well for many years but copy machines are only good for so long. Did you know they are the office machines that people most love to hate? Eventually we had to buy a new one.

I only go into this whole copy machine business in detail because I have discovered IN THIS JOB, that the copy machine is all-important. Until you run a National Office you could not appreciate that. In addition to a good working copy machine, since 1984 we have added the computer and laser printer, FAX machine and postage meter. Of course, my job was made easier by getting a computer, but you must understand that my workload increased immensely as a result, because I could then do so much more, including maintaining the membership registration.

It was an interesting last year on the job. Although knowing everything I did was for the last time and facing some new and challenging "first-time" experiences including learning to cope with dozens of emails everyday, life went on pretty much as usual in the National Office. We started out last summer by having 5000 more ASU colored brochures printed and 5000 Speedskating on Ice booklets printed, as revamped and re-edited by Don Kangas. As usual, we did a pretty brisk business of selling those and all other promotional items that the National Office has to offer as clubs and associations geared up for fall recruiting and development programs.

Mike Affholter ordered a new inventory of the \$200 Bont Short Track Skate in the fall and again this spring. They sell fast so we think we've found a real winner as far as providing a good-quality Short Track skate for our members. We thank Bont for making these available to us at this good price.

We feel we have solved one of the long-standing problems facing new and young skaters to the sport - namely, providing a low cost skate. Now only one major obstacle stands in the way of many of our clubs recruiting and adding members to their rosters: that is ice time. Clubs cannot contract for prime-time ice (because of hockey competition) or pay for the exorbitant costs which range from \$150 to \$500 an hour. We solved the problem of skates and the problem of beefing up our North American Championship entries. We need to direct our attention now to how we can help our members with the all-important issue of ice time.

Our efforts to increase participation by our skaters at the North American Championships this year again proved fruitful. We paid for skater train fares from the Midwest and vans from Albany to Lake Placid for the North American Long Track and awarded expense money in the amount of \$300 for the North American Short Track in Saskatchewan to skaters who applied for it. Expense awards from an anonymous Elite Skater to the U.S. top finishers at both North American Championships was an added incentive.

We have come a long way to resolving the problem with the low numbers of U.S. skaters at the North American Championships, even when it was held in this country. Just two years ago only five U.S. skaters showed up at the North American Short Track in New Brunswick. This year there were more than 30 in Saskatchewan. So what it comes down to, what it always comes down to, is money. That's the only solution I can see to resolving the ice time problem.

The North American Long Track is scheduled for Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 2001. I recommend that the ASU once more charter buses for that event. It's feasible again for a bus to leave the Chicago area and pick up in Milwaukee and another to leave from the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

Again this year we had no qualified applications for the ASU Scholarship. It's not like people don't know about the Scholarship because it is promoted frequently in The Racing Blade. And last year we awarded two \$1000 scholarships so it's not like we're offering "chump change". I have recommended to the Scholarship Committee that it review and change its qualifications. The sport has changed greatly since 1986 when the Scholarship Committee was established.

We are sorry at the passing of our great Scholarship Fund benefactor, Howard Gutgesell. Howard had been donating sizeable amounts to the Fund every year, totaling more than \$12,000. He did more than anyone else to build up the Fund. He truly appreciated the value of an education. He contributed to the ASU in many other ways for a great many years. Wisconsin will be delivering a Memorial to him later this morning.

Elayne Riley and I, the Fund Raising Chairmen, had no big fund raiser this year but this weekend we are launching what we hope will bring in sizeable revenue in the next two years. We are again selling Olympic shirts. We have a variety of styles and designs here and will get some idea over the weekend, as you buy them, what appeals to you and what we should stock for the run leading up to the 2002 Olympics. This proved to be a successful fund raiser before the 1998 Winter Olympics. Then we started only five months before the Olympics. This will give us a much greater time span to sell. As before, clubs and associations will be welcomed to take inventories to sell at the local level.

Doc Savage has given a full report on Growth & Development activities for the year and much more will be said on this subject during the Open Forum this afternoon. Doc keeps plugging away and slowly gets results. It reminds me of

the race between the hare and tortoise. Doc's job is the tortoise. He may spend untold hours over a period of years trying to get a club started and sometimes it happens, sometimes not. But the hare wouldn't spend an hour on it.

A breakthrough this year was finally getting a club organized in North Carolina. We've been at it for years. It wasn't that we didn't have the potential skaters there. We do all through the Southeast. We just didn't have someone to organize and maintain it. A couple years ago, we finally found a former Middle Atlantic skater with young kids, Dennis Longdon, to do it. He eventually drew in two mothers to help - a crucial thing because he has now taken a job in the Seattle, Washington, area. But not to worry - I think we have a happy ending here. The mothers are very enthused and vow to continue building and keeping the NC club going. And we need Dennis in the Seattle area to build up speedskating there.

I have been working with an Illinois attorney this year to set up the ASU Foundation. The incorporation papers have been filed with the Illinois Secretary of State where we are going to incorporate the Foundation. That should be completed within this month. The three Foundation trustees who are here this weekend, Chuck Moore, Larry Ralston and I, will be meeting to go over the Foundation By-Laws that have been drawn up by the attorney. We have some changes we want to make and then those will be sent to the attorney and the ASU Foundation should be finalized very shortly after that.

We do not have new ASU catalogs for you at this Convention. With my leaving and three new officers being elected this weekend, there was just too much to change in the catalog that had to wait for the outcome of Sunday's election. It will be reprinted in June and I have recommended that it be sent to all clubs and associations. The new Secretary will handle the copy changes and Dennis Marquard will again handle the printing.

I have drawn up a list of recommendations for the new Executive Committee. I figure that's the least I can do after 16 years in this job. The job has changed greatly over the last 16 years and it's time for more change. To continue to be a vital, active organization, serving the needs of speedskating, we must progress with the times and that means assessing our operation every year. That's what we do here.

In this new Millennium Year, it is true the ASU has weaknesses but it has many strengths. The greatest weakness that I see now is that the old timers, the hard-working volunteers who were the backbone of this organization at all levels, are burning out, and even dying out. They were totally devoted to the sport. They came through the glory days of the sport. It provided the athletic, social and even political sustenance for their lives. That is gone. It can't happen anymore. There are too many options now for both parents and children. Speedskating will never be the total activity of their social and sports lives.

But to counteract that we do have a strength. We are getting more and more older skaters back into the sport, most of whom contribute their administrative, managerial, coaching, officiating, marketing and other professional skills, to the sport. Many of these people would not have come back to the sport if there was not a place for them to compete. And many of them have children, some even grandchildren, that they are introducing to the sport.

Other strengths? The ASU every year brings new young people onto the National scene, to the "political arena". So we are gradually replacing the old-timers. And these new people have the skills that are needed for today's speedskating world. They are fresh, ambitious, energetic, creative and they care about our sport.

We have an exciting sport. Both Long Track and Short Track pack-style skating are fun to watch, to compete in, to work at, whether it be officiating or block chasing. Will it ever be a big sport - probably not. For one thing, it's strictly amateur, no professional competitors or competitions. Compare the popularity of professional sports to amateur sports in this country. But even in an amateur way, it's difficult to be involved - coaching is hard to come by, ice time is costly making the sport for young families an expensive activity, and with today's fast-paced life style, it is so much easier to settle for something kids can do as part of a park district program or out in the street like in-line skating.

Will the sport die? Absolutely not! It's still a very important sport in this country because of its Olympic successes. And it has a great tradition to hold on to. Will the ASU and its grass roots programs die? Again, I don't think so. You cannot ignore 73 years of history. It is a rare accomplishment for an organization to last that long. So I'll end with my favorite Shirleyism: we must have been doing something right!

REPORT ON THE SPEEDSKATING CANADA GENERAL MEETING 1999

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Bill Anderson

I attended this meeting with Chuck and Ruth Moore and Lisa Sundstrom. It was a good meeting and not much different than ours - when you get a bunch of people dedicated to the sport and a political process. The atmosphere was very professional. They seem to have more money than us. They have more structured discussions of proposals. It is worthwhile to attend in the future.

NORTH AMERICAN REPORT

by Joyce Leggatt

The North American Long Track at Lake Placid had a few problems that need to be addressed. The coaches were too far away from the track and were not getting results fast enough. They would prefer to be on the same side as the officers and announcers. Also, the protocol was not ready when we left - not unusual. I was promised one to arrive that week and as yet have not received it. Also, 2 skaters have not yet received their medals. We have been unable to contact Tom Miller, he is not returning any calls. I realize Tom had other meets to run and was asked to do this meet at the last minute; we would like to have the protocol and the medals. The total skater count was 83 Canadians and 73 Americans. 39 of the total skaters were Masters skaters.

The North American Short Track in Regina was not without its problems either. Friday's 12 hour day was too long for skaters and officials. There were 202 skaters - 32 Americans, 170 Canadians and 30 Masters skaters. The problem we had with the officiating was addressed by the Canadian competition committee and will be discussed at our AGM at Yellowknife in June.

We have made changes to the Alliance and if they are passed here this weekend they will be passed in Yellowknife. Ruth will speak to that tomorrow. As a committee, we still have work to do but we are making progress. Sometimes it seems we are not moving very fast, but we are. Again, thanks to Ruth Moore who works very hard with the committee and makes sure we stay on track and address all issues that come up.

Next year the North American Long Tracks will take place in Winnipeg which makes it central to all. Lets get those skaters out. We need to prove to Canada and the US that if it is centrally located, we will increase the numbers to this competition. I personally have been promoting, in Canada, the Short Track in Wisconsin and I think you will see a lot of Canadians there because I have told them what a great host Mike Affholter is. The thing is, we are not going to please everybody at these meets - there will be complaints no matter what side of the border. I think, what we need to do is to make sure that the skaters are happy and it is a good experience for them. This is what counts.

MEMORIALS

The memorial reports were read and a moment of silence was observed for those who had passed away during the year. Those memorials are included in these minutes and copies were mailed to the families.

BIDS

Shirley Yates read the bids for:

-2002 National Short Track Championship - 1 bid was received from Bob Halden and the Western New York Association

-National Marathon Championships for 2001 - none received yet but a recent email indicated that the Montshire Club in New Hampshire (near the border of Vermont) in the Northeast Association would submit a bid for that

-2002 Convention - Illinois and Missouri will be bidding for this

Shirley announced that the Northern New York Association will be willing to give up the National Long Track Championships for 2001 and Lisa Sundstrom is negotiating to get it at the new oval in Salt Lake City which should be ready this fall.

Bill Anderson questioned if the 2002 North American and National Long Track events would still be held at Pettit. From a cost standpoint, they are looking for some assistance .. Mike Affholter had heard that Salt Lake may swap a meet. The Pettit Center may submit a bid for a World Championship held at the same time. Fred Benjamin suggested the discussion be deferred until Lisa Sundstrom (delayed by the weather) arrives and the meet Scheduling Committee can meet.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bill Anderson reviewed the nominees but it was agreed that nominations would not be closed until Saturday since so many attendees were delayed by the weather. The report follows.

SPEEDSKATING HALL OF FAME

Mike Affholter presented his report and answered questions. His report follows.

HALL OF FAME

Larry Ralston

Al Menghi, Connecticut, will work as an assistant with Mike as he shares an interest in the Speedskating Hall of Fame. Our Hall of Fame induction will prove to be a brief ceremony since only two of the honorees are present. Our committee met last night but, because of travel difficulties, we could not finish. We need to elect a Chairman-Elect to take over for me in 2001. The HOF committee will meet again tomorrow and hear a presentation from Tom Porter about the possibility of moving the Hall of Fame to Saratoga Springs and I want the full membership there. Bill Markland has resigned and we need to elect a new member. Sunday morning we will need to get Board approval for our recommendations.

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS



MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, John J. Carney, born in Evanston and formerly of Winnetka and Glencoe, father of Denise, Michael, John, Thomas, and Linda, passed away on January 13, 2000, at the age of 72, and;

WHEREAS, in Chicago Silver Skates competitions in the 1940s, John won both the silver skates and the bronze skates and was a successful and avid competitor in other local competitions, and;

WHEREAS, John served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and maintained a lifelong love of golf.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Orange County, California, May 19-21, 2000, place in its records this testimonial of his love for, and contributions to, the sport of speedskating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sympathy and condolences of his friends in speedskating be conveyed to his family.

AMATEUR SKATING



ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Richard Giesel, passed away at the age of 74 on October 27, 1999, and was preceded in death by his wife Marian, proud parents of Gary, Glenn, Donald and Grace, and;

WHEREAS, Dick was a tireless supporter of speedskating, especially the Glen Ellyn AAA Speedskating Club of which he was manager in 1976, and was also a member of the YPO/CPO of Chicago in his youth, and;

WHEREAS, Dick was the retired president of A.P.I. Industries of Elk Grove Village, served in the Navy during World War II, was a Master Mason 32 Degree and a member of the Medinah Shriners Temple.

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AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS



MEMORIAL

Whereas, John (Jack) Nelson, former president and coach of the (at that time) all powerful Northbrook Skating club of Illinois, passed away on December 15, 1999 in Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

Whereas Jack Nelson was deeply involved in the sport from the early 50's and later skated in the masters class for the Mid America club of Illinois.

Whereas, Jack Nelson was always an easy going, friendly and cheerful person, a great golfer and fun to be with. Jack would give you the shirt off to his back.

Whereas, Jack Nelson is survived by his wife, Josephine and two daughters, Maggie and Helene, who were also very competitive skaters.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, in convention assembled at Irvine, California, May 19-21, 2000 ,place in its record this testimonial of his contribution to the sport.

Be it further resolved that the sympathy and condolences of all his friends be conveyed to his family.



GREATER MINNESOTA
SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Wally Thometz, husband of Jean and father of six children, Kurt, Kim, Kent, Kraig, Kris, and Keith (Nick) passed away suddenly September 13, 1999, and,

WHEREAS, Wally was a father of two former Olympian speedskaters, Kent and Nick. Nick continuing on in speedskating as a coach, administrator, and now as the director of Long Track for the next Olympics.

WHEREAS, Wally's primary interest was in speedskating. He enthusiastically enjoyed everything he experienced; hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, his job at N.S.P., and most importantly people.

WHEREAS, Wally was a faithful supporter of speedskating. He was considered a "Jack of All Trades", because he served in many capacities, ranging from shoveling snow off the rink, getting the guns ready, starting, to directing the meets in Minneapolis. There wasn't a job or a challenge he wouldn't accept. He was known as Mr. Mat Man, he covered and sewed up all the mats, with the help of his wife, and then always being there to help with them. He held every office in the Minnesota Skating Assn. including serving as President.

WHEREAS, Wally was a promoter of speedskating. Helping with fund raising for uniforms, mats and meet sponsors. He started the Viking Indoor Meet in Richfield. and promoting skaters to come from other states.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Orange County, California on May 19-21, 2000, place in its records this testimonial of his love and contribution to the sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sympathy and condolences of his friends in skating be conveyed to his wife Jean and family.



MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Merrill "Budd" Doyle, husband of Leota "Lee" Doyle, father and grandfather passed away on July 5, 1999 at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Budd Doyle was a National Judge and Timer and also a Secretary for the Missouri Speedskating Association for many years. He was the Chairman of the organizing committee that formed the Gateway Club and became their first President. Budd and his wife were always available and willing to coach skaters on the ice, and

WHEREAS, For most of his life he was actively involved with the sport. He even met his wife at a skating rink while they both were competing. He was always a kind and generous gentleman and is missed by his many friends and family;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in Convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19-20-21, 2000 place in its records this testimonial of his love and contributions to the sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of his friends be conveyed to his wife, daughter and grandson.

St. Louis Metropolitan Speed Skating Club

WHEREAS, Sylvia A. McCabe, of St. Louis Missouri, loving mother, loyal, and dedicated skater, passed away on March 6, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia started skating for the St. Louis Metropolitan Speed Skating club in St. Louis, Missouri. She enjoyed skating with the children. She always had a positive attitude and shared this with the children. She participated in all club functions and volunteered many hours. She loved to travel to competitions and compete in the Grand Master division. She made a lot of good friends and called all the skaters her family; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia was a teacher. She taught in a St. Louis City School. She was well liked by all her students; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia always loved speed skating. She was for living life to the fullest. She loved racing cars and her sled dogs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United states in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st, 2000, place in its records this testimonial of her love of the sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all her skating friends be conveyed to her family. She will be missed at the ice rink. God bless.

Missouri Speedskating Association

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, Rachel Ann Owen, of St. Louis, Missouri, loving daughter to Russell T. Owen and Susan M. Owen and devoted sister to Christopher Neal Owen and an enthusiastic fan of speedskating, passed away on July 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Rachel began helping her father in the heat box at Steinberg Skating Rink at the early age of ten. She thoroughly enjoyed letting the young skaters draw the sticks for their position on the starting line and she enjoyed getting to know them. As the years progressed, she learned to make out heat cards for local races, the State Championships and the St. Louis Silver Skates and help to prepare the order of events. She assisted her father and others in clerking various meets. By the age of sixteen, she ran the computer system for scoring and producing the meet results. She took pride in completing and printing the results before awards were presented at the conclusion of a meet. Her foreign language skills proved to be invaluable in the heat box at the World Junior meet held in St. Louis in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Rachel was attending St. Louis University, majoring in elementary education with a specialty in reading. Her academic credentials were stellar. As much as she fussed about school, she recognized the value of an education and worked hard to achieve outstanding grades. She loved working with children and was looking forward to graduating this year and starting her career as a teacher. She knew she could make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Rachel had tremendous balance to her life. Her friends would be the first to tell you that Rachel loved to party. She was a devoted friend to Patrick King and the King family. She loved the beach and boating. In her twenty two short years, she lived life to the fullest; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st in the year 2000, place in its records this testimonial to a wonderful daughter and a very special person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all her skating friends be conveyed to her mother, father and brother. She will be missed by many. God bless.

Memorial

Louis F. "Sonny" Rupprecht

Submitted by
Missouri Skating Association

WHEREAS, Louis F. "Sonny" Rupprecht was involved in the sport of speedskating for over 65 years passed away on April 5, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Sonny began competing in speedskating at the Winter Garden at age nine in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Sonny entered his first Silver Skates meet at age 11; and

WHEREAS, Sonny competed in many local and out-of-town competitions, achieving success and building his reputation as a good performer; and

WHEREAS, he was chosen for the 1948 Olympic team in St. Moritz, Switzerland based on his outstanding overall performances as a speedskater; and

WHEREAS, Sonny skated both the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter races at the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, he continued to compete after the Games, winning several Silver Skates and Missouri State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Sonny used his skating success to help promote public knowledge of the sport; and

WHEREAS, he went on to volunteer his time and expertise to coach young skaters for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, he always offered a helping hand to skaters and encouraged all who worked with him; and

WHEREAS, he left an indelible mark on the sport of speedskating;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States at its convention in Irvine, California, May 19 - 21, 2000, place in its record this testimonial to his contribution to the sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all friends be conveyed to his family.

The Omaha Speedskating Club

Memorial

WHEREAS, Jerome J. Klasman, formerly of New York and Connecticut, and most recently of Omaha, Nebraska, beloved partner of Katherine Fletcher and her children, Nicholas and Madeline and father of Kristy Granetz and Kevin Klasman, passed away on March 1, 2000: and

WHEREAS, Jerry was devoted to the sport of Speedskating on many levels, including that of skater, coach, administrator and promoter; and

WHEREAS, Jerry enjoyed many interests in many diverse fields that allowed him to travel and meet many new people. He graduated from Bowling Green University with a degree in music theory and embarked upon a variety of careers, which included that of musician, television broadcasting executive, and writer. He became an avid runner and that launched yet another career path into the field of sports management and special event production centered on marathons and triathlons. His experience included various management functions with the New York Marathon, World Cross Country Championships and ABC Sports (the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics); and

WHEREAS, Jerry always loved speedskating, even after years away from the sport. He learned to speedskate at an early age in St. Louis and renewed his dedication to the sport beginning with his successful effort to revive the Connecticut Speedskating Association. He continued to serve both speedskating and the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in many capacities including that of skater, board of control member, and certified judge and timer. In 1998 he took office as ASU Vice President of Promotion; and

WHEREAS, Jerry loved to share his knowledge of the sport with all he met, he always took time to educate and promote speedskating. Never one to merely mince words, in 1995, he developed a comprehensive plan to promote speedskating in schools. His plan, National Scholastic Speedskating (Project 2005) set in motion the planned growth of speedskating into a letter sport in regional school systems. Intended to not only increase the sport's popularity, it also intended to develop a new level of competitive skater in this country. Serving as its head at the time of his death, Jerry's contagious enthusiasm continues with those connected to the project today. Never content, he also developed learn-to skate programs for local rinks that would help to favor speedskating. In 1997, he put theory to practice moving from his beloved East Coast to the plains of Nebraska to accept a coaching position with a new rink in Omaha. There, he taught the sport he loved to complete novices and founded a new club which continues today as the Omaha Speedskating Club; and

WHEREAS, Jerry fiercely pursued his personal convictions for the betterment of speedskating and for living life to the fullest – always! His friends will miss his keen mind, his sharp wit, his generous spirit and his insufferable grin and the sport will miss his many contributions. His twin mottoes of "No Regrets" and "That's Short Track" will never be forgotten;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sympathy and condolences of all his friends in speedskating be conveyed to his family and his beloved companion



MEMORIAL

Whereas, Barbara Smith, a long time member and past President of the Southern California Speedskating Association, passed away on March 10, 2000; and

Whereas, Barbara was very active in the SCSSA for about ten years, serving in almost every capacity possible: parent (her son, Brian, raced in the early 1980's), meet clerk, heat box coordinator, heat box clerk at several National Championships, even Novice Coach in the mid 1980's and being honored as an SCSSA Lifetime Member; and

Whereas, she once shared vivid memories of skating the Nationals on Mirror Lake along-side downtown Lake Placid long before the Oval was built; and

Whereas, in the early 90's she left Southern California for the San Francisco area to be closer to her sons. There she continued her involvement with speed skating with the Northern California Speedskating Association. She came out to the races and sessions whenever she could, where she continued her role of "greeter"; and

Whereas, Northern California Speedskating Association President Mary Wong said, "Barbara was the first LA skater I met when my mom and dad and I showed up at a speedskating session out of the blue in 1987..She told me to put my skates on and get out there! She helped officiate at the first race the Golden Gate Speed Skaters put on, in 1989"; and

Whereas, Barbara even helped clerk the 1999 National Short Track in San Jose. She was always there, ready to help, and probably did more than most anyone else to help speed skating; and

Now, Therefore be It resolved that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st in the year 2000, place in its records this testimonial to Barbara who will be missed.

Be It further resolved that the sympathy and condolences of all her skating friends be conveyed to her family and friends.



MEMORIAL

Whereas, George Willson, an avid speedskater and an official for the Southern California Speedskating Association for many years passed away in early 1999.

Whereas, George competed on the local level in Southern California well into his fifties - long before there was even a hint of the Masters classes; and

Whereas, George, with his wife Anna, were national Assistant Judges and officiated most National Short Track Championships for many years. As a lawyer, he did the work necessary to reinstate the Southern California Speedskating Association IRS 501(c)(3) tax status in 1989. He did this at no charge to the Association; and

Whereas, George was the grandfather of skaters Keith and Charles King; and

Now, Therefore be it resolved that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st in the year 2000, place in its records this testimonial to George.

Be it further resolved that the sympathy and condolences of all his skating friends be conveyed to his family and friends.



MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the ASU lost one of its' oldest and most dedicated members of this sport when Howard Gutgesell Sr. died on April 14, 2000 from a heart attack at the West Allis Memorial Hospital. He was 88 years old; and

Whereas, Howard was always a very active member of speedskating starting in 1951 when he got involved with his two children, Vicki and Howard Jr., in pack style skating while living in Wausau, Wisconsin. They were members of the Wausau Skate Club and he did serve as its' president. He immediately became active as a judge, timer and heat box clerk volunteering at every competition.; and

Whereas, when his job transferred to Milwaukee in 1960 the family settled in Brookfield. He married Myrtle, whom he met while teaching general science in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, in 1937. He earned a masters degree in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1930; and

Whereas, their daughter, Vicki, continued to skate joining the West Allis Skate Club. Howard Jr. took some time off from skating but did resume skating with the Madison Skate Club while he was attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and

Whereas, when both children retired from skating, Howard Sr. continued to volunteer. He had been appointed a national ASU clerk of course in 1956 continuing through 1992. He served as president of the Wisconsin Skating Association. When Howard officially retired from the Veterans Association in 1975 the speedskating officiating became a full time job as a volunteer. That was his main interest. No matter how low temperature, Howard was always outdoors timing or judging, never missing a weekend at the old Olympic outdoor Ice Rink at the State Fair Park in West Allis, except to volunteer at the ASU National Long Track at Lake Como in St. Paul, Minnesota; and

Whereas, Howard was appointed treasurer of USISA and held that position for many years. He was USISA's Board of Control member to the ASU for many years. Howard was the first national chief official to be named as Official Emeritus. He was a lifetime member of US Speedskating. He was an official at many sprint and all around world championships. Howard accepted the offer to be a timer at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid in 1980;and

Whereas, Howard was a 10 year member of the ASU Hall of Fame committee and also served as its' Chairperson for the 1981-82 season. His devotion to Speedskating at all levels qualified him to be inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 1983; and

Whereas, his knowledge and information from the years of membership in the Wausau Skate Club helped the Central Wisconsin Skate Club find former officials and timers. This helped get that club started again, a few years ago. His wife, Myrtle, died in 1992; and

Whereas, Howard was an avid supporter of the ASU Scholarship Fund for many years with generous monetary contributions; and

Now, Therefore be it resolved that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st in the year 2000, place in its records this testimonial to Howard's love, dedication and contributions to the sport of Speedskating.

Be it further resolved that the sympathy and condolences of all his friends in speedskating be conveyed to his daughter, Vicki, and his son, Howard Jr., and his grandchildren.



MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, William H. (Bill) Heinkel Sr., a former coach of the West Allis Speedskating Club and an official of both ASU and USISA, died very suddenly of a heart attack on April 12, 2000 at the age of 77 years; and

Whereas, Bill's wife, Audrey, whom he married in 1947 in Milwaukee survives him as well as their five children, Bill Jr., Nancy, Debby and Don, 20 grandchildren and other relatives; and

Whereas, Bill Sr. and Audrey were residents of Racine, Wisconsin for the last 46 years. He was an instructor at Gateway Technical College for over 35 years. He was a youth football coach in Racine and avid bowler. He and Audrey were active members of Epiphany Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, all five of their children were speedskaters at some time having joined the West Allis Speedskate Club in 1957. Bill Sr., became a coach of this club shortly after joining, traveling forty-five minutes to the West Allis/ Milwaukee area several times a week for coaching and training. On the weekends of Pack style competitions, Bill Sr. always chaperoned a car full of skaters from the West Allis Club to many cities in the USA; and

Whereas, Bill Jr. was the most serious skater and continued to skate when his siblings pursued other interests. Bill Sr. coached him to five national championships in Long Track and Short Track. He also coached several other club skaters to become national champs as well as world and Olympic Team members; and

Whereas, Bill Sr. was and ASU national judge and timer for pack style as well as metric time trials at the former Olympic Outdoor Oval at the State Fair Park in West Allis; and

Whereas, Bill and Audrey were honored by the West Allis Speedskating Club in 1976 with the Family of the Year award. He was invited to serve as a Timer at the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid. Bill Sr. was a Life Time member of US Speedskating; and

Now, Therefore be it resolved that the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States in convention assembled in Irvine, California, May 19th to the 21st in the year 2000, place in its records this testimonial to Bill Sr.'s contributions to the sport of Speedskating.

Be it further resolved that the sympathy and condolences of all his friends in speedskating be conveyed to his wife Audrey and their five children and 20 grandchildren.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee would like to place the following candidates in nomination to the 2000 Convention of the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States. The President and Vice-President's election by the delegates will be Sunday, which may be cast proportionately by the delegates present. The Racing Blade Editor and Publisher, Handbook Editor and Commissioner of Officials will be appointed by the Board of Control at its Sunday session as will the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Nominations are:

President	Duane Riley
Vice-President Operations	Carl Cepuran
Vice-President Racing	Bob Payne
Vice-President Promotion	Al Menghi
Executive Secretary	Karen Kostal
Treasurer	Karen Kostal
Commissioner of Officials	Tony Arena & Joan Peterson
Handbook Editor	Bill Houghton
Racing Blade Editor	Bill Houghton
Racing Blade Publisher	Bruce Houghton

Additional nominations are requested at this time, after which the nominations will be closed. Candidates for contested offices may have five minutes each to address the delegates on Saturday.

This year we had several nominations for Skater Rep. and they were all for Beth Bedford. Due to the fact that this was the only name received, we did not need to conduct an election. Beth Bedford will now serve a two year term as was passed at last years convention.

Dennis P. Marquard, Chairman
Don Anderson
Ann Cooley
Pete Elliott

ASU Speedskating Hall of Fame Report

By Mike Affholter, Facilities Director

18 MAY 2000

My first full year on the job has been something of a mixed blessing. I had my eyes more fully opened to the past, and to where we stand now, as well as to our many needs for the future. While I am grateful for the better understanding of this project, I am also in awe of how much needs to be done, and quite frankly, I wish I had nothing more to do than spend all of my time working on just the Speedskating Hall of Fame (SHOF). Reality and responsibilities for the more immediate needs of my family, club, and community, however, severely restricted the amount of time I could devote to the HOF, and I can't help but feel a little guilt at not accomplishing more. I obviously need to shed a few more hats, but realistically that is going to take a little longer than I'd like, especially with the North American Short Track Championships coming to Wausau next year. That said, I'm still proud of what I was able to do, and in general, I feel very encouraged about our prospects for the future.

Perhaps the best way for me to summarize my Hall of Fame work this past year is to say that I focused on three areas. 1) Familiarizing myself with the past history of our SHOF, and what we have at present; 2) Educating myself about Halls of Fame and Sports Museums in general; and, 3) "Planting seeds" for the future.

The year began by assisting Shirley Yates in renewing our trademark for the Speedskating Hall of Fame that was initiated by Ed Renner. At that time I also decided to reserve the domain name SpeedskatingHallofFame.org for a future website. Then, in September and October, after spending most of the summer out West with my family, I was finally able to skim over many of the files which came from Bob Vehe's collection. I found very little information about the SHOF prior to Bob's time, and much of Bob's information dealt with the dispute he was having with the Newburgh Lions Club over ownership of artifacts. What I was hoping to find was some kind of "blueprint" for an ASU "Master Plan" for the SHOF. If one ever existed I didn't find it. I was also expecting a legal briefing of sorts from Ed Renner regarding dealings with the Lions Club, and ideas for working with them in the future, but that never materialized either.

So, in late October, on my way to Lake Placid for the annual convention of the International Association of Sports Museums and Halls of Fame (IASMHF), I made a stop in Newburgh to visit with members of the Lions Club, and to see what was on display. We had a very cordial meeting and the Lions went out of their way to welcome and accommodate me. Bob Burwick, and Gil Piaquadio in particular were very helpful in detailing events from their perspective. They showed a lot of pride in what they had done in the past to support speedskating and the SHOF, and somewhat surprisingly to me, after everything that has transpired in recent years, they still express an interest in remaining involved with the SHOF. I'm not sure if it's simply a case of club or community pride in preserving their unique place in speedskating history, or if it has more to do with the time, effort, and resources they've already invested, but frankly, I have to respect them for their tenacity in trying to retain a semblance of a SHOF in light of their impasse with the ASU. After learning about both sides frustrations and distrust in dealing with one another it appears to me that each side had greater expectations of the other than could possibly be delivered. The bitterness and despair that has surfaced is not going to be easy to dispel, but I truly believe that reasonable people can find reasonable solutions and I look forward to working with the Lions Club toward that end.

With regards to an actual Speedskating Hall of Fame in Newburgh, I'd have to say that for all intents and purposes one does not exist, and that under the current circumstances it is very doubtful one ever will. There is no hall, wall or exhibit which shows the SHOF members. What does exist is a relatively nice wall case display in the main lobby of the Ice Time rink that focuses on a few speedskaters with local connections. It is similar to displays at other rinks honoring their local speedskating heroes. There is

also a plaque and a very nicely reconstructed piece of art from the previous structure which housed the SHOF in Newburgh. It is apparent, however, that Ice Time's primary purpose is as an ice rink, not as a Speedskating Hall of Fame, and it is highly unlikely that that will ever change.

While visiting the rink we had a very frank discussion about the future of the SHOF, and I did make it clear that I had been directed to search for a new location for the SHOF. There was very obvious disappointment on their part, but when I asked if transferring all of the ASU's artifacts to a new facility would be a problem they said, "No". Their feeling was that if a legitimate new Speedskating Hall of Fame were constructed, they would give up the artifacts in their possession. I asked them a second time to be sure I had heard them correctly since I had been told this issue was at the heart of the impasse. When they answered the same as before I thanked them wholeheartedly for taking care of the artifacts for these many years. They did say they weren't about to transfer them to somebody else's basement or attic, and for this I did commend them. This tells me they are sincere in their desire to care for the artifacts and I will do what I can to assist them with the preservation process.

I also mentioned an idea of Ed Renner's that might make a move from Newburgh more palatable. That being the possibility of establishing a satellite site or two with which we can rotate traveling exhibits. The Lions said the rink could provide them with a couple more small exhibit spaces, and it was adding a community room which might be available on a temporary basis.

Before leaving I expressed an interest in getting an inventory of artifacts that they have in their possession, and I asked that they help Don Kangas when he arrived in Newburgh a couple weeks later. They did present Don with a partial inventory which I was very grateful to receive. (I still need to inventory the items in my possession!)

At the IASMHF convention I made several new acquaintances from other Halls of Fame who said they would assist me with various projects with which I will need to deal in the future. I have also visited with other museum professionals to seek additional education and guidance on a number of issues, and I have begun building a library of professional and technical information for future use.

As I stated last year I have a strong desire to be an everyday hands-on director of the Speedskating Hall of Fame and that would be much more feasible if it were located near where I live. Toward that end I started participating in a grass roots community program to help plan for Marathon County's future called "Envision Marathon County". Karen Spaude, the director of this program, is actively assisting me in this project and we have made pitches to both Wausau and Weston. She is now actively working with other community leaders to seek support among our local State Legislators for this project, so hopefully this is one of those seeds which will eventually bear fruit.

During the coming year I will continue this pursuit to see where it might lead. I also plan a return trip to Newburgh to work with the Lions Club on a more formal inventory, and to properly catalog all the artifacts, and to determine what our needs are for the best means of preservation. I would also like to involve some volunteers in an oral history project (interviewing members of the SHOF), and a SHOF newsletter. And, I especially would like to put together a traveling type exhibit on the SHOF.

Now if only I can shed a few more hats!?!

JOHN FRED GOHL
June 12, 1903 - May 24, 1978

We honor J. Fred Gohl posthumously, after an outstanding career as a teacher and promoter of the sport. His contributions include a direct link to the past present and future of the sport of speedskating.

He grew up as an Indiana farm boy and although his given name was John, he preferred to be called Fred. Throughout his professional career he was known to all as Fred Gohl.

After graduating from George Williams College, a YMCA sponsored facility, he began a career with the Chicago Public School System as a teacher and Recreation Director in 1929. As a former speedskater he had learned the benefit of an individual sport and competition and the impact it had on his life. He used these lessons to help hundreds of people, young and old, succeed in life and impact the sport of speedskating.

He was a very innovative individual. He conceived the idea of an annual Ice Carnival to attract attention to his local programs during the long Winter months. Curious kids became serious competitors in a sport that was not well known. He was the first to start a skate exchange, where youngsters could trade in their old skates, after they had outgrown them, for a newer pair at minimal cost. The program mushroomed and was copied by other clubs throughout the country.

He used speedskating and the associated disciplines to teach young people the traits necessary to become productive members of society and developed numerous National Champions along the way. He believed so strongly in the sport that wherever he went a new skating club was sure to follow. He was personally responsible for originating the Swift Club of Chicago, in 1932; The Peirce Club, of Chicago in 1938; and the Waupaca Club, of Wisconsin in 1959. He was also indirectly responsible for two other Clubs; the Stehman Club of Chicago in 1957; the Lilacia Club of Lombard, IL in 1958; and a new Association; The Connecticut Association in 1973. All of these latter mentioned organizations were organized by some of his most famous pupils.

At Peirce Playground he built a dynasty, and the number 1 Club in the Nation at that time. At Peirce the field was barely large enough to hold a 16 lap track but youngsters came from all over Chicagoland to be a member of that Club. At one National Outdoor Championship in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Peirce skaters scored more points than all other Clubs combined. He also encouraged the parents of his athletes to become involved in the day to day operations of the Club and its associated activities. Many went on to distinguish themselves as Officials and Administrators in the sport of speedskating.

A devout Christian and true optimist, in every sense of the word; he took a personal interest in everyone that came in contact with him. He had a knack for bringing out the best in people. Some had started to take the wrong path in life but his enthusiasm and ability to foster fundamental attitudes of hard work, determination, accountability and sacrifice changed their direction. He was unassuming but firm, gentle but persuasive, and a master teacher. Just ask Rich Widmark, one of his former pupils, who went on to become a standout defensive back at Northwestern University, is a current Masters Men competitor and former 2 time World Barrel Jumping Champion.

Considering the people whose lives he has touched and the advancements that have been made in the sport over the past 70 years, we must concede that J. Fred Gohl played a partial role in this progress: Without Phil Krumm, a former Peirce Skating Club President, there would be no USISA, (now U.S. Speedskating), no 400 meter track in Milwaukee, no World Sprint Championships and no U.S.Olympic Committee revenue sharing. Phil Krumm was the prime mover in all these ventures and his roots were established under the the able guidance of J. Fred Gohl.

Life was not always easy for J. Fred Gohl, but when life gave him lemons, he made lemonade. Although a very outgoing person, he was also a very private individual. He never complained about his nagging hip problem nor the fact that his wife, Marge, was an invalid. She was diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease a few weeks after their marriage in 1927. He loved her dearly and provided the care needed while holding a full time teaching position. He rented an apartment across the street from Peirce Playground so he could look in on her periodically and attend to her needs. They never had a family but they enriched the lives of hundreds of young people because Marge was his staunchest supporter.

J. Fred took an early retirement from the Chicago School System and started the Boys Country Club in Waupaca, Wisconsin in 1959. He had purchased the farm over a period of years and developed it into the Boys Country Club in order to give City kids a taste of Country life. It was good therapy for Marge because the kitchen was designed so she could assist in preparing the meals. They ran the camp for 10 years and J. Fred retired for a second time in 1969. During his 10 years in Waupaca, he originated the Waupaca Speedskating Club in an area that never heard of the sport. It was known as the biggest little club in the U.S.

The new owner of the Club developed it into a regulation par 3 golf course after J. Fred had done the preliminary work on the course, exclusively for use by his kids.

On May 24, 1978, J.Fred and Marge joined each other in death. J. Fred had suffered a major heart attack at their home and Marge, so overcome with grief, expired also. A more perfect script could not have been written, they were so close throughtout their lives,

The Waupaca Club continues to hold their annual speedskating meet, now known as the Gohl Memorial Waupaca Classic, and the Club continues on. The Gohl estate willed over 200 pairs of speedskates to the Waupaca Club.

So now, this long awaited honor is bestowed upon a most unique person and outstanding contributor to the sport. He joins Mary Novak Sand, Jim Campbell, Dr. & Mrs, Milan Novak, Ed Schroeder, Phil Krumm and Larry Ralston; all products of his teaching and encouragement.

The plaque, attesting to his membership in the Hall of Fame, will be permanently displayed at the Waupaca Youth Center as a lasting testimony to the legacy he left behind.

TOM PLANT

Began his skating career at age 12, when he attended a summer training session with the Gulczynski Family and the West Allis Skating Club.

He went on to skate both Indoor and Outdoor pack style meets for a few years, winning a few meets and medals, but began focusing on Olympic style competition at the age of 15. From 1978 thru 1981, he compiled an enviable record of achievement at the World level and after his competitive days were over he continued as a coach and/or Team Leader for United States Short Track Teams from 1982 thru 1985.

SKATING ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1978 - Member of the 2 person World Junior All around Long Track Team competing in Montreal, Canada. Finished 19th overall.
- 1979 - Member of the 4 person World Sprint Long Track team competing in Inzell, Germany. Finished 10th overall.
- 1980 - Member of the 4 person World Sprint Long Track team competing at West Allis, Wisconsin. Finished 3rd overall (158.960 points)
 - Gold Medal - 500 meters 38.66
 - Bronze Medal - 1000 meters 1.19.87
- 1980 - Member of the World All Around Long Track team, competing in Heerenveen, Holland. Silver medalist, 500 meters - 39.95
- 1980 - Member of the 1980 United States Olympic Team, Lake Placid, New York. Competed at 1500 meters.
- 1982 - Coach, U.S. Short Track World Team, New Brunswick, Canada.
- 1983 - Coach and Team Leader, U.S. World Short Track Team, Tokyo, Japan
- 1984 - Coach and Team Leader, U.S. World Short Track Team, Peterborough, England.
- 1985 - Coach and Team Leader, U.S. World Short Track Team, Amsterdam, Holland

Tom is an all around athlete that enjoys all sports. He holds a license in the Health and Life Insurance field and is also a Commodity Trading Advisor. He currently owns his own business; buying and selling airplanes, parts and engines in various World markets.

Married to Daena and the father of 3 children; Sean, Robert and Elena.

Enjoys coaching sons Soccer and Hockey Teams and is a member of the Eastbrook Church. He resides with his wife and family in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

MILLARD D. (DOC) SAVAGE

Millard D. Savage, affectionately known as "Doc", was born January 11, 1928. He was never a speedskater himself but nevertheless has been very actively involved with the sport for the past 27 years.

He is still contributing with immeasurable time, boundless energy, all the knowledge he has acquired, and a personal heartfelt interest in helping people get started in the sport. While he has contributed at all levels; from local to National, and even assisted at some International events, Doc has focused a great deal of his efforts at the grass roots level to help countless Communities, Clubs and Families understand, develop and promote the sport.

His involvement began in 1972 when his daughter, Karen, became interested in the sport as a Novice Pony skater. She practically lived at the Olympic rink and was soon joined by her Sister, Holly. While his girls were in it for fun and to keep in shape for their running activities during the warmer season, Doc immediately sensed the need for some more basic information, which most people entering the sport tend to need.

His response to this need put him on a path which he still travels today to assist anyone, anywhere who needs to know more about the sport.

He began by gathering information on speedskating from Class A skaters who were returning from competitions with meet programs. From these he gleaned information about scoring points, distances skated, skate sharpening and other pertinent material. Soon thereafter he was elected Vice President of Promotion for the Wisconsin Skating Association. He proposed putting together a "Booklet for New Skaters and Families".

Jerry and Joyce Wanek supported him in his project and he encouraged other people to submit articles of importance. With the assistance of Grace Mane the project was completed and published in 1976. At the 1977 ASU Convention, he received the ASU Publicity Award for his efforts.

In 1978 he designed the North American pin for the meet in Milwaukee.

1979 brought him another ASU Publicity Award. Still serving as the Wisconsin Skating Association Vice President of Promotion and Publicity he initiated a training program in Oconomowoc for both parents and skaters. While the skaters were being trained by Peter and Leah Mueller, the parents were being trained in officiating. Doc himself served many years in the heat box assisting Ted Gulczynski. His trademark "badge jacket", delighted the skaters immensely and is still a source of continuous comment.

Doc built on that training program by setting up a Wisconsin Skating Association Family Camp in 1980 and 1981; at Oddfellows camp in Waupaca and serving as the Camp Director for 100 and 85 attendees respectively.

From 1983 - 1985, he was elected President of the Wisconsin Association where he oversaw the hosting of the 1984 ASU National Championships.

He also attended the 1st American Coaching Effectiveness Program in 1984 and worked for awhile with Larry Ralston and Don Kángas in the Coaching Education Program.

1983 also saw Doc's emergence on the National scene as a member of the ASU Membership, Growth and Novice Development Committee. In 1984 he assumed the chairmanship of that committee and soon thereafter became chairman of the revamped Growth and Development and Novice Program Committee. He has continually served in this capacity since that time, overseeing the growth of dozens of new clubs.

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He believes he has pushed development of speedskating in every State in the United States during that time with special attention being given to direct member areas which receive little or no Association assistance.

In 1987 he began planning for his "Pioneering Trips", with Project Indy, an idea which he brought to the January 1988 ASU Executive Board meeting. His plan was to take a team of instructors to non association areas to assist with startup programs for skaters and club organizers. Since then he has taken the program to Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale Florida; Tacoma, Washington; Salt Lake City, Utah; Sun Valley, Idaho; Anchorage, Alaska; Harrisberg, Pennsylvania and Springdale, Arkansas. He has also attended some new rink openings to promote speedskating.

At the 1988 ASU Convention he initiated the first Coaches Forum, where Coaches could exchange ideas and knowledge. The following year he was the recipient of the ASU Presidents Award.

Within Wisconsin Doc has served as a Commissioner of the Badger State Winter Games. He continues to serve as a consultant and has strongly urged other Associations to consider affiliations with their own State Games as a means of grass roots development. He has also been a strong advocate of Special Olympic Speedskating Programs and was the prime mover in seeing that the ASU accept Special needs skaters. He continues to promote these programs with every pioneering trip he takes.

He is currently working on a revised edition of his, "Booklet For New Skaters and Families", and continues his work as Chairman of the ASU Growth and Development Committee.

Doc Savage's contributions strongly exemplify the purpose and objectives of the ASU; To encourage, advance, improve and control amateur speedskating in all its branches throughout the United States.

SHIRLEY ANN YATES

A native of the state of Michigan; born in Laurium, on the Upper Peninsula, she attended Michigan State University and majored in Journalism. After college, she took a job with the South Bend Tribune as a General Assignment reporter and Feature Writer. During her six-year tenure, she had the honor of interviewing such dignitaries as Richard Nixon, Perry Como, Peter Ustinov, and Patty Duke. She also covered Queen Elizabeth's visit to Chicago.

Her series of articles on Contemporary Church Architecture won the 1960 American Institute of Architects Journalism Award. This monetary award was used to purchase some property on the Keweenaw Peninsula, which she will soon call her Retirement Home for the summer.

Shirley and Jim moved to Glen Ellyn, Illinois in 1962. There, she and Jim helped found a local Theatre Group, "The Village Theatre Guild". Her journalism background earned her the instant position of Publicity and Promotion Director. She handled the assignment well and went on to progress through all aspects of backstage theatre, including Stage Manager and producer. She went on to produce twelve stage plays.

For her next adventure the entire Yates family got involved with the Glen Ellyn AAA Speedskating Club. The rest is history...and brings us to the moment at hand:

She began as the publicist for the Glen Ellyn Club in 1969. Both Jim and Shirley served as Club Managers but Shirley did such a good job that she was elected to do it again for two years in a row - the first time that happened at the Glen Ellyn Club. She even competed as a Veteran Woman for a few years at the Illinois State Outdoor Championships at Lake Ellyn.

By this time, she had met Bob Vehe, at a State meeting. He told her all she needed to know about getting involved at the State Association level. She went on to be the Meet Director at many Illinois events. Her enthusiasm and vitality caught the eye of the Illinois Association and she was elected an Illinois Officer and Delegate to the Annual ASU Convention. After four years of convention experience, she was urged to seek the position of Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Due to the impending retirement of myself, Larry Ralston, she was elected in 1984 and I couldn't have hand picked a finer successor.

After her election, she continued a full time job as Secretary and Bookkeeper for a local realty firm, doing the ASU work at night. When the ASU job became a major chore, she quit her day job to work full time for the ASU. Her commitment has been evident for the past sixteen years.

She became a National Chief Judge and is in demand at many prestigious meets throughout the country. When her two sons ended their active participation in the sport, she became active with Karen Kunkel and Northern Michigan University in developing the site as an Olympic Training Center. It was later designated the U.S. Olympic Education Center and currently houses the United States Short Track Speedskating program.

She has worked closely with the Canadian Amateur Speedskating Association and Joyce Leggett to preserve and enhance the North American Speedskating Championships and the Speedskating portion of the Special Olympics Program.

For sixteen years Shirley has been elected to handle the day to day duties and business of the Union; sometimes, under very difficult circumstances. Her dedication expands far beyond the parameters of her normal scope of duties. She has worked to preserve the History of this Union and has been the glue that has held the Union together for sixteen years as the link of continuity between administrations.

She has gained a reputation as a renowned Meet Director or Chief Judge at a number of National, North American and International Championships.

- **She has worked diligently on the President's Commission to merge the Amateur Speedskating Union and US Speedskating.**
- **Is a member of the committee to establish the ASU Foundation.**
- **Was personally responsible for administration of the ASU Training camps at Northern Michigan University. Over eight years, six camps attracted more than 300 participants.**
- **Prior to her election as Executive Secretary, she served as Chairman of the ASU Publicity Committee and Meet Scheduling Committee.**
- **Set up the existing computer system for the ASU, secured the use of the postage meter, a fax machine and generally streamlined the day to day operations of this Union.**

Shirley and Jim have two sons; Michael, a member of the SWAT team with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration, and, Jonathan who is completing studies for his PHD in Cell and Molecular Biology. Jim has recently retired as a Ceramic Engineer with Chicago Firebrick Company.

After serving the longest tenure of any ASU Secretary/Treasurer, Shirley and Jim will be retiring back to their beloved Michigan, where they will become close neighbors to me. Shirley has promised to remain active with the ASU and get involved with the Michigan Skating Association. I'll see to it that she keeps that promise.

It is with great pleasure that introduce the newest member to the Hall of Fame.....Shirley Yates.

COACHING COMMITTEE REPORT

David Kennedy

I am the Coaching Committee chairman, and if anyone has any questions about coaching seminars, please direct them to John Monroe. He can answer your questions. It is a good program. Summer camps: ASU has two this summer with US Speedskating and thank you very much to John Monroe who got us a camp at Lake Placid which we would otherwise not have had. We also have a camp at Northern Michigan which still has a lot of room. There are copies of entry forms for you to take back to your Associations. Encourage your coaches and skaters to attend. ASU is sponsoring a camp in late July open to all ages and abilities and Leslie Bader will coach. They are doing several camps here in Southern California - Wausau is doing a camp. And, of course, Pat Maxwell is doing his camps. I think St. Louis is doing a camp as well.

One of our skaters mother (Chris Greer) is finishing a fantastic quilt that has almost every signature of every US Olympic skater that is still alive. It will be a beautiful quilt and priceless treasure. Whoever wins it should donate it to the Hall of Fame. We will get a color picture of it up on the website. We are selling Raffle tickets for it this weekend. We ask all Associations to support this. Please buy some raffle tickets or sell them to others in your Associations.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped at our Nationals. Thanks from the help from ASU people - everyone that came and helped. Thanks to the ASU for the subsidy - it made a big difference. I am very very appreciative of all of your help.

There was a discussion regarding some Committee meetings and reports that were moved due to the delay of some attendees.

NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE REPORT 2000

The North American Committee is proud to say that we have had another successful year. Our main goal this year as last, was to encourage and promote participation at the 2000 Long Track in Lake Placid and the Short Track in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Our greatest challenge for this year, was to ensure that our U.S. skaters would compete at the Short Track Championships in Regina. We were concerned that the great distance to Regina and cost would prohibit participation. We first focused in on the possibility of busing skaters to the competition, and after some research by Carl Cepuran and Chuck Moore, we agreed that the bus route would not be a viable option. After discussions of other options, we decided to try an offer to the competitors of a Travel Award, in the amount of \$300.00, for those competitors who were interested in going to Regina for Short Track Championships.

Shirley sent out committee Award Letters and applications to all Associations and interested parties. To our pleasant surprise, we received 28 Applications for the Travel Award. 21 out of the 28 applicants competed at Regina and received their award. We were pleased to have over thirty U. S. skaters travel to Regina and compete at the Short Track Championships. Included in this number were 9 elite skaters from Northern Michigan. We would like to thank Stephen Gough for his efforts in getting these skaters to the North Americans. Both of his relay teams did very well.

Switching our focus to Long Track, we decided to help with transportation expenses to Lake Placid by helping with the cost of passenger vans from Albany to Lake Placid. Again, Carl pitched in and promoted group participation with the offer of free transportation, not including gas, from Albany to Lake Placid. His promotion worked, and a group of skaters and officials from the Midwest Associations traveled by train across country and picked up two large vans at Albany airport for their use that weekend.

As another incentive to attend the Long Track Championships in Lake Placid, the Committee decided to award High Point Skins to Champions in the midget through senior divisions. Eleven high point Champions received order awards for their special design skins, as there was a tie in junior girls division. Four of the eleven were U.S. skaters, with the other seven skaters from the following Canadian provinces: 1 from Ontario, two from Winnipeg, two from Quebec, one from Alberta and one from Saskatchewan.

The committee met twice formally, since last year's convention, with many communications by E mail. Joyce came to Boston for our annual fall meeting, at which we revised the Alliance. Chuck, did the actual editing of the document. The revision of the Alliance was necessary due to our class changes and the change in CASSA's name to Speed Skating Canada. Other minor changes are listed which we will go over later. Of course Joyce and I did some shopping and a little sightseeing, trying to avoid the "Big Dig" or as we call it the "Big Money Pit" as much as possible.

The committee also met again at on March 25, in Regina. Five committee members and two invited guests, were present. Among the topics discussed were, All Point Systems, blocking of age classes at the N. A. Championships, the need to have 3 competitors in the class to made it an official class, and next years North American Short Track Championships in Wausau, Wisconsin. The minutes of this meeting, and other minutes, are available if anyone would like to read them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly our anonymous elite skater, for her generous donation towards our younger North American competitors. Because of this award, the top three, U. S. point scorers at the North American Long Track and the Short Track, in the midget through the junior divisions, received financial assistance.

I would also like to thank President Anderson for his encouragement and active participation on the committee, and especially, for allowing us to turn ideas into actions.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Joyce Leggatt for all her guidance and dedication to the North American Alliance and Championships. Thank You Joyce.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth A. Moore
Chairperson, North American Committee
May 20, 2000

After Ruth Moore's Report there followed some discussion:

Since the copy of the Alliance was included in the Convention packet there were made other revisions - those are the revisions we will be presenting to the Board of Control on Sunday. We have been discussing the all points format extensively in the past - in Regina this year we had a large group and it was the consensus of the committee that it was an excellent format and we would like to use it and the Canadians have also requested that this is used exclusively at the NA...Your skaters skate in the regular classes and it is all points. There are 4 or 5 different versions and some are better than others.

John Monroe stated that this is what they have been essentially using for the American Cup series. Some of you may have seen this.

Jim Chapin asked if there would be a male and female class and questioned the amount of time required. Joyce and Ruth said that the classes would stay the same and that they have run meets with 240 skaters in 2 days and are out by 5:30 at night running the same identical races.

Ruth stated that we need to discuss other options and leave ourselves open to improvements in our program. We skated the all points in Regina and it was a new version some people had never seen before - there were both positives and negatives to this particular version. Many people were happy with it because it was more fun for a skater to come so far and at least skate 8 races. Right now we are talking only short track but they are beginning to use all points in Canada for LT.

Ruth provided the major changes to the Alliance and that document can be found later in this report.

Ruth highlighted the major proposed changes:

- Master Class - Canada added 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, instead of the age classification - maybe skaters would prefer not to announce the age all the time.
- CASSA changed to SCA
- change the relay to exclude Midgets
- can combine with another association or branch if you can't put a relay team together
- must be a minimum of 3 in a class to be awarded an official medallion - this is to help Canada because the clubs pay for medallions - so, if only 2 or 1 skater it becomes an exhibition class...skaters can still skate but saves money on the medallions for Canada (Ruth would like this be optional so America can continue to award the medallions and then the host club can option for this because we have our medallions covered - the point was to help Canada so clubs can afford to sponsor)
- 72 hour deadline (3 days before the start of the competition)
- changing to the ISU short track start for all of the NA Championships

-termination of the alliance in 1 year (now requires 3 consecutive years) - much discussion followed with a vote taken to require 2 years and not 3 and this passed -
-questions arose on what this vote meant...nothing because the BOC will vote.

(Larry as Chairman of the Medal and Medallion Fund is vehemently opposed to the medallion change...but, again, perhaps this can be optional so we, in America, can do what we want...Ruth explained the vote was not binding but rather she wanted to get some input....A suggestion was made to simply leave this out of the alliance and allow each to do as their rules provide....Joyce said that the skaters (mostly Americans) are not happy with this...It needs to be printed so skaters are not disappointed and know what they will get...

-777 distance deleted so everyone can skate 4 distances

-there is a proposal to change the distance so Midgets can skate the 500 and then drop the 400

**GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
NOVICE COORDINATOR
REPORTS
Doc Savage**

The reports follow. After Doc presented his reports there was some discussion:

Bill Anderson reported on sharing ideas such as watching a hockey game and afterwards going to the kids who didn't get to play and then ask if they would like to try something different!

Karen Street shared their success with recruiting young hockey kids who find it more fun to speedskate.

A proposal for discussion was made whereby clubs that have successful programs for recruiting get money from the ASU (grant money) - apply for the money after submitting recruitment programs. Then this money could be used to subsidize ice time or learn to skate programs. Now many clubs try different things....lets have some competition for money and maybe the successful programs will be duplicated by other clubs. Another said, it sounds like a good idea, but, it pushes the responsibility to fundraise off of the local clubs where it belongs.

Money helps to motivate though - through recognition - the money would not be so great - it is more a recognition thing to reinforce success. However, this would require a lot of administration - but it is an idea and should be pursued. Doc thought that something like this was done years ago that paid \$5 per new skater to each club and \$10 for each 2nd year skater and the grants that the clubs got ranged between \$5 per club to \$400 to a club...so the big clubs got bigger and the small clubs did not...But this would not be a rebate on dues - instead you would be looking qualitatively at programs clubs develop - A discussion regarding learn to skate vs. learn to speedskate...Interviewing skaters who quit speedskating may help to identify issues...coaching

seems to be a reason to leave - lack of it or too much a focus on only the elite - interest in other sports is also another reason to quit..years ago there wasn't all of the soccer and huge youth hockey programs...Doc discussed that he recommends that beginners first learn to skate before they begin speedskating so there is some skill - and then more success - the local speedskaters should do a demo at the end of a learn to skate program - some clubs must allow a lot of recreational adult speedskaters who are not interested in competition but instead fitness in order to pay for the ice time..however, they take up the time of the coaches - it is a dilemma - it is difficult to focus on the kids and fun and games - the adults want to do laps and then the kids are not having fun anymore - that is what happened in Minneapolis....In Illinois, some parents put up \$5000 to buy ice up front and then found skaters to come - they got Brian Arsenau to coach and it was successful - it focussed on the kids who wanted to compete and get better training - this doesn't address the really young kids who you want to get going....HealthSouth did an exhibition at a professional hockey game and that is good for visibility and promotion...

Bill Anderson summed up some of the comments: fun is often mentioned...it needs to be fun....another issue is how do you keep a skater....with my kids it seemed as though it was the individual attention the coach gave to my children - It's not any one thing but there is a lot of things we need to remember....pay attention to the athlete...it transcends all sports...take advantage of the opportunities we have- Let's share ideas so we don't need to duplicate efforts



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1999/2000 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Folks before we get involved in this report, lets all welcome our new Direct Member Clubs, Las Vegas Speedskating club, Fairbanks Speedskating club of Alaska and the South East Ice Speedskate Club from Charlotte North Carolina. Associations may have formed new clubs without our knowledge. Welcome to the ASU New Clubs.

The season never ends for Growth and Development Committee. Right after our convention in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, we were on our way to Las Vegas to take part in ISI conferences "On Ice" program. Bob Payne and Ferd Shaffer from Northern California, and Bob Nelson from Southern California accompanied me to the Sahara Ice Palace in Las Vegas. Our 25 minute program was attended by approximately 35 ISI skating Directors/Instructors. ASU promotions were available to all as well as our specially developed skating Directors/Instructors manual. We had a nice visit after our program and talked with many people.

During our visit to Las Vegas all of us attended the Trade Show at the ISI Conference Hotel. There we talked with skate manufacturers about getting a low-cost short track boot and blade combo. The people that sell the Tour Inline boot and wheels agreed to work on a short track set-up. Later in the year, some samples were made of large sizes. A few pair were sent to Bob and Ferd for testing. Results were that the memory foam in the boot was too stiff. The cold would not let the foam work. Around February 2000, I received a pair of 5's with a much better foam. This pair of skates were tested by various skaters with mixed results. A report was sent to the company and at the present time awaiting a decision on a fix.

This year six Rink Owners, Managers or Skating Directors contacted the ASU for information. This is great! This means that Rink Management is interested in our sport, rounding out their programs.

This season was the same as many seasons with more than 35 new inquiries contacted by phone or mail. Also contacted were those contacts from the 98/99 season so roughly 75 people we contacted this season. Areas include: Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming. With all of this activity ask Shirley Yates what my phone bills were and also the copy machine copies. Personal contact is important even if the answer is that were trying but slow. I try to keep speedskating on their minds.

In 1998 the management of the Aston PA Ice Works Arena, contacted me to get information

about short track speedskating. To my surprise when I went to the 2000 National Short Track Championships, who was there to meet me but the people that requested the information 2 years before. I must say for not having short track speedskating in there rink before they sure did everything needed. A great meet! "Ice Works of Aston, PA." I understand they are ready for another BIG MEET.

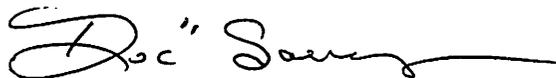
Another new inquiry for more information about speedskating is a member of the Pittsburgh, PA Speedskating Club. The lady also happens to be a member of the Figure Skating's Professional Skating Association (PSA). This lady has convinced her rink manager that they need speedskating. The manager opened up 4 nights for Learn to Speedskate Program. As of the second class, they have 20+ regulars, with a few more expected for third and fourth sessions. Many are asking for lessons this summer. The rink manager is setting aside one hour Tuesday evening for this. This lady is going and also her son because he just loves speedskating. I believe that with Heidi Krueger on our side, we can reach more PSA members. Heidi has suggested that we see about low cost speedskates for rinks. The Growth and Development Committee is working on this.

Once again, I am asking everyone please give me names, addresses and phone numbers of any skaters, family members, friends or neighbors that moved or are in college etc. We need to know where they are and who they are. As you can see by our list, inquiries come from all over. Contact me here at the convention or at home.

Because the National State Games is still going on, I would like to know states that have state games. Do they have speedskating? Then if not, why not. Contact me and I'll be glad to talk with your and send you information. There is no reason short track can not be in the games. Help make this activity happen.

May 29th, 2000 will find me on the way to Orlando, FL to take part in the ISI Conference. With the help of Ken Altuchoff and Cornelia Bagg, we will be presenting a Round Table to Ice Rink Administrators. The theme "Steering a course toward brighter horizons". We will also visit the Trade Show while at the conference.

Please fill out the Novice and Speedskating Idea Slips, your thoughts and ideas are always welcomed by our committee. You help guide us with your communication. Keep in touch.

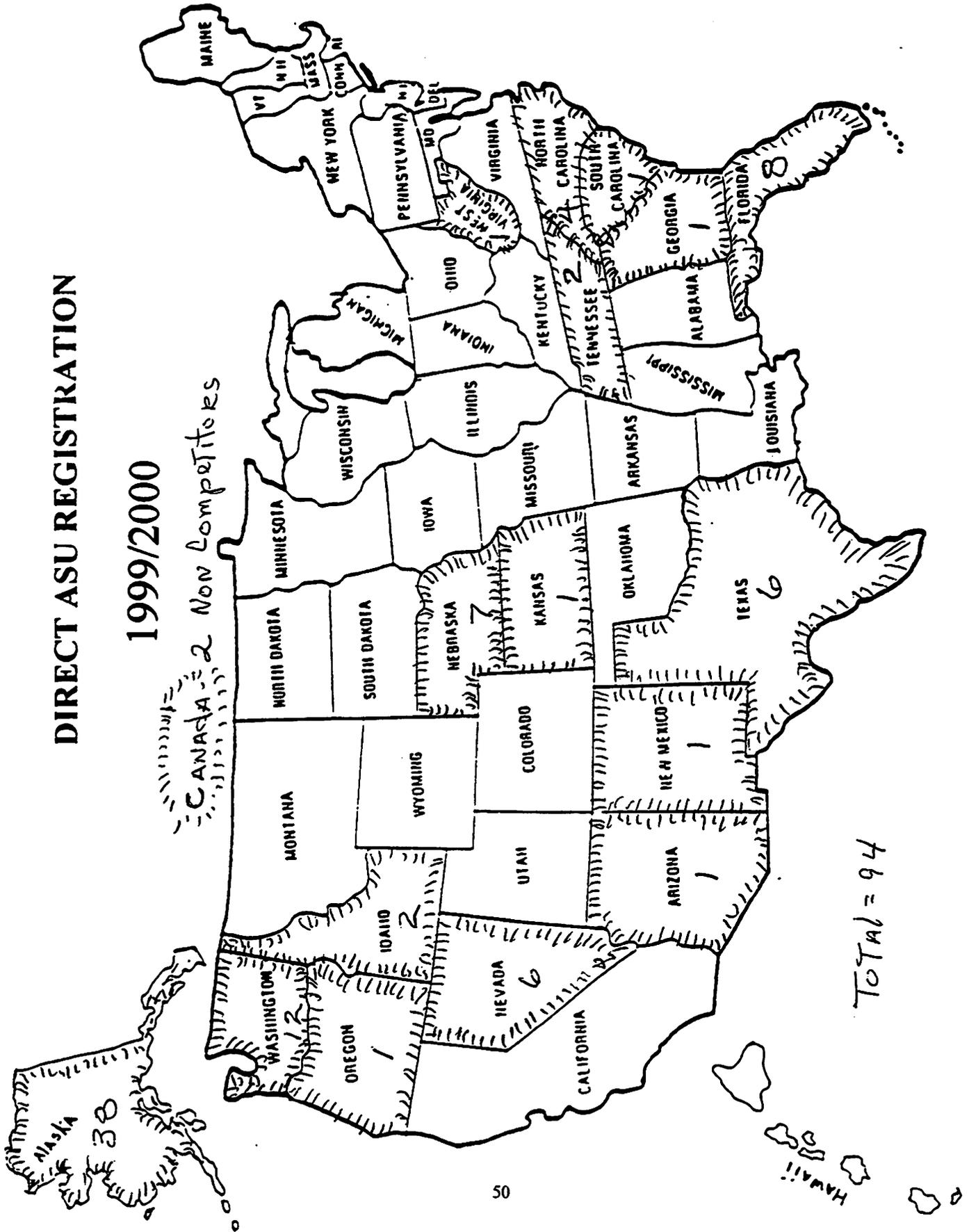


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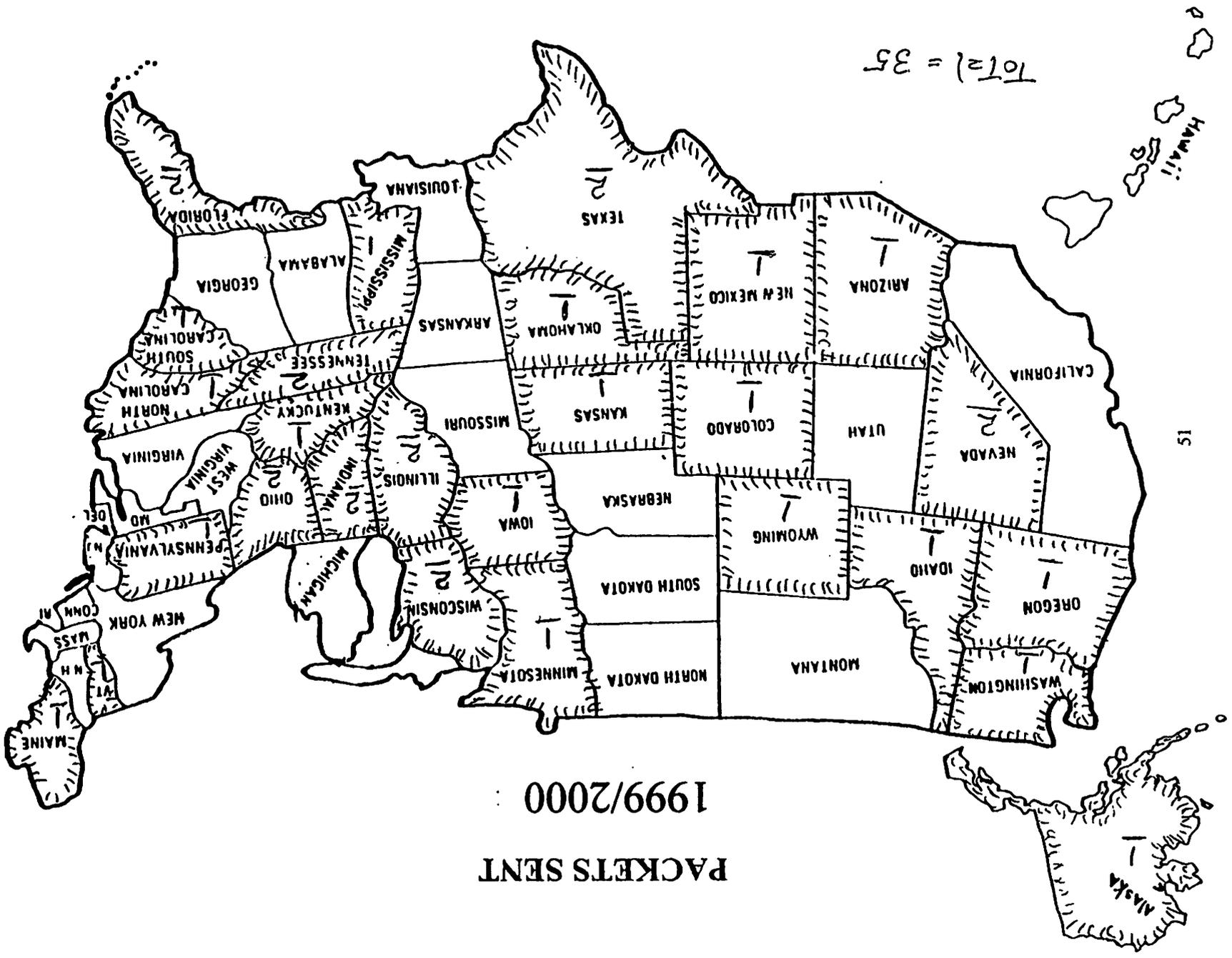
DIRECT ASU REGISTRATION

1999/2000

CANADA = 2 Non Competitors



TOTAL = 94



PACKETS SENT
1999/2000

Total = 35

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1999 - 2000 NOVICE COORDINATORS REPORT

This year the following clubs had 100% of their skaters taking part in their Novice Program join the ASU: Missouri Association with the Gateway Club and Metro's Club, Michigan Association with the Bay City and the Midland Club, and also the Wisconsin Association with the Waupaca club. I want to thank these clubs for their great work, and a job well done.

In mid February I mailed out the Novice Coordinator Report form. This was mailed to all Novice Coordinators listed in the Convention Minutes book, and to other Association Presidents or secretaries. The questionnaire was very simple, six easy questions.

All numbers in this report are from the limited number of received reports from associations and clubs. The deadline was April 15th, not the 17th like the IRS deadline. This report was compiled on April 24. Association reporting - 12 of 18. Association clubs reporting were 23 of 68. Two Direct Member clubs reported from the total nine listed, some of the Direct Member clubs are new. Reports received after April 24, were not counted.

Question #1 - How many new Novice skaters took part in your Novice Program?

TOTAL - 585

Youth - 399 - Boys:203, Girls:196

Teens - 47 - Boys:31, Girls:16

Adults - 139 - Males:87, Females:52

(1998/99 Total:777)

Question #2 - How many of these skaters joined your club?

TOTAL - 304

Youth - 213 - Boys:113, Girls:100

Teens - 25 - Boys:17, Girls:8

Adults - 66 - Males:43, Females:23

(1998/99 Total:258)

Question #3 - How many joined the ASU?

TOTAL - 170

Youth - 109 - Boys:63, Girls:46

Teens - 16 - Boys:12, Girls:4

Adults - 45 - Males:31, Females:14

(1998/99 Total:146)

Question #4 - Explain your Club/Association Novice Program/Programs.

The following are just a few of the answers:

*Novices receive instruction on technique center ice, they are moved up into a group of equal ability ASAP

*Focus is on the very basics: balance and strokes

*We brake practice into two groups: 1st hour Novice, and the 2nd hour Advanced. Novice program focus on technique/basics

*Club practice SUN:6:15 - 7:15 pm, Park/Rec lessons TUE:4:00 - 5:00pm

*Very strong summer technique sessions twice weekly, not much lap work - season laps and emphasis on technique

*Not much activity, late night ice, struggling with 8 skaters

*Club ran the Learn to Skate Program. We had races every Thursday, this kept the new skaters interested. Attendance increased weekly.

*We had 3 fun Novice races and a school program by S.L.O.C. to teach speedskating

*Kids under 16 pay \$5.00/session - badge program in effect

*City meet sponsored by Exchange club. No charge, any kind of skates. Notices in Elementary schools

*Incorporate everything into our club practices

*Flyers to all Public Elementary Schools as well as Private Schools. Free one month ice and skates to try. A one minute TV ad on Public TV station

*Novice meets and clinics

*Six week novice program, this year we had some Brothers and Sisters skate

*Club runs (2) eight week session, most kids come from hockey, and our coaching is getting better

*The program is run through local Park and Rec Dept. with financial support from Midway Club

*Showed people what speedskating is before they spend a lot of money. Work hard to get them to join a club

*Two free nights of ice. Skates are available to use in the sponsored program

*April/May Learn to Speedskate Program with races in the 7th or last session. We offer 2 different sessions, 1 with kids and parents and 1 with older skaters only. We also have a split session during the season, with Novice skaters in one and Experienced skaters in the other

*Club practices and Dry Training

*Rec Dept. flyer

- *Working the San Jose rink to have learn to Speedskate program over the summer
- *We have 3 coaches who work with our younger skaters and novices. Our sessions are divided into A, B, & C groups C being beginner

QUESTION #5 - Explain your Operation Out Reach program.

- *Mt. Lebanon rink will run another spring Learn to Speedskate Program for 6 weeks. Successful last year. Another rink is about to establish a speedskating program soon because of the interest in speedskating of a mother that is a member of the PSA (figure skating instructor)
- *We have an open house each year. Promote through local schools, inline shops and other ice rinks. We take part in local parades too
- *Demonstration at annual ice show and work of mouth
- *Available upon request-we view this as association responsibility
- *Ran free inline to ice program at start of the season
- *None, hard time holding our club together
- *Not much this year, but next year promises to be better with some new rinks coming
- *The program is promoted in the Parkland Recreation Dept. Catalog that is mailed to 1000's of households, information also available at rink
- *We use flyers and word of mouth
- *We participate in a community sports expo, also sponsor an inline meet to recruit inliners
- *Flyers and posters to surrounding schools
- *Worked with figure skating instructor on speedskating demonstration
- *Not organized, too few workers, having a coaching clinic scheduled
- *We had a TV channel cover our speedskating club

QUESTION #6 - Did your club use the ASU Badge Program?

****This season five clubs used the ASU Badge Program out of 26 reporting.**

*Important Notes:

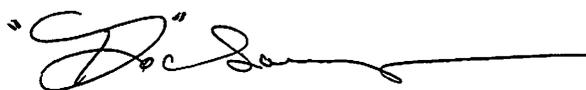
- 1) Not this year
- 2) Excellent

*6 Badge Program Information Booklets were sent out.

*5 orders of badges were sent out to clubs this season.

Friends, I hope that these comments will be of some help to new clubs in the sport and some of the older clubs too. Just think, in only four months the 2000/2001 season will be underway.

Thanks to all of the clubs reporting, have a great skating season.


M. D. "Doc" Savage, ASU Novice Coordinator

OPEN FORUM - PROMOTION, PUBLICITY

Jerry Search

This was a very informal yet interesting and informative session. There was a lot of audience participation. The following is an attempt to summarize comments and thoughts expressed.

Jerry explained that many people believe just because something is on the website, many people will see it. This is not true and is borne out by the counters that record how many people visit that site. People are selective and will look at only that which they are interested in. The newslist was also used to publish information on candidates but, again, most of the people who are on the newslist are not ASU members. Just remember that about only 10% of the people we want to inform will be touched via the website.

Someone suggested that even so, if you give ASU members what they want they will come to the website - entry forms, application forms for camps, archival information, history of speedskating, track diagrams. Instead of the yearly printing of documents, put items on the website and people can make copies if they want. The same goes for the printed material we produce - not everyone reads them either.

Jerry agreed but simply wanted people to understand that when you do something on the website you need to understand that you are not communicating with every one yet. Not everyone goes there. People are not in the habit of going to the website.

There was a discussion of putting registered skaters names, class and Association on the Website to help with meet organization or analyzing results etc. Saves time in calling up the Secretary to ask for the info....Jerry replied that it would be possible. Some discussion followed about names and security issues. Jerry said birthdates should never go on a WebPages - but the class could go on. The suggestion is only to enter names and classes and Association - not birthdate, address. The local newspaper puts in more info on a child - pictures, towns etc. Kids names are on webpages now for other sports organization. Jerry, as a webmaster, would never put info that someone did not want to appear on the webpage. There is bad stuff on the internet but there is a lot more that is good - it is simply a new way of communicating. He compared it to TV and the garbage that is on as well as the really good stuff.

Jerry described the manner in which he began putting the skaters' racing pictures on the page. The response has been very positive from even parents who were leery about this in the beginning. This is no different than publishing info in the Racing Blade or in the newspaper.

In summary, if you give people a reason to go to the website they will come. Right now there is not a lot on the page that people need and there are also people who are not yet using the internet routinely. The counters on the pages show how many hits a page gets. There is far more good on the internet than bad. Also, on the webpage ..Brian Westover has

developed software to end up with a Microsoft Word document from John Monroes program to end up with race results and Jerry would like to try to be able to work with that and eventually , at the end of a local meet, publish results on the internet and eventually link things together....and provide a good database of speed. Someone else complemented Brian Westover's program - it worked very smoothly at the recent Nationals. It was suggested that this would be a good format for all of us to adopt. The internet is a whole new world being discovered.

Jerry also commented on how wonderful DSL (high speed internet) is. You are actually connected right onto the network. It is incredibly fast. One of the dangers of DSL is the ability for someone else to access your computer but there is a very minimal risk involved because of floating IP addresses used. The best protection is to back up everything and use a virus protection program.

Discussion ensued about putting the Racing Blade on the webpage. Jerry would like to get that done.

Discussion began about photography at meets. Do we want to make a statement as an organization to specify protocol for photography. Do we want to allow just anyone to take pictures. If we do that, perhaps we need to make a blanket statement for all vendors and include photography in this. The problem was that our photographer could not set up and sell his photos because the rink had a deal with their own photographer. Something should be specified so that, when plans are set up for Nationals and North Americans, vendors - rink issues could be addressed.

Remember that vendors help the sport - sweatshirts, pictures etc are all in our interest to improve the sport. Rinks should be discouraged from demanding a cut because in the big picture vendors help with the growth of our ice sport and that is also in the interest of the rinks.

The issue of flash photography needs to be discussed with photographers not familiar with our sport in advance of a meet. There is no rule, but there is a policy of 'no flash'. Maybe it is time to resolve this and make it a rule and put it in the protocol. Skaters don't seem to complain about this but coaches do. With technology today the flash is not as long as in the sixties - perhaps it is time to revisit this.

RACING BLADE REPORT

Don Kangas

Don's written report follows. This is a summary of his presentation.

Editing the RB is a very cumbersome task. It has required more than 80 hours to put together an issue - more than a part time job. Somehow, it can be broken up. I dont know exactly how -

Manager, Editor, Publisher, Advertising and overall managing the RB in a very businesslike manner. The RB is connected to the National office and the Officers and the Registrar and all of the many contributors. I tried to encourage contributions. I would have done more but I spent too much time just trying to put it all together.

Comments:

Someone asked Don how would he feel about the pocketsize edition, a series of newsletters for timely info and historical info in the web. This would save money and time. Then the money used from US Speedskating for other purposes. Perhaps we could get advertising revenues for other purposes as well.

Yes, Don believes that a newsletter could satisfy the need for communication and it would be cheaper. Perhaps a smaller version or fewer editions to include feature articles and pictures. There are still people who do not choose to communicate through the electronic media

..give people a choice...ask how do you want your info email or snail mail? Would help some..this could be determined in the registration process.

Shirley added that years ago it was determined that each member's dues include \$10 for the RB and one time we raised the dues due to the increased costs of the RB....the members have come to expect it...Also, there are over 400 people who pay extra for first class...there was debate as to do they pay because they REALLY want it or because they want the news on time?

Can we afford to continue publishing the RB in the same manner ???

Shirley recommended an editorial staff and an editorial board be set up. That is what other publications do.

Don has lists of 12 different jobs and job duties involved. (see the report)

Bill Anderson pointed out that we are beginning to change things, yet, it is emotional to talk about changing tradition. We need to look at the future direction and be careful in building committees and structures. Timing, as a volunteer group, is a very difficult. He met with a professional association management firm in Chicago a few years ago to talk about registration - timelines etc.. "We discussed the RB and I mentioned it was a labor of love. They were surprised than an organization of 2000 members produces such a publication - they don't see any groups less than 20,000-30,000 members that publish such a magazine! This is very significant...this shows the dedication and why people are sensitive to it.. We need to look at alternatives...what is the purpose of the RB..We need to step back and ask that question and then reevaluate."

Other Comments:

we need to define our goals - what do we want...events advertised are passed...I think it is a waste of money in its current format...maybe it should be similar to the Ice Chips and then it is quick fast cheapat the end of the year print a nice magazine...what is our goal? little tidbits from the clubs or ????

the reason for the lack of timelines is people not turning things in on time....we need to decide if we have deadlines to meet them...

With the Handbook the advertising holds up the printing...because that pays for your publication. We need a staff to handle to ad money billing so that comes in on time.

Don summarized: we need several types...one longer value magazine to keep and refer to....timely newsletters and then maybe a yearbook with memorials and ads that could be purchased.. Shirley said it would be possible but we need someone to do this.

Are there guidelines as to how much an organization will pay for this type of publication? It depends on what the group will want to pay and how tight is money.

There is a magazine that goes to every rink in the country and there is no mention of speedskating...where are we putting our dollars?

Bill Anderson recapped: this is a good forum...some of you are not happy with the RB. We spend less now than before...a valid question is where do you want to spend your money?

There is probably not a normal time frame that can be defined, per Don. It all depends on the Post Office. It can take 3 weeks to be delivered. Size does not matter - it is the bulk system that causes the delay. First class is 2-3 days.

Maybe fewer pages would help...there are ways to reduce spending by using less weighty paper etc. A newsletter would be cheap and could be sent first class.

Don pointed out that we need to find someone else willing to edit and asked who would be willing to work on this project. Bruce Houghton volunteered to publish. Shirley was interested in volunteering to work on a committee regarding the current format and not a newsletter. Don pointed out that Bob Vehe really brought the RB to a high level. He reiterated that we need to look at several different formats to meet the various needs.

Bill Anderson summarized: People are concerned about timelines and cost;a committee has been formed - Don, Shirley, Jerry, Al and Carl will study and come up with alternatives. Bill thanked Don for what he has done.

The Racing Blade® (TRB) Report

TRB Finances

Revenue

USS Grant	\$10,000.00
Advertising	3,380.00
First Class mailing	1,875.00
Subscriptions	160.00
Back Issues	<u>112.00</u>
Total	\$15,527.00

Expenses

Printing	\$11,926.12
Postage	2,954.36
Office	<u>1,667.74</u>
Total	\$16,548.22

TRB Editing and Publishing

The Good News

Printing and mailing of TRB now goes very smoothly. The printer has a proof ready for final approval in a week or less. Printing, addressing and delivery to the post office also take only a week or less. There are no printing delays for TRB. The printer addresses all the copies of TRB from a current mailing list E-mailed by the ASU registrar. The printer applies the indicia for our bulk mailing permit and stamps for first class copies. The delay caused by applying address labels and first class stamps by hand are gone. First class and bulk mailed TRB copies arrive at the Post Office at the same time.

Submissions of articles and letters from ASU members, associations and clubs have increased in number, quality and interest. Informative articles and ideas about the sport of speed skating, from people all over the country, provide food thought for all ASU members. I think TRB is becoming a real voice of the ASU, as it should be.

The Bad News

Only four issues of TRB were published this fiscal year. That is one less than scheduled and the issues published were late. Publishing delays occur because it takes a long time for me to layout TRB on a disk for the printer. Sometimes as long as two months, after the published deadline. That is too long.

I did get a few issues to the printer in less than one month. However, the hours devoted to TRB editing caused great stress for me and my wife. Editing TRB is more than a one person job. Therefore, I have decided to resign as TRB Editor. I could continue as TRB Publisher because publishing TRB is not time consuming and the printing process did not cause delay in mailing TRB.

Looking Ahead

There is a session scheduled on Friday afternoon of this Convention to discuss The Racing Blade and Other Communications. If we put our heads together and pitch in with what we each do best, we could improve The Racing Blade and communications for all people interested in the Sport of Speed Skating on Ice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald A. Kangas, TRB Editor

May 16, 2000

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**COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIALS REPORT
BY: ANTHONY ARENA**

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of our fine officials who volunteered their time and services in order to make sure that all the skaters have only the best and fairest officials possible.

The ASU always has a need for more officials. This is not a necessity in all parts of the country, but, with more new areas getting involved in speedskating, it will become a reality soon. This was evident during this past season with the shortage of officials at Lake Placid. Luckily, the weather was cooperative, enabling officials to be outside for longer periods of time. With new areas getting involved in speedskating, Salt Lake City for Long Track and all the new areas for Short Track, more officials are going to be needed in these areas. To those who are new, don't be afraid to come forward and volunteer to become an official. New and young blood is always needed. The best place to get your feet wet is on the local level. This is where you want to learn and perfect your skills in officiating. If you travel to meets in other parts of the country, let meet officials know that you will be available to help officiate. I know this can be a problem at times, especially if you have your own skaters, more so if your skaters are younger, or if you coaching.

Make sure that your Association Secretary gets your information so that this information gets to the ASU Secretary and to the ASU Commissioner of Officials. The requirements to be elevated to Chief status are found in the ASU Handbook.

This report to the membership is a plea for more officials. A more detailed report on all the responsibilities of the Commissioner, and a report on all the National meets this past season, as well as the officials at these meets has been supplied to the ASU Officers and Board of Control.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Report of Convention actions ASU Convention, Irvine, California, May 19 to 21, 2000

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1. USS BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATION (Legislative Committee)

REFERENCE: By-laws, Article II, paragraph 17, page 20

By-laws, Article III, paragraph 3, page 22

PROPOSED: Revise the referenced paragraphs as follows:

(The following items are to be in force once passed by the delegates at this convention.)

Item 1

ARTICLE II

17 Appoint three members to the U. S. Speedskating Board of Directors.

- a. The U. S. Speedskating Board Members Committee will be elected by ballot of the Board of Control. Each ASU Board Member will vote for at least two (2) individuals but not more than three (3) individuals to serve on the U. S. Speedskating Board Members Committee. Ballots not in compliance will be deemed invalid. In case of ties for the last position, a runoff vote will be taken.
- b. Candidates shall submit their names to the Executive Secretary by April 1st of an election year. A facsimile ballot shall be prepared and sent to each Board of Control member, with a copy to the Association Secretary by May 1st for the association's consideration and direction of its Board member. The official ballot will be distributed at the Convention.
- c. In the event of a vacancy in any of the three offices on the U. S. Speedskating Board Members Committee, the President shall appoint the person who received the next highest vote total at the previous election. Should this person be unable to serve, the next highest vote total recipient shall be appointed. This appointment shall be subject to approval by the Board of Control. Should there be no one eligible under these guidelines, the President may make an interim appointment from those expressing interest in the position. In such a situation, an election shall be held as soon as possible to fill the vacant position. The appointee shall assume position No. 3 with all others moving up.

ARTICLE III

- 3 An U. S. Speedskating Board Members Committee consisting of three members will be elected every four years by the Board of Control for membership on the U. S. Speedskating Board of Directors. Said election shall be held at the ASU Annual Convention immediately following the Winter Olympics.
 - a. The members of this committee will attend at least two of the major U.S. Speedskating meetings each year and will represent the position of the ASU in all intercourse with U. S. Speedskating. They shall receive guidance from and shall be accountable to the ASU Executive Committee during the year will be provided by the ASU Executive Committee.
 - b. The committee will elect its own chairman who will file an annual report with the Executive Secretary by May 1st, reporting on the attendance of committee members at U. S. Speedskating meetings, problems that have arisen affecting the ASU and solutions to these, if any.

Item 2

As the convention items are being prepared, the representation situation is under negotiation. If it is resolved, item 2 of this action will be withdrawn.

NON HANDBOOK ITEMS

The existing USS Committee members were elected under far different circumstances so their term of office is declared terminated. An immediate election is to be held to fill the positions described above.

Presuming passage of these items, the Nominating Committee is to solicit candidates to fill the positions with nomination and election to take place at the 2000 ASU Convention. These newly elected members will fill the position effective at the end of the 2000 Convention.

The nominating and election process is to be different than that proscribed in Article 17.b this time only. Nominations shall be solicited by the Nominating Committee up to the close of normal business on Saturday, May 20, 2000. The Nominating Committee shall call for additional nominations from the floor and present the resultant slate of candidates to the Board of Control for election. The election shall take place as part of the Board of Control meeting Sunday, May 21, 2000.

RATIONALE (for item 1): The USS By-laws have been revised in order to have the Organization come into compliance with USOC requirements. This has meant a major change in the USS structure. The Board is reduced from 20 to 15 members and the PAB is abolished. The ASU representation is reduced in line with the reduction in the size of the Board; the per cent of votes is the same as was had before the USS By-laws were revised.

The ASU must revise its documents in order to align with the new USS Structure. This item will bring the ASU By-laws into alignment with the new USS organization and will place in effect the correct mechanism for the next regular election which will happen in the Spring of 2002.

Acceptance is recommended.

RATIONALE (for item 2): There has been controversy relative to the action taken by the Board of Control in the mail vote this past spring. In that vote, the USS Board Committee reduced itself from 4 to 3 board members and requested Board of Control confirmation of the actions taken by the Committee. The Board gave approval by a 15 to 2 affirmative vote.

USS has objected to this process saying that it was not an open election. The actions prescribed in Item 2 will rectify that situation.

This must be acted upon now or there is a risk that ASU representation will be temporarily lost.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as amended in committee.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST(Legislative Committee) (Requested)

REFERENCE: Constitution, Article X, paragraph 9 (new) renumber existing 9 to 10.

PROPOSED: Add the following new paragraph:

9. The same person shall not fill multiple officer positions. Officers shall not serve as USS Board members.

RATIONALE: We need the checks and balances of different people filling the positions of authority. The Secretary and Treasurer are supposed to be separate

offices by the Constitution. It is not forbidden and by practice the offices have been served by one person for some time. This is not a healthy situation.

Similarly the position of Officer and USS Board member should not be the same person as it can lead to conflict of interest positions. The ASU positions turn over more frequently than the USS Board elections and this can lead to additional problems.

This does not apply to ASU Board of Control members as they are named by the Association and not under the control of the ASU.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DLEGATE ACTION: Rejected

3. ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE(Eastern States – Maryland)

REFERENCE: Constitution, Article V, 3, page 14

**PROPOSED: Delete MARYLAND and replace with EASTERN STATES SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION
Delete UTAH and replace with WASATCH SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION**

Amended to take action on each item individually. Passed

RATIONALE: The scope of our Association has changed. We have two clubs in Pennsylvania and are working on starting a club in Northern Virginia. We aren't just "Maryland" anymore, and our name must reflect that, especially when we are trying to promote regional or national events.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection of MARYLAND change

Recommend acceptance of UTAH change

Amended to change Maryland's name to Maryland and Eastern Pennsylvania Speedskating Association

DELEGATE ACTION: Accept MARYLAND change

Accept UTAH change

4. PRESIDENT ON COMMITTEES (Handbook Editor)

REFERENCE: By-laws, Article III, page 23, paragraph 3

PROPOSED: Change this paragraph to read:

The President is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Hall of Fame, Nominating, and U.S. Speedskating Board Member committees.

RATIONALE: Due to the composition of the U.S. Speedskating Board Members Committee, the President cannot be an ex-officio member. He does have input into the committee as a member of the ASU Executive Committee which provides guidance to the committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted.

5. REORDER COMMITTEE LIST (Handbook Editor)

REFERENCE: By-laws, Article III, page 23, paragraph 7

PROPOSED: Put the sub-paragraphs in alphabetical order by committee name. Keep them in alphabetical order.

RATIONALE: This will make it easier to find a committee's duties. The second sentence is a standing direction to the Handbook Editor.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted.

6. REVISE DUES STRUCTURE (Eastern States – Maryland)

REFERENCE: By-laws, Article IX, 7, page 23 33

PROPOSED: Change the dues structure to the following:

- 7 Registration fees:
 - a. 3rd yr and higher competitors: \$25
 - b. All others: \$15
 - c. Family cap: \$50

Several motions to amend with different structures – all failed

RATIONALE: The current annual dues are much too high. Many people do not join, especially parents. The perceived benefits of membership to these people do not justify the cost. We feel it is far better to have twice the membership at half the cost per member.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DLEGATE ACTION: Rejected

7. REVISE RACING BLADE FORMAT (Eastern States – Maryland)

REFERENCE: none

PROPOSED: Change the Racing Blade to a newsletter/internet format, plus the pocket size annual issue.

RATIONALE: The Racing Blade costs too much to produce in its current format.

Discussion decided that this is within the authority of the 3rd VP to decide and implement. Item not required.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DLEGATE ACTION: Rejected

8. REVISE HANDBOOK FORMAT: (Eastern States – Maryland)

REFERENCE: none

PROPOSED: Eliminate the Handbook, or produce it only in an easily updatable loose-leaf format.

RATIONALE: To save money.

Discussion decided that this is within the authority of the 3rd VP to decide and implement. Item not required.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DLEGATE ACTION: Rejected

9. OPERATING EXPENSES (Legislative Committee)

REFERENCE: Article X, paragraph 1

PROPOSED: To direct the president to appoint a small independent committee to review the expenses paid by the Union, publications expenses, office expenses, insurance, who is authorized to travel, and for what reason. This committee is authorized to propose changes to the By-laws to control expenditures.

RATIONALE: The idea is to have a plan to control our expenditures. We should look at where we are spending our money, prioritize the projects we undertake and the expenses we take on. This should include consideration of projected income. The idea is to have a plan before we have a crisis.

The travel portion of the budget has been growing each year and should be reviewed. What the money is being spent on should be reviewed.

The question should be asked, as it is in business, is this trip really necessary? In addition, can the money can be better spent elsewhere?

Withdrawn as the activity requested is already being done.

10. USS REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS (U.S. Speedskating)

REFERENCE: Constitution, Article VIII, paragraph 1 & 2, page 16

PROPOSED: Revise to read:

1. Active Associations, U.S. Speedskating and allied members shall be entitled to be represented at every meeting of this Union by three delegates who shall have one (vote collectively).
2. The vote to which an Association or U.S. Speedskating is entitled may be cast by a lesser number of delegates and in case the delegates of any Association or U.S. Speedskating differ on any question, the vote of any Association or U.S. Speedskating shall be cast proportionately by the delegates present.

Amended to request Legislative Committee to review other Board positions that lack delegate representation.

RATIONALE: The ASU has votes, via seats on U.S. Speedskating Board of Directors, on all matters within U.S. Speedskating. The same policy should exist for U.S. Speedskating at ASU meetings. Currently, U.S. Speedskating has a vote on Board of Control matters.

However,

we do not have representation on matters voted on by the delegates.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted.

11. US SPEEDSKATING-ASU MERGER (Merger Committee)

REFERENCE: Constitution and By-laws

PROPOSED: ~~Adopt revised~~ Endorse draft By-laws to effect proceed to a merger of the two organizations.

RATIONALE: The proposed by-laws of the merged organization are tabled for discussion, review and modification. The merger committee will take the comments and work with USS to come to an agreement. Hopefully, the merger document can be approved at a combined meeting later in the year.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as amended.

END OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

**THE MERGER DOCUMENT ITSELF IS TOO LENGTHY TO INCLUDE
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RACING PROPOSALS

1. PREQUALIFICATION FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION (Executive Committee)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art, IX, Par. 3, Pg. 58

PROPOSED: Split paragraph 3 into two sections, add a prequalification paragraph 4 and modify the second half of paragraph 3 (to become 5) as shown below. Renumber paragraphs as required.

- 3 Selection of skaters to participate in Short Track and Long Track Nationals meets shall be by the individual member Associations. There shall be no Association quotas for the National Marathon Championships. Exhibition classes may be skated provided that classes younger than allowed by ASU rules shall not be skated at National and North American meets when skated in the U.S.
- 4 Skaters selected are restricted recommended to those having a time is the 500-meter shortest distance within 1.25 times the national record for that distance. The times and qualification times are the responsibility of the skaters' home Association.
- 5 ~~The maximum number of skaters to be entered by each Association in each class shall be determined as follows:~~
 - a. ~~Each member Association having 1-100 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of four (4) skaters per class.~~
 - b. ~~Each member Association having 101-300 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of five (5) skaters per class.~~
 - c. ~~Each member Association having more than 300 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of six (6) skaters per class.~~
 - d. ~~In addition, for the National Short Track and Long Track Championships, each member Association shall be entitled to enter a total of seven (7) additional skaters distributed within the twenty (20) classes as the Association directs.~~
 - e. ~~All U.S. Speedskating World Team Members shall be qualified for National Competition in addition to all the above Association qualifiers.~~
 - f. ~~The defending champion in any class, while still a member of that class, shall be entitled to enter a National competition as an additional entry over the quota allowed for his or her Association.~~
 - g. ~~Each member Association may designate three (3) alternate skaters in each class, on the list to be furnished to the sponsoring Association of the skaters eligible to enter the National Championships, to substitute for any entry in the same class within the quota of such member Association. In the event that any skater duly entered in such National Competition shall withdraw because of illness or for any other reasons, the President or secretary of such member Association shall notify the Secretary of the sponsoring Association or Competitor Steward prior to the closing of check-in, that the alternate skater so designated is to be substituted for the withdrawn entry, and an official entry blank together with the appropriate entry fee shall accompany such notice. The entry fee of the withdrawn entry shall be forfeited and not refunded by such sponsoring Association.~~

RATIONALE: This item was presented at the 1998 Convention, discussed and referred back to committee for rework and resubmission. It is slightly redrafted and presented for consideration.

This would require a skater to be able to skate within 25% of the national record to be allowed to skate in the Nationals or North Americans. In other words, the skater would have to be $\frac{3}{4}$ as fast as the national record skater. The 1.25 multiplier is certainly open to adjustment. This item is not intended to make ASU meets elite meets but to prevent the truly incapable skater from degrading the championships

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as amended

2. JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR CLASSIFICATION (Greater Minnesota Assn.)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. VII, par. 1, sub-par. A., pg. 55

PROPOSED: Add: Intermediate – ~~18-17~~ years of age or ~~younger-under~~

Change: Junior – 15 years of age or ~~younger-under~~

Senior – ~~19-18~~ years ~~to 20~~ years of age and ~~elderover~~

RATIONALE: The Intermediate Class is still included in the North American competition. It is important to try and keep this age interested and involved in the sport. It has definitely taken away from the Junior Class, because there is such an age range. It was taken out because there was said to be a lack of competitors. There were competitors in these classes at the North Americans. We continue to add classes in the Masters without the competitors.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as amended

3. ENTRY FEES TO HOST ASSOCIATIONS (Eastern States [Maryland] Assn)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules IV, par. 1, sub. Par. A, pg. 47

PROPOSED: 1. Delete sentence 2 beginning "The ASU shall retain all fees for meets...."

2. Add in place of sentence 2: "The ASU host association or organization shall retain all entry fees associated with these competitions".

3. Delete any provision for any other ASU subsidies for these competitions.

RATIONALE: High ice costs are making the Nationals an increasingly expensive proposition, reducing the number of potential hosts to a dangerously low level. We suggest allowing the host to retain the entry fees in lieu of the current ASU subsidy.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DELEGATE ACTION: Rejected

4. CLERKING PROCEDURE – NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN SHORT CHAMPIONSHIPS
(AMATEUR Skating Association of Illinois)

REFERENCE: Pages 83 & 89

PROPOSED: Remove asterisked footnotes A, B and C on pages 83 and 89 of the Clerking Procedure

RATIONALE: The National Championship text was modified in 1995 to prevent skating a round which would eliminate an excessive number of skaters prior to the Semi, but the corresponding change was not made to the North American procedure. The asterisked footnotes should also be eliminated for the clerking procedure for National Championships. The asterisked footnotes would be incorrect in any case since 85 foot rinks are no longer allowed for Nationals.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DELEGATE ACTION: Rejected

5. NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR SHORT TRACK (Eastern States Assn.)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. 11, par. 1, sub-par. D, pg. 39

PROPOSED: Delete "and at least three judges for each of the first five positions, plus eight Reserve Judges" and replace with "and such number of additional judges as are

required in the determination of the Chief Judge".
RATIONALE: Fifteen judges is far more than are really necessary. It is difficult to recruit this many judges.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DELEGATE ACTION: Rejected

6. USE OF VIDEO FOR JUDGING NATIONAL & NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS(WI)
REFERENCE: Racing Rules Art. III, par. 6, sub-par. c, pg 42
PROPOSED: c. Video equipment was used at the Masters International Open in Milwaukee. At least three judges' decisions were reversed after viewing the videotape. The 2000 National Long Track Championships had many close finishes and at least two ties. The championships are big events and the skaters deserve to have the races judged properly.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Withdrawn-there is no proposal

DELEGATE ACTION: None required

7. STARTERS AMMUNITION (Legislative Committee Proposal)
REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. III, par. 4, sub-par. e., pg. 42
PROPOSED: Revise the rule to read as follows:
e. Time starts with the firing of the pistol. ~~Twenty-two (0.22) black powder type shells are to be used outdoors.~~ "Crimp" type twenty-two (0.22) caliber shall be used for short track. Meets held in the United States shall be timed in hundredths.

RATIONALE: The cost and availability of .32 shells is becoming very difficult. All of our races are now supposed to be timed electronically and the 0.32 shell gives the gun mike problems. The 0.22 black powder shell is available, relatively inexpensive, and gives an adequate flash/puff of smoke for the timers to see. This year at Lake Placid, the local 0.32 gun was stolen the week before the meet and the starters used 0.22 black powder shells with no problems.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as amended

8. STOPPING A RACE FOR A FALLEN SKATER (ASAI)
REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. IV, par. 6, sub-par. f (new), pg. 51
PROPOSED: Add to par. 6, a new sub. Par. f, as follows:
"When a skater has fallen, and refuses or is unable to get up and continue the race, thereby endangering him or herself or other skaters by remaining on the track, the referee shall may stop the race and order and immediate restart. ~~The skater or skaters for whom the race has been stopped shall be charged with (6) Assistance, disqualified from that race, and not be allowed to participate in the restart of the race.~~"

RATIONALE: This rule was part of the ASU Handbook in the past and many parents and coaches still think it is a hard and fast rule. The disqualification of Assistance refers to receiving assistance during a race and the question arises as to, is it during a race or after the referee has stopped the race. Spelling it out in the precise definition can only help everyone understand the responsibility of safety to all skaters in a race.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted

9. HELMET USE (Executive Committee)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. IV, par. 2, sub-par. p, pg. 49

PROPOSED: Revise the paragraph as follows:

- p. ~~The safety-type helmet shall comply with the ASTM standard for Short Track Speed Skating. A helmet with crushable foam lining and good fit is required. A helmet that meets ISU requirements is recommended.~~

RATIONALE: After much discussion this past winter, the requirement to use ASTM approved helmets was removed. It was reported to your officers that the helmets were not universally available and that they could not be made to fit all skaters, notably children. In order to prevent a problem at the 2000 Nationals, it was decided to temporarily remove the mandatory nature of the rule.

What is proposed here is to return to the wording that was passed in 1999 and what is currently in the Handbook. This item is proposed to allow discussion at the Convention and to find out what the skaters' and parents' experience has been this year with the new design helmet. We have a year of experience to guide us in making the decision whether the ASTM helmet should be mandatory.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance as amended

DELEGATE ACTION: Rejected, but sent to committee for further study

10. COMBINING CLASSES (Handbook Committee)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. IV, par. 2, sub-par. s., pg. 49

PROPOSED: a. Move this sub-paragraph to Art. III, pg. 41, par. 3, as new sub-paragraph h.

Restate it as follows:

"Combine age and gender classes for the purposes, if appropriate, with the approval of the Chief Referee. Scoring toward Championships shall be kept separate by classes and records will be allowed if they meet the normal criteria.

- b. Give the Handbook Editor the authority to make this type of correction

RATIONALE: a. House-keeping item. This is one of the powers and duties of the Competitors Steward, not something the Competitors shall do.

- b. If the Handbook Editor is given the authority to make this type of correction (i.e. place an item in the Handbook where it belongs), then the error will probably get caught and the Handbook (or updated issue) will be correct when it is published and there will not be the necessity of submitting a "housekeeping" proposal at the next convention.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted

11. COMBINING CLASSES (Handbook Committee)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. IV, par. 2, sub-par. s, pg. 49

PROPOSED: Add the following sentence to the sub-paragraph;

Classes shall not be combined if it will necessitate heats in the combined group.

RATIONALE: A skater or skaters may be eliminated in heats who would otherwise score points if the classes were skated separately.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend rejection

DELEGATE ACTION: Rejected

12. APPAREL PARAMETERS (Handbook Committee)

REFERENCE: Racing Rules, Art. XIII, par. 7, pg. 65

PROPOSED: Move this paragraph to Art. IV, paragraph 2., as sub-paragraph o., and reletter as necessary. Make the following syntax change to fit in the current structure:

- o. Abide by the following apparel parameters when competing in any sanctioned ASU speedskating meet:

RATIONALE: This paragraph has nothing to do with eligibility. It belongs in the paragraph which states what the competitors shall do—in particular, close to the equipment sub-par

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend acceptance

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted

NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

1. ARTICLES OF ALLIANCE (North American Committee)

REFERENCE: Articles of Alliance, Handbook, page 72

PROPOSED: Revise and update Articles with several changes. Copy attached for review.

These changes have been worked out by the combined SSC and ASU North American Committee.

This is a Board of Control action under the auspices of the North American Committee.

RATIONALE: The reason that this review was undertaken was to correct the document for the change on the name of CASSA to Speed Skating Canada. At the same time, other changes are being made to bring the document into line with the actual practice of the meets. For example, the distances have been revised and the Master classes reworked.

The North American Committee recommends acceptance.

DELEGATE ACTION: Accepted as modified at this convention

This Alliance as accepted at this convention has been sent to SSC for their acceptance. The final signed document will be printed in the Handbook.

ALLIANCE
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AND
SPEED SKATING CANADA, PATINAGE DE VITESSE CANADA

It is hereby mutually agreed that the Articles of Alliance between the undersigned, dated December 8, 1927 and amended January 4, 1930, May 13, 1973, March 22, 1986, and May 18, 1997 be, and the same hereby are amended so to read as follows:

- 1) The Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States recognizes Speed Skating Canada as the sole national sanctioning organization for speed skating in Canada.
- 2) Speed Skating Canada recognizes the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States as having sole control over mass style speed skating in the United States of America.
- 3) Each party to this alliance shall respect and enforce all penalties, suspensions and disqualifications imposed by the other party within its jurisdiction.
- 4) All skating competitions or exhibitions, open or closed, held in either Canada or the United States, shall be held under the rules and sanction of the party hereto, in whose territory same are held.
- 5) Registered amateur skaters from either party hereto shall be accepted by the other and be eligible to compete in such sanctioned events held by either as may be open to them. When required, the skater must present a proof of membership from his governing body.
- 6) A North American Short Track and North American Long Track Speed Skating Championship meet shall be held, if possible, every year, under the joint sanction of the parties hereto, to determine the best skaters in North America. They shall alternate yearly between the two countries, unless arranged otherwise to the satisfaction of both parties.
- 7) Sanction fees for the North American Long Track Speed Skating Championships and for the North American Short Track Speed Skating Championships shall be determined by the hosting party; all payable in advance, said sanction fee shall be paid to the party hereto in which country said championships are held and entry fees shall also be paid to host organizing committee or country organization in which it is held, in the currency of the host country.
- 8) The officials for said championship meets shall be selected and approved by the party hereto in whose country said championships are held. An assistant referee and an assistant starter shall be sent to championship meets by the other party with one of these or some other person able to assist in seeding and heating.
- 9) The medals provided for the North American Speed Skating Championships shall be struck from the die of the official championship medal, and shall have suitable inscription thereon, indicating that said medals are North American Championship Medals. Championship medallions shall be provided for each official class champion. This

medallion shall be struck from the official North American die.

- 10) The termination of these Articles of Alliance must be ratified by the governing bodies of the parties hereto at two consecutive Annual Meetings of each before final termination is accepted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement under authority of their respective Boards of Directors/Control or supervision.

May 2000
Irvine, California

June 2000
Yellow Knife, Canada

AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE U.S.A.

President

Executive Secretary

SPEED SKATING CANADA

President

Director General

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTE: The following items can only be changed by negotiation between Speed Skating Canada and the Amateur Speedskating Union.

In accordance with the Articles of Alliance between the Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States (ASU) and Speed Skating Canada (SSC) there shall be held if possible every year a Long Track and a Short Track competition to determine the best skaters in the USA and Canada.

SANCTIONS

Sanction for holding the North American Speed Skating Championships (Short Track or Long Track) shall be requested two years in advance of the event, specifying the approximate date, from the respective organizing member and the other member will recognize said sanction.

SANCTION FEES

Sanction fee for the North American Speed Skating Championship (Short Track or Long Track) shall be established by the Board of Directors, payable to SSC (for all North American Championships events in Canada) and by the Board of Control, payable to the ASU (for all North American Championships events in the US) due one year in advance.

ENTRIES

Entry is open to any approved skater from any ISU Member Country.

All entries to a North American Championship must be approved by Provincial-Territorial, State or National Associations and must be signed either by the President or Secretary of those Associations. The President or Secretary of the ISU member Association must approve entries from other ISU countries.

Entries must be received 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of competition.

Entry fee for the North American Championship when held in Canada shall be as established by the SSC Board of Directors and when held in the US shall be as established by the ASU Board of Control.

Each Member Association of the ASU and Branch Association of SSC may enter a maximum of four (4) skaters in any one class for a North American Speed Skating Championship (Short Track and Long Track). Such skaters will be ranked on their entry forms as of their standing within their respective Member Association or Branch Association age class. Accurate times shall, if possible, be provided by the member associations to assist in the seeding of entrants.

The sponsoring association of a North American Championship shall be granted the privilege of entering an additional two skaters from their association in each class.

NOTE: National team members are exempt from provincial/association quotas.

The defending champion in each class, when still a member of that class, shall be entitled to enter a North American Championship as an additional entry over and above the quota allowed for his branch/association.

All entries shall be made upon the official entry form in the real name of the applicant, with age and address, name of club and association and registered or membership number.

Pseudonyms are permitted, but must be accompanied by the correct name.

Entries shall not be received, or acknowledged, until the entry fees are paid in full and the skater's national or provincial-territorial registration (allocated by SSC, the ASU or another ISU member country) is recorded on the official entry form.

AGE CLASSIFICATION

For Speed Skating competitions a skater's age shall be the age he has attained prior to July 1st of the skating season during which the competition or meet is held. For purposes of this article, a skating season shall commence on July 1st of the one calendar year and end at the end of June of the succeeding calendar year.

Midget	10-11 years
Juvenile	12-13 years
Junior	14-15 years
Intermediate	16-17 years
Senior	18 and over
Master 1, (30-39)	30-39 years
Master 2, (40-49)	40-49 years
Master 3, (50-59)	50-59 years
Master 4, (60-69)	60-69 years
Master 5, (70+)	70-Over

MEDALLIONS

When the championship is held in Canada, the Medallions for the North American championships shall be provided by the agency, club or association who have received the sanction for holding same. When the championship is held in the U.S., the medallions shall be furnished by the ASU to all class champions, regardless of the number of skaters in the class.

When the championship is held in Canada, for any class to receive a medallion, the class must have at least three participants. If a class has fewer than three participants then it will be run as an exhibition class and/or combined with other classes.

MEDALS

When the championship is held in Canada, the Medals for the North American championships shall be provided by the agency, club or association who have received the sanction for holding same. When the championship is held in the U.S., the medals shall be furnished by the ASU.

There must be three prizes for each event at a North American championship meet:

- First Prize to be a Gold Medal
- Second Prize to be a Silver Medal
- Third Prize to be a Bronze Medal

The ASU reserves the right to award a 4th prize to be a green-bronze medal if they so choose.

If there is a tie for first place two gold medals shall be awarded as well as a bronze. If there is a tie for first and a tie for second place in the same event gold and bronze medals are to be awarded to the four skaters respectively.

REPORTING OF RESULTS

The sponsoring association accepts the responsibility of preparing within fourteen (14) days after the meet a protocol of full listings of results, circulating copies directly or via branches to Clubs directly concerned and to the Executive Director of SSC and the Executive Secretary of the ASU. In addition, the Association/Club receiving such sanction shall send a full set of results to the Chairman of the Records committee of both SSC and the ASU, along with a certification of track measurement from the track surveyor. The Official SSC and ASU representatives shall within thirty (30) days of the completion of the meet send their reports to the SSC Vice-President Competitions and the ASU Vice President (Racing) on the manner in which the Championships were conducted.

PROGRAM (LONG TRACK)

- 1) List of classes and races, (all distances in meters)

NORTH AMERICAN LONG TRACK - MEN AND WOMEN

Midget	300	500	600	800
Juvenile	300	500	800	1000
Junior	500	1000	1500	3000
Intermediate	500	1000	1500	3000
Senior	500	1000	1500	3000
Master 1, (30 – 39)	500	1000	1500	3000
Master 2, (40 – 49)	500	1000	1500	3000
Master 3, (50 – 59)	500	800	1000	1500
Master 4, (60 – 69)	500	800	1000	1500
Master 5, (over 70)	500	800	1000	1500

- 2) Skaters must skate all the distances for their age class to be considered for the class championship unless adequate reason for not skating is given.
- 3) Whenever feasible, the Canada-United States Team Metric Competition (under 20) will be incorporated into the North American Long Track Championships with points accumulated by team members counting towards the William E. "Bill" Dyer trophy. Distances to be skated in this competition are, (all distances in meters)

Men's Sprint	500	1000	500	1000
Women's Sprint	500	1000	500	1000
Men's All Around	500	1500	3000	5000
Women's All Around	500	1000	1500	3000

- 4) At least one final event per class must be held on the first day of all North America Long

Track Championships.

PROGRAM (SHORT TRACK)

- 1) List of classes and races, (all distances in meters)

NORTH AMERICAN SHORT TRACK - MEN AND WOMEN

Midget	333	500	666	777
Juvenile	333	500	777	1000
Junior	500	777	1000	1500
Intermediate	500	1000	1500	3000
Senior	500	1000	1500	3000
Master 1, (30 – 39)	500	777	1000	1500
Master 2, (40 – 49)	500	777	1000	1500
Master 3, (50 – 59)	500	777	1000	1500
Master 4, (60 – 69)	500	777	1000	1500
Master 5, (over 70)	500	777	1000	1500

- 2) Contestants entering a North American Short Track Championship must skate all events in their age class as indicated above if they are to be considered for the class championship unless adequate reason for not skating is given.
- 3) Whenever feasible, an international class featuring Canadian and U.S.A. national teams and other invited national teams will be incorporated in the North American Short Track Championships. Distances skated will conform to ISU World Short Track distances.
- 4) At least one final event per class must be held on the first day of all North American Short Track Championships.
- 5) The distance in relay races for men and women is 3000 meters in heats and finals. Relay races will be limited, for safety reasons, to juvenile Class and up. As in all other NA events only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals are to be awarded for the final event. Each branch or association may enter only one male and one female team. Points earned in the relay final will not count for the class winner. Branches or Associations who cannot field a full relay team will be allowed to combine with another Branch or Association. The U.S. reserves the right the right to award a forth place medals if they so choose.

POINTS—NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

All championship events shall be determined by the greatest number of points won in all final events by one of the contestants.

Except when using the all points format, points will be allocated and class championships declared in accordance with the following point system:

1st Place -5 points
2nd Place -3 points
3rd Place -2 points
4th Place -1 point

In the event of a tie for first place four points shall be given to each of the two contestants so tying, the next skater being awarded two points and the next one point.

In a tie for second place two and one-half points shall be given to the two contestants and the next skater shall receive one point. A tie for fourth place—each competitor is given one-half point.

In a North American Championship meet, class championship medallions based on total points will be awarded.

In case of a tie for the championship, the contestants so tying shall be known as co-champions and duplicate awards shall be awarded.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Skater protective equipment shall be as specified in the host country rules.

The ISU Short Track starting procedure will be in effect at all North American pack style Championships.

APPLICABLE RULES

In the absence of any applicable rule in the Articles of Alliance between the ASU of the USA and SSC, the rules of the hosting organization shall apply.

A technical inspection of facilities and equipment should be carried out by the Chief Referee, Commissioner or the Technical Director, and his approval should be given before the start of the North American competition.

June 28, 2000

Audit & Finance Committee Report

The Audit and Finance committee met at the convention on Thursday evening, May 23, and Friday morning May 24, 2000 to review the current year budget and expenses.

All accounts were reviewed and some budget amounts were adjusted to allow for next years change in expenses or income.

1. Handbook expenses were increased for the next year to allow for new book printing.
2. The Development account was split into three accounts to allow for a better accounting of North American and development expenses.
 - o Development
 - o North American
 - o Skater Sponsorships.
3. The budgeted amount for Registration fees was lowered to allow for an adjustment because of US Speedskating dues.
4. The \$2500 paid to North American and National host organization will be paid as follows: ½ when the sanction fee is received in the National Office and the remaining ½ when the required race results reports are turned in.

After the committee meeting, the audit committee reviewed the books. The committee was Jim Chapin, Joe Balbo, and Elayne Riley. Invoices and payments were reviewed. The committee found the books to be in good order.

Elayne Riley, Chairperson
Audit and Finance Committee

MEET SCHEDULING

Lisa Sundstrom

Lisa is still looking for all Associations to return their Coaches list. This helps USS and Doc Savage when they are trying to inform/contact coaches. The meet schedule is printed later in this minutes book. The webpage also has updates. Jerry will only change info regarding the Meet Schedule on the webpage with information from Lisa. Lisa is maintaining a list of contact names and numbers and will supply this to the ASU Secretary. Please supply a contact person for your meets. A discussion ensued about putting entry forms on the webpage. John Monroe indicated that US Speedskating has recently done that. Someone suggested one standardized meet form recognizing that the meet director would still need to provide meet information. Lisa will work with meet Directors if conflicts occur between USS meets and ASU/local meets.

Discussion ensued of combining American Cup meets with local meets. The original intent was to provide meaningful competition for the next tier of skaters after the World Cup to keep them competitive. With the help of the ASU meet organizers these meets have gone on and it also enhances the local meets bringing in elite skaters.

RECORDS REPORT

presented by Bill Anderson

Discussion took place as to the continuing problem of the required paperwork not being turned in to the Records Committee in a timely fashion. It was decided that 1/2 of the ASU subsidy to the host Association would be paid as soon as the sanction fee is received and the remaining 1/2 would be paid when the paperwork is received by the Records Committee. The Executive Committee can review or alter this decision.

SPECIAL HALL OF FAME COLLECTION

It was reported that \$300 was collected in honor of Doc Savage for the Hall of Fame Endowment fund and an additional \$200 was donated during the Helminski collection!

BANQUET AND SPECIAL AWARDS

The conventioners gathered Saturday evening for the traditional awards banquet and to honor a select few of their peers for their outstanding contributions to our sport. Before dinner everyone gathered in the meeting room which had been transformed into a glorious setting for the evening with unique and clever 'California' décor. Many thanks goes to Lisa Ahlke for the design and her hard work as well as to her committee. Skater Brian Nelson, from the Southern California Speedskating Association, masterfully entertained on the piano while conventioners, family and friends had an opportunity to relax and chat during the hospitality hour. A wonderful meal was followed by the exciting and moving awards ceremony. The biographies of the honorees are found in this minutes book.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Outgoing President, Bill Anderson, introduced the new President, Duane Riley. Duane presented Bill with a plaque representing Honorary Membership to the ASU.

President Duane Riley welcomed the three new VP's and Secretary/Treasurer. Speaking for all of them, Duane indicated that they would all do their best for the ASU.

The convention was adjourned at 11:11am.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks and kudos to Jerry Search and his committee for the wonderful convention. The Atrium Hotel staff, especially Howard Habeman, did an outstanding job. From the registration, hosted by Lezleigh Jaworski, Jade Wheeler, Maria Garcia, Alice Kim and Lisa Ahlke, through the banquet and continuing to the luncheon served on Sunday, this convention was enjoyable and productive.

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen Kostal*

2000 ASU CONVENTION

ASU/US SPEEDSKATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to ASU rules and regulations, this report on behalf of ASU/US Speedskating Board Members Committee is being presented.

The elected committee members are:

Fred Benjamin
Jim Chapin
Brad Goskowicz
Ed Lang
Linda O'Hare
Karen Street
Lisa Sundstrom
Milt Weinstein.

All members were present at the 1999 May ASU Convention in Wisconsin except for Milt Weinstein, who had suffered a serious leg injury in a bicycle accident.

All were present at the September US Speedskating meeting in St. Louis.

This report usually covers three meetings; however, the US Speedskating Board meeting, which regularly takes place in April before our May Convention is two weeks from now or June 2, 3, and 4 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the September US Speedskating meeting, the main topic of discussion and caucusing was the implementation of a set of by-laws that we could live with that would become new US Speedskating By-Laws and then a template for a set of by-laws for a merged organization if that would occur in the future.

A small meeting was held with Bill Anderson on Thursday evening before the meetings began of the people he chose to be on an implementation committee. That group met at a breakfast meeting the following morning along with the Board Members Committee and the Executive Committee to get everyone's input before a by-law vote.

Much of the discussion and arguing at the subsequent Board meeting involved the number of Board members for US Speedskating and the breakdown. The final vote, although not to our liking or agreement was as follows:

1 past US Speedskating President
4 elite athletes (specific definition)

- 3 ASU representatives
- 3 retired Olympians or World Team members (specific definition)
- 2 competing athletes or general members
- 2 at large outside of speedskating

If a merged organization were formed that would probably turn into five general members since there would not be an ASU. At large positions could change.

There was a great deal of dissension after this meeting and many very unhappy members from the ASU Board Committee, Executive Committee and Implementation Committee as many of our members felt the final proposal which passed was not a fair compromise.

A joint meeting of ASU and US Speedskating was scheduled for this spring in California, now, to vote on and implement a merger.

In October, at the first America Cup Short Track meet in Oak Lawn, Illinois, approximately eleven of fourteen people from the Board Members Committee, Executive Committee, and Implementation Committee were present. Most wanted a meeting to discuss the proposed joint meeting. An 80 - 85% majority did not want the joint meeting feeling it was premature since there were so many details not discussed and still so much unhappiness at the outcome of the US Speedskating Board meeting. I'll be happy to discuss those details with any one who asks over the weekend.

The joint meeting was, therefore, canceled creating anger in US Speedskating.

Adding to this anger was a push by some ASU/US Speedskating Board members to include all of our 800 - 1000 members on the general membership vote since there is a joint membership in effect until August 31, 2000.

The second major event regarding our committee over the last year was that there was no longer a President's Advisory Board as part of the new fifteen member US Speedskating Board.

We, therefore, lost four positions. We already had an election for members to be seated when the new US Speedskating Board was elected. How would we reduce four to three? Have a full election? Have an election from four? Have an election from eight? While the Executive Committee was mulling this over, Milt Weinstein, one of the four full Board members, of his own volition, volunteered to resign if the three of four already elected to the main board would serve with Milt being the alternate. Bill Anderson and the rest of the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee agreed to this action provided the Board of Control agreed. A mail vote to the Board of Control confirmed this fifteen to two. The three members, therefore, are Lisa Sundstrom, Bard Goscowicz and Fred Benjamin.

A US Speedskating By-law gave US Speedskating the right to ratify our election. US Speedskating then voted to a 12/12 tie, which resulted in them not ratifying the election which they had a right to do under their By-laws as then written.

After a planning meeting held at the National Short Track involving the ASU Board Committee and the Executive Committee and other interested parties present, it was decided to write USOC on behalf of ASU a letter indicating it inappropriate for US Speedskating to not ratify since the result would keep ASU off the newly seated Board in violation of the USOC Constitution and By-Laws. The ratification procedure was merely to make sure the ASU or other affiliated sports organization did not have discriminatory rules for election.

In response to that letter, the USOC has recommended that the ratification provision be deleted from US Speedskating By-Laws as they do not advocate NGB control over Affiliated Sports Organizations.

At this writing that amendment change is out for a vote, the deadline of which is May 17, 2000. By the time of this meeting, we should know the outcome of the vote and as well as the makeup of the new US Speedskating Board.

All in all, this year entailed many hours of time by members of this committee, the Executive Committee, and the Implementation Committee in phone conferences, letter writing, and discussions. I thank all of those who put in all those hours of time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Benjamin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Fred Benjamin
Chairman, ASU/US Speedskating Board Committee

**AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION
1999 - 2000 REGISTRATION REPORT**

Association	Total			Officials	Non-		Association Total
	Registered Skaters	New Novices	2nd Year Novices		Competitors	Coaches	
ASA of Illinois	113	36	14	24	40	6	153
Colorado Skating	11	2		1			11
Connecticut Speedskating	28	3	3		5		33
Greater Minnesota Speedskating	107	15	28	30	35	5	142
Iowa Skating	5	2		4	6	1	11
Maryland Speedskating	83	20	15	5	7	3	90
Michigan Speedskating	170	60	26	16	24	8	194
Middle Atlantic Speedskating	75	14	6	6	13	4	88
Missouri Skating	110	17	22	22	32	4	142
Montana Amateur Speedskating	9		1	16	14		23
Northeast Speedskating	90	16	12	12	27	3	117
Northern California Speedskating	47	9	18	2	7	2	54
Northern New York Skating	86	12	20	17	21	4	107
Ohio Skating	54	10	7	14	17	1	71
Southern California Speedskating	49	7	5	8	7	2	56
Utah Speedskating	29	7	7	3	7	1	36
Western New York Skating	34	6	12	2	4		38
Wisconsin Skating	192	43	34	44	53	8	245
Direct	83	21	15	2	12	8	95
Special Needs (1)	22	5	2				22
	1375	300	245	228	331	60	1706

TOTAL REGISTERED MEMBERS - 1706

The information given under the designations above is based on how each association reported its registered members on the ASU registration forms.

NATIONAL LONG TRACK	ROSEVILLE, MN.	106
NORTH AMERICAN LONG TRACK	LAKE PLACID, NY.	171
NATIONAL SHORT TRACK	ASTON, PA.	182
NORTH AMERICAN SHORT TRACK	REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN	180 (2)

(1) Special Needs Skaters are included in each associations totals.

(2) An additional 23 skaters competed in Bantam (Peewee) Exhibition Races.

2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

LONG TRACK ROSEVILLE, MINNESOTA

SHORT TRACK ASTON, PENNSYLVANIA

MASTER 70+ MEN	Joe McDonald Colorado	Howard Ganong N. New York
MASTER 60-69 MEN	Vern Kappes Wisconsin	Ed Basinski N. New York
MASTER 50-59 MEN	Chris Hawkins Middle Atlantic	John Diemont N. California
MASTER 50-59 WOMEN	Carole Moore Middle Atlantic	Carole Moore Middle Atlantic
MASTER 40-49 MEN	Greg Oly Greater Minnesota	Rob Darrow Illinois
MASTER 40-49 WOMEN	Marian Furst Colorado	Liz Marchese N. New York
MASTER 30-39 MEN	Paul Marchese N. New York	Sam Renshaw Michigan
MASTER 30-39 WOMEN	Cynthia Darrow Illinois	Kate Stewart N. New York
SENIOR MEN	Matthew Selby Greater Minnesota	Chris Weaver Michigan
SENIOR WOMEN	Alice Hagen Wisconsin	Amy Peterson Greater Minnesota
JUNIOR MEN	Joe Carlson Greater Minnesota	Shani Davis Illinois
JUNIOR WOMEN	Heidi Stangl Greater Minnesota	Kira Fling Illinois
JUVENILE MEN	Tyler Goff Wisconsin	Zack Goldberg Maryland
JUVENILE WOMEN	Maria Lamb Greater Minnesota	Maria Garcia S. California
MIDGET MEN	Matthew DeMay Greater Minnesota	Arron Kopp N. New York
MIDGET WOMEN	Caitlin Goskowicz Greater Minnesota	Tippy Jordan Greater Minnesota
PONY MEN	Eduardo Alvarez Florida - Direct member	Brad Soble & Eduardo Alvarez Missouri, Florida & Direct member
PONY WOMEN	Kelly Block Illinois	Aran Kim Southern California

2000 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONS

LONG TRACK LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

SHORT TRACK REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

MASTER MEN 70+ **Howard Ganong**
N. New York

MASTER MEN 60-69 **Vern Kappes**
Wisconsin

MASTER WOMEN 60-69

MASTER MEN 50-59 **Chris Hawkins**
Middle Atlantic

MASTER WOMEN 50-59 **Carole Moore**
Middle Atlantic

MASTER MEN 40-49 **Bob Laurence**
Ontario

MASTER WOMEN 40-49 **Liz Marchese**
N. New York

MASTER MEN 30-39 **Paul Marchese**
N. New York

MASTER WOMEN 30-39 **Anne Waddell**
Alberta

SENIOR MEN **David Needham**
Northeast

SENIOR WOMEN **Carla Langenthal**
Michigan

INTERMEDIATE MEN **David Okoniewski**
N. New York

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN **Terri Downer**
Can

JUNIOR BOYS **Lauren Lemieux**
Quebec

JUNIOR GIRLS **Heather Deans**
Alberta

JUVENILE BOYS **Francois-Olivier Roberge**
Quebec

JUVENILE GIRLS **Danielle DuBois**
Manitoba

MIDGET BOYS **Nicholas Bean**
Ontario

MIDGET GIRLS **Erica Lanser**
Wisconsin

PONY BOYS
(EXHIBITION)
PONY GIRLS
(EXHIBITION)

David Emery
British Columbia

Agatha Van Der Starre
British Columbia

John Diemont
N. California

Joanna Walters
Wyoming

Blaine Hill
Alberta

Jan Zurcher
Washington

Sam Renshaw
Michigan

Renee Machat
British Columbia

Jeff Sholten
New Brunswick

Andrea Searles
New Brunswick

Andrew Lahey
Ontario

Annik Plamondon
Quebec

Olivier Jean
Quebec

Emilie Nadeau-Benoit
Quebec

Zack Goldberg
Maryland

Maria Garcia
S. California

Mathieu Richer
Quebec

Melissa Tremblay
Quebec

Aaron Decorby
Saskatchewan

Sarah Gregg
Alberta

2000 MARATHON CHAMPIONS
LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

	25K	50K
MASTER MEN 60-69	John Mahoney Middle Atlantic	Tony Marchese Middle Atlantic
MASTER MEN 50-59	Chris Hawkins Mid Atlantic	Bill Bauer Middle Atlantic
MASTER WOMEN 50-59	Carole Moore Middle Atlantic	Carole Moore Middle Atlantic
MASTER MEN 40-49	Timothy Kelly Alaska	Jamie Hess Northeast
MASTER WOMEN 40-49	Liz Marchese N. New York	Wendy Arnett Alaska
MASTER MEN 30-39	Joe Franz N. New York	Paul Marchese N. New York
MASTER WOMEN 30-39	Kate Stewart N. New York	
SENIOR MEN	Nate Kokinda	
SENIOR WOMEN	Beth Bedford Michigan	Beth Bedford Michigan
JUNIOR MEN	Greg Morris Alaska	Greg Morris Alaska
JUNIOR WOMEN	Kristen Bedford Michigan	Kristen Bedford Michigan

2000 RELAY CHAMPIONS

	MEN	WOMEN
NATIONAL SHORT TRACK	Michigan	Northern New York



AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

Susan Jarrett • [REDACTED], St. Louis, MO 63131 • [REDACTED]

RECORD COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 21, 2000

NATIONAL LONG TRACK

The National Long Track Championships were held in Roseville, Minnesota at the John Rose Memorial Oval, an "Open" rink, on February 5-6, 2000. Twenty-two applications for existing distances and 12 "Best Times" from previous years were reviewed. The following are the records recognized for this meet for 2000.

<u>Master Women - 50-59</u>					
800M	Carole Moore	M.A.	1:23.25	Final	
1000M	Carole Moore	M.A.	1:41.20	Final	
<u>Master Women - 40-49</u>					
1999 500M Butte	Marian Furst	CO	0:50.66	Final	
1999 800M Butte	Marian Furst	CO	1:20.38	Final	
1999 1000M Butte	Marian Furst	CO	1:42.38	Final	
1999 1500M Butte	Marian Furst	CO	2:39.36	Final	
3000M	Marian Furst	CO	5:43.09	Final	
<u>Master Women - 30-39</u>					
500M	Cynthia Darrow	IL	0:47.44	Final	
800M	Cynthia Darrow	IL	1:22.86	Final	
1000M	Cynthia Darrow	IL	1:41.23	Final	
1500M	Cynthia Darrow	IL	2:45.89	Final	
1999 3000M Butte	Beth Lockhart	UT	5:34.10	Final	
<u>Master Men - 60-69</u>					
800M	Verne Kappes	WI	1:23.97	Final	
<u>Master Men - 50-59</u>					
500M	Chris Hawkins	M.A.	0:43.18	Final	
1500M	Chris Hawkins	M.A.	2:20.94	Final	
<u>Master Men - 40-49</u>					
1999 500M Butte	Boris Leikan	UT	0:40.76	Final	
800M	Greg Oly	G.MN	1:11.16	Final	
1999 1000M Butte	Greg Oly	G.MN	1:28.81	Final	
1999 1500M Butte	Greg Oly	G.MN	2:13.72	Final	
1999 3000M Butte	Greg Oly	G.MN	4:41.08	Final	
<u>Master Men - 30-39</u>					
1999 500M Butte	Paul Marchese	N.NY	0:39.90	Final	
800M	Paul Marchese	N.NY	1:10.83	Final	
1000M	Paul Marchese	N.NY	1:32.90	Final	
1500M	Paul Marchese	N.NY	2:11.54	Final	
3000M	Paul Marchese	N.NY	4:46.74	Final	
<u>Junior Men</u>					
500M	Joe Carlson	G.MN	0:40.61	Heat#1	
500M	Mike Kagen	G.MN	0:40.15	Final	
<u>Pony Boys</u>					
200M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (Florida)	0:22.85	Final	
300M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (Florida)	0:33.06	Final	
400M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (Florida)	0:43.92	Final	
500M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (Florida)	0:53.15	Final	
600M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (Florida)	1:04.84	Final	

Ten applications for "Best Times" of NEW distances were also presented.

<u>Master Women - 50-59</u>					
3000M	Carole Moore	M.A.	5:42.38	Final	
<u>Junior Women</u>					
3000M	Heidi Stangl	G.MN	5:18.33	Final	
<u>Master Men - 70+</u>					
500M	Joe McDonald	CO	0:58.96	Final	
800M	Joe McDonald	CO	1:45.56	Final	
1000M	Joe McDonald	CO	2:01.03	Final	
1500M	Joe McDonald	CO	3:05.16	Final	
3000M	Joe McDonald	CO	6:38.60	Final	

National Long Track - con't.

<u>Master Men - 60-69</u>				
3000M	Vern Kappes	WI	6:06.42	Final
<u>Master Men - 50-59</u>				
3000M	Chris Hawkins	M.A.	4:56.02	Final
<u>Junior Men</u>				
3000M	Joe Carlson	G.MN	5:04.55	Final

NATIONAL SHORT TRACK

Twenty-nine applications were received from the National Short Track Championships held at the Ice Works in Aston, Pennsylvania on March 31-April 2, 2000 . There were also four "Best Time" applications submitted to be held until the second time the distances are skated. From the 1999 Short Track Championships held in San Jose, seven "Best Times" will become records.

The following are the applications presented and accepted:

<u>Master Women - 50-59</u>				
500M	Carole Moore	M.A.	0:54.61	Final
777M	Carole Moore	M.A.	1:26.06	Final
1000M	Carole Moore	M.A.	1:51.02	Final
1500M	Carole Moore	M.A.	2:50.85	Final
<u>Master Women - 40-49</u>				
500M	Liz Marchese	N.NY	0:55.75	Final
1000M	Liz Marchese	N.NY	1:57.14	Final
1500M	Liz Marchese	N.NY	2:58.87	Final
3000M	Liz Marchese	N.NY	6:12.59	Final
<u>Senior Women</u>				
500M	Amy Peterson	G.M.	0:47.01	Heat #1
1000M	Amy Peterson	G.M.	1:37.75	Heat #1
<u>Junior Women</u>				
1500M	Jade Wheeler	S. CA	2:38.59	Heat #2
<u>Juvenile Girls</u>				
333M	Maria Garcia	S.CA	0:32.60	Final
500M	Maria Garcia	S.CA	0:48.57	Final
777M	Maria Garcia	S.CA	1:18.30	Final
<u>Master Men - 60-69</u>				
1000M	Ed Basinski	N.NY	2:02.73	Final
<u>Master Men - 50-59</u>				
500M	John Diemont	N.CA	0:49.69	Heat #1
777M	John Diemont	N.CA	1:20.28	Final
1000M	John Diemont	N.CA	1:42.40	Final
1500M	John Diemont	N.CA	2:44.28	Final
<u>Master Men - 40-49</u>				
500M	Rob Anlke	S. CA	0:49.07	Final
1000M	Robert Darrow	IL	1:43.66	Final
1500M	Robert Darrow	IL	2:40.29	Final
3000M	Robert Darrow	IL	5:36.78	Final
<u>Master Men - 30-39</u>				
500M	Sam Renshaw	MI	0:48.68	Heat #2
<u>Junior Men</u>				
500M	Shani Davis	IL	0:44.79	Final
1000M	Shani Davis	IL	1:33.02	Final
<u>Pony Boys</u>				
222M	Eduardo Alvarez	ASU (FL)	0:25.61	Heat #1
444M	Andrew Choi	S. CA	0:48.06	Heat #1
500M	Andrew Choi	S. CA	0:55.79	Heat #1

"Best Times" in second year races that now become record times are:

<u>Master Women - 30-39</u>				
500M	Peggy Clarke	MO	0:50.41	Final
1000M	Peggy Clarke	MO	1:43.74	Final
1500M	Peggy Clarke	MO	2:40.73	Final
3000M	Peggy Clarke	MO	5:34.45	Final
<u>Master Men - 30-39</u>				
1000M	Niel Mansfield	NE	1:41.15	Final
1500M	Kimon Papajadjopoulos	N. CA	2:33.94	Final
3000M	Niel Mansfield	NE	5:32.11	Final

National Short Track - con't.

The "Best Times" skated in NEW events are as follow:

<u>Master Men - 70+</u>					
500M	Howard Ganong	N. NY	1:00.03	Final	
777M	Howard Ganong	N. NY	1:33.22	Final	
1000M	Howard Ganong	N. NY	2:02.17	Final	
1500M	Howard Ganong	N. NY	3:15.53	Final	

NORTH AMERICAN SHORT TRACK

The 2000 North American Short Track was held on March 24-26 in Regina, Saskatchewan. This is the year that CASSA determines what records are set for this championship.

NORTH AMERICAN LONG TRACK

The North American Long Track for 2000 was held January 29-30, 2000 at Lake Placid, New York on the Sheffield Olympic Oval, an "Open" rink. As there was some problem with the electronic timing, the "worksheets" have four manual times. From what I have been able to piece together, the gun did not start the electronic clock but the resulting time on the clock was used as the "official" time... contrary to the rules. It would help to have a letter explaining the situation from the Chief Timer, Mike Miller, or the Meet Director, Tom Miller. This situation will need more review to determine if the times of the three manual watches have any record times. Since the record applications were not submitted, due to this confusion, it will be necessary to further review the times and to mail the resulting applications to Bill Anderson for signature after the ASU Convention. I have no problem with this, as heat cards and electronic time sheets were sent to me. It just means the Certificates will be later than usual.

Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!!

As there is a great amount of paperwork involved in establishing records, receiving within the guidelines set out in the ASU Handbook is a must. I am very grateful to those who did an exemplary job in getting the needed information to the Record Committee in a timely manner...namely, Don Anderson of the Greater Minnesota Skating Association. Thanks, Don.

Although the National Short Track papers did not arrive until May 10, Larry Clever, Chief Timer, and David Kennedy, Meet Director, are to be commended for the professional way the timing was handled and the applications were presented. Everything was easy to read and follow through the twenty-nine applications. Thank you.

In closing, I would like to mention the loss of Barbara Smith, an exceptional Record Committee Member. She never failed to respond to my correspondence, even when she was having eye problems. A neighbor read the information to her, then Barb would call me. Thank you, Barbara. You will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Jarrett
Chairman, ASU Record Committee
May 21, 2000



AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

Susan Jarrett • [REDACTED], St. Louis, MO 63131 • [REDACTED]

2000 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The ASU Scholarship Fund for the year 1999-2000 benefited again from another generous donation from Howard Gutgesell and a few Memorials. These contributions raised the principal of the fund over \$35,000.00. This basis will enable the Scholarship Committee to continue to make an award each year from the earnings.

This does not mean that the memorials, tributes and donations are not still needed. The larger the basis, the more money that can be distributed annually to the skaters.

Only one skater applied this year for the 2000-2001 scholarship. As the Scholarship Committee reviewed the application it was soon apparent that the applicant did not meet most of the criteria, therefore was denied a scholarship.

As the world of skaters continues to broaden, compared to years past, the Scholarship Committee will spend this spring and summer revising the criteria and guidelines for applying for the scholarships. The Committee also will incorporate the Carol Blatchford Memorial Fund to set up a scholarship in her name following the revised criteria. In several months, watch the ASU web page for further information. (www.speedskating.org)

The Committee wishes to thank those people who have made donations to the ASU Scholarship Fund. Most of the contributors are generous repeat donors.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Jarrett
Scholarship Committee Chairman
May 21, 2000



AMATEUR SPEEDSKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

May 17, 2000

Medal and Medallion Fund Report

The Medal and Medallion Fund balance was \$72,722.13 at 4/30/00. Changes from last year are summarized as follows:

1999 Balance	\$ 87,703.12
Medal and Medallion Purchases	(11,812.24)
Sponsors	2,115.00
Net Market Decline	(5,283.75)
2000 Balance	<u>\$ 72,722.13</u>

The fund balance is down from last April due to market decline in the Dividend Growth Fund and increases in spending on medals and medallions.

The dividend growth fund is strong in dividends, which is why we are invested in this fund, to ensure a reasonable yet safe return to buy medals. This is a good fund for us in spite of the market decline.

The pacific growth fund has acted to balance off some of the market decline of the dividend growth fund.

We have assumed that these investments should earn a 10% rate of return. Assuming this rate of return however, we cannot afford to maintain the current spending level on medals and medallions. The increased cost is due to medal cost increases and added classes. Based on present medal expenditures, the fund will have to pay \$10,200 per year (see attached schedule on medal cost). This level of spending must be reduced to about \$8,000 per year to ensure future medal and medallion funding under our 10% earning assumption.

I recommend that medal and medallion funding be capped at \$8,000 per year with any additional funding requirements to come out of the ASU budget. Additionally we should encourage the funding of medals for newly added classes.

Submitted by Bill Anderson, Chair of Fund Trustees

Trustees: Jim Marquard
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Amateur Speedskating Union													
Medal and Medallion Fund Report													
April 30, 2000													
					4/30/97	4/30/98	4/30/99	4/30/00					
	4/30/97	4/30/98	4/30/99	4/30/00	PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION					
DW Liquid Asset	4,041.60	4.93	427.96	7.72	6%	0%	0%	0%					
DW Pacific Growth	8,299.03	5,263.82	5,824.92	7,770.37	11%	6%	7%	11%					
DW Dividend Growth	43,219.55	57,670.53	61,835.91	50,394.04	59%	69%	71%	69%					
TOTAL EQUITIES	51,518.58	62,934.35	67,660.83	58,164.41	70%	76%	77%	80%					
US Gov't Bonds													
US Gov't (TSY4)	2,780.88	0.00	0.00		4%		0%	0%					
US Gov't (TSY7)	2,075.55	1,400.75	704.33		3%	2%	1%	0%					
TOTAL U.S. GOV.	4,856.43	1,400.75	704.33	0.00	7%	2%	1%	0%					
C/D's (Yield 6.20%)	8,000.00	8,000.00			11%	10%	0%	0%					
C/D's (Yield 5.20%)			4,000.00				5%	0%					
C/D's (Yield 5.80%)		3,000.00	3,000.00			4%	3%	0%					
C/D's (Yield 5.10%)			4,000.00				5%	0%					
C/D's (Yield 5.70%)				7,000.00				10%					
FHLMC (Yield 6.35%)	4,906.25	7,820.00	7,910.00	7,550.00	7%	9%	9%	10%					
Total Non Equities	21,804.28	20,225.68	20,042.29	14,557.72	30%	24%	23%	20%					
FUND BALANCE	73,322.86	83,160.03	87,703.12	72,722.13	100%	100%	100%	100%					
Receipts/Disbursements													
Withdrawal	(6,300.00)	(8,480.32)	(8,200.00)	(11,812.24)									
Deposits	4,007.00	4,550.00	2,875.00	2,115.00									
Adjustment B/F	(2,293.00)	(3,930.32)	(5,325.00)	(9,697.24)									
Add back 5/96 dep.	1,875.00												
Earnings/Appreciation	6,406.00	13,767.49	9,868.09	(5,283.75)									
Fund Balance must be at a minimum of \$50,000 to pay for medals (established at 1998 convention)													
Adjustments: deposit of \$2,115 on 6/23/99													

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ASSET DETAILS

Your Investments				Current Price	Value	Est Yrly Income	Current Yield
7000	SUPERIOR BK CD	5700	[REDACTED]	100	7,000.00	399.00	5.70%
8000	FHLMC	6000	[REDACTED]	94 3/8	7,550.00	480.00	6.35%
Total Value of Priced Investments					\$14,550.00	\$879.00	6.04%

Custodial Holdings		Symbol	Current Price	Date	Value	Custodian	Dividend Cap Gains Option	Fund Plan Number
7.17	MSDW LIQUID ASSET FUND	ILAF	1.00	04/28/00	7.17	MSDWT	Reinv/ N/A	[REDACTED]
476.418	MSDW PACIFIC GROWTH B	TGRBX	16.31	04/28/00	7,770.37	MSDWT	Reinv/Reinv	[REDACTED]
913.929	MSDW DIVIDEND GROWTH B	DIVBX	55.14	04/28/00	50,394.04	MSDWT	Reinv/Reinv	[REDACTED]
Total Custodial Holdings					\$58,171.58			

Asset Summary		Value	Est Yrly Income
Cash		0.55	
Total Account Valuation		\$72,722.13	\$879.00

**Amateur Speedskating Union
Medallion and Medal Expenditures
Prepared May 15, 2000**

<u>Medallions and Medals</u>	<u>Medals</u>	<u>unit price</u>	<u>Medallions</u>	<u>unit price</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
National Short Track	320	6.25	19	8.75	2,166.25	8.50	2,174.75
Marathon	96	6.25			600.00	22.50	622.50
North American Long Track	320	7.35	20	67.38	3,699.60	(15.00)	3,684.60
National Long Track	400	6.25	20	9.38	2,687.60		2,687.60
1999 NA Short Track			2	62.38	124.76	31.74	156.50
Inventory (Boxes)			50	0.63	31.50		31.50
							<u>9,357.45</u>
National Medallions 2000 and 2001			80	30.00	2,400.00	54.79	2,454.79
Total Disbursements (2000)							<u>11,812.24</u>
Estimated disbursements for 2001							<u>9,000.00</u>
Normalized Annual Medal and Medallion Cost							<u>10,200.00</u>

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2000-2001 MEET SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SEP 22-24	US Speedskating Board Meeting		Milwaukee, WI
OCT 7-8	Pettit Time Trials Begin	LT (Metric)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
OCT 14-15	ST American Cup I	ST	TBA
OCT 20-22	World Cup Short Track	ST	Calgary, Canada
OCT 27-29	World Cup Short Track	ST	Salt Lake City, UT
OCT 28	Chicago Silver Skates	ST (SN)^	Glen Ellyn, IL
OCT 29	Badger Open	ST	Madison, WI
NOV 3-5	LT Fall World Cup Qualifier	LT (Metric)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
NOV 4-5	Great Lakes Short Track Championships	ST (SN)^	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
NOV 11	Silver Derby Classic	ST	Ogden, UT
NOV 11-12	Central Wisconsin Short Track Open	ST (SN)^	Wausau, WI
	Eastern States/ST American Cup II/ ST Fall World Cup Qualifier	ST	Saratoga Springs, NY
NOV 17-19	Can Am	LT (Metric)	Calgary, Canada
NOV 18	Bay State	ST	Walpole, MA
	Park Ridge Open	ST (SN)^	Park Ridge, IL
NOV 18-19	World Cup Long Track (1500,3000/5000)	LT (Metric)	Berlin, Germany
NOV 19	Polar Ice Short Track	ST	Cedar Rapids, IA
NOV 25-26	World Cup Long Track (1500,5000/10000)	LT (Metric)	Heerenveen, Holland
	LT American Cup I / Can Am	LT (Metric)	Butte, MT
NOV 26	Gold Cup	LT (Pack) (SN)^	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
DEC 1-3	World Cup Short Track	ST	Nobeyama, Japan
DEC 2-3	Ohio Invitational/ST American Cup III	ST (SN)^	Cleveland, OH
DEC 3	I-94 Sprints	LT (Pack) (SN)^	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
DEC 8 - 10	World Cup Short Track	ST	Changchun, China
DEC 9	Journal Star Speedskating Classic	ST	Peoria, IL
DEC 9-10	World Cup Long Track (Sprint)	LT (Metric)	Seoul, Korea
	John Rose Open	LT (Pack)	Roseville, MN
DEC 16-17	World Cup Long Track (Sprint)	LT (Metric)	Nagano, Japan
	U.S. Junior Short Track Championships	ST	Bay City, MI
DEC 17	Christmas Classic	LT (Pack) (SN)^	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
DEC 29-31	U.S. Allround Championships	LT (Metric)	Butte, MT
DEC 30	National Capital Open	ST(SN)^	Laurel, MD
JAN 6	Franklin Park Special Needs	ST (SN)^	Franklin Park, IL
JAN 6-7	World Junior Short Track Championships	ST	Opale, Poland
	U.S. Sprint/Jr. Sprint Championships	LT (Metric)	SLC or Pettit
	Eastern States Championships	LT (Pack)	Saratoga Springs, NY
	Western International	LT (Pack/Metric)	Butte, MT
JAN 7	IL & WI State Meets (Closed)	LT (Pack) (SN)^	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
JAN 12-14	N. America/Oceania Regional Qualifier	LT (Metric)	SLC or Pettit
JAN 13	Gohl Waupaca Classic	LT (Pack)	Waupaca, WI
JAN 13-14	National Marathon Championships	LT (Pack)	New Hampshire
	U.S. Junior Regional Championships	LT (Metric)	East - Lake Placid
			Midwest - Milwaukee
			West - Roseville
JAN 14	Central Wisconsin Long Track Open	LT (Pack)	Wausau, WI

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JAN 20-21	World Sprint Championships	LT (Metric)	Inzell, Germany
	Great Lakes Long Track Championships	LT (Pack)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
	Montana Outdoor (Closed)	LT (Pack)	Butte, MT
JAN 26-28	World Cup Short Track	ST	Europe
JAN 27-28	National Long Track Championships	LT (Pack)	Salt Lake City, UT
	World Cup Long Track (Sprint)	LT (Metric)	Helsinki, Finland
JAN 28	Skate-on-State	ST (SN)^	Chicago, IL
FEB 2-4	World Cup Long Track (All distances)	LT (Metric)	Heerenveen, Holland
	World Cup Short Track	ST	Europe
FEB 3-4	North American Long Track Championships	LT (Pack)	Winnipeg, MB
	U.S. Junior Championships	LT (Metric)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
FEB 4	Metros Speedskating Championships	ST	St. Louis, MO
FEB 9-11	World Allround Championships	LT (Metric)	Budapest, Hungary
FEB 10	Syracuse All Points	ST	Syracuse, NY
FEB 10-11	Masters International	LT (Pack)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
FEB 13-16	World University Games	ST	Zakopane, Poland
FEB 17-18	World Cup Long Track (1500,3000/5000)	LT (Metric)	Hamar, Norway
	Junior Country Match	LT (Metric)	Berlin, Germany
	LT American Cup II	LT (Metric)	Roseville, MN
	Land of Lincoln/ST American Cup Final	ST (Pack)	Champaign, IL
FEB 23-25	World Junior Championships	LT (Metric)	Heerenveen, Holland
FEB 24	Pittsfield Short Track	ST	N. Adams, MA
	Lac Beauport Marathon	LT	Lac Beauport, Quebec
FEB 24-25	Northbrook Open	ST (SN)^	Northbrook, IL
MAR 2-4	World Cup Long Track (All distances)	LT (Metric)	Calgary, Canada
	U.S. Short Track Championships	ST	TBA
MAR 3	Wisconsin State Short Track (Closed)	ST (SN)^	Wausau, WI
MAR 3-4	St. Louis Silver Skates	ST	St. Louis, MO
	Susquehanna Challenge	ST	PA or MD
	LT American Cup Final	LT (Metric)	Pettit, Milwaukee, WI
	Masters World Metric	LT (Metric)	Ste. Foy, Quebec
MAR 4-11	2001 Special Olympic World Winter Games	ST (SN)^	Anchorage, AK
MAR 9-11	World Single Distance Championships	LT (Metric)	Salt Lake City, UT
MAR 10	Bob Finkel/New York State Short Track	ST	Newburgh, NY
MAR 10-11	Evanston Northshore Open	ST (SN)^	Evanston, IL
MAR 14-18	Olympic Oval Finale	LT (Metric)	Calgary, Canada
MAR 16-18	National Short Track Championships	ST	Bay City, MI
MAR 23-25	North American Short Track Championships	ST	Wausau, WI
MAR 24-25	World Short Track Team Championships	ST	Nobeyama, Japan
MAR 30-APR 1	World Short Track Championships	ST	Seoul, Korea
APR	US Speedskating Board Meeting		
MAY 18-20	ASU Convention		Albany, New York

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ASU MAJOR EVENTS

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EVENT	2001	2002
National Long Track Championships	Kearney, Utah Olympic Oval Jan 27-28	Milwaukee, WI Pettit National Ice Center Jan 26-27
National Short Track Championships	Bay City, MI Bay County Civic Arena Mar 16-18	Neville Island, PA Island Sports Center March
National Marathon Championships	New Hampshire Jan 13-14	
North American Long Track Championships	Winnipeg, Manitoba Feb 3-4	Roseville Minnesota Feb 2-3
North American Short Track Championships	Wausau, WI Greenheck Field House Mar 23-25	Canada
ASU Convention	Saratoga Springs, NY May 18-20	Chicago, IL May 17-19

