



**United States Luge Association/ United States Luge Foundation
Minutes of the Joint Meeting
Of the Boards of Directors and Trustees**

Saturday, May 20, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Luge Association (the “USLA” or, the “USLA Board”), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and the Board of Trustees of the United States Luge Foundation (the “USLF” or, the “USLF Board”), [a trust organized under the laws of the State of New York], was held at the Marriott Colorado Springs, located at 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, commencing at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time, pursuant to notice duly given.

The following persons, comprising a quorum of the USLA Board and the USLF Board, were present at the meeting for all or a portion of the meeting, as indicated below: Adam Berlew, Julia Clukey, Pete Gillwald, Ray Wierzbicki, Don Simkin, Paul Baribault, Erin Warren, Bob Pokelwaldt, Dwight Bell, Chris Mazdzer, Mary Ann Deignan, Scott Arnold, and Janine Musholt. Excused from the meeting were Matt Mortensen, Terrence Burns and Arlene Graime.

The following persons were present at the invitation of the Board for all or a portion of the meeting: Jim Leahy, Mark Grimmette and Jon Owen.

Mr. Bell, President of the USLA Board, presided and called the meeting to order. He and Mr. Ray Wierzbicki, President of the USLF Trustees made introductory remarks and welcomed all to the joint meeting. After his remarks, Mr. Bell also provided some insights via a recent meeting he and Mr. Jim Leahy had with Mr. Scott Blackmun, CEO of the United States Olympic Committee while in town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bell stated that the first item of business was the review and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the USLA Board held on April 12, 2017. After discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meetings of the Board of Directors of the USLA, is hereby approved by the USLA Board, as modified at this meeting.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Bell invited Mr. Leahy to present his CEO report. Mr. Leahy gave a review of the recent successful athletic season for the USLA culminating with 3 World Championship medals in Innsbruck. He addressed the recent coaching moves for the upcoming season due to the announcement of Miro Zayonc stepping down as head coach due to medical reasons.

Mr. Leahy gave a brief update on the current process of the new offices/sliding center and finished with a current financial update via April's End of Month Income Statement.

Mr. Leahy then invited Mr. Mark Grimmette, USLA Sport Director, to give the group an overview of the High Performance Plan recently submitted to the USOC, as well as an update on preparations for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang .

At the conclusion of Mr. Grimmette' report, Mr. Leahy invited Mr. Jon Owen, USLA Manager of Technical Projects to give the group an update on the various projects being undertaken by the organization.

USOC PRESENTATION

Mr. Bell introduced to all members - Mr. Kelly Skinner, Managing Director, Sport Performance for the USOC, who gave an in-depth overview of how the USOC funds National Governing Bodies through the High Performance Plan. He also addressed the current successes of the USLA and congratulated the Board and Trustees for their stewardship.

ATHLETE REPORT

Mr. Bell then invited the athlete representatives to give their report to the Board.

Mr. Chris Mazdzer began by stating that the past season had been very successful for the USLA and the success was the culmination of a continued effort by coaches, athletes and staff to put all our athletes in the best position to win. He then gave an overview of the recent off season training camp the athletes participated in at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs this past week.

USLF UPDATE

Mr. Wierzbicki gave an updated financial position of the USLF. He went on to report that USLA and the USLF made the decision to have USA Luge handle the accounting and day-to-day business affairs of the Foundation as of April 1. He stated that Mr. Ron Rossi, Executive Director of USLF, will provide transitional services to the USLA through June 30, and remain available to the USLA for questions when they arise. He went on to express the Trustees deepest appreciation for the many years of service provided by Mr. Rossi.

Mr. Scott Arnold addressed the grant provided by the USLF to the USLA on an annual basis. He stated that in this upcoming Olympic year it was important to continue with the annual grant, but in the future his desire is to see the USLA use any future grant requests positioned for specific projects as opposed to a generic usage via the overall operating budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bell introduced for discussion the topic of “social media” and how the USLA can best utilize the various platforms to better promote our mission. He also addressed the notion that the USLA should have proper policies in place to address the “do’s and don’ts” of what is and is not appropriate to post on various sites. After a discussion, the Board asked Mr. Leahy to review if current policies in place needed to be amended.

Mr. Wierzbicki, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bob Pokelwaldt expressed their strong desire to continue to schedule annual combined USLA/USLF Board meetings in the future. They all expressed their belief that this meeting had been very beneficial to all participants.

Mr. Bell then gave closing remarks, and asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.