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MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE LIST 1977-78

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| MICHIGAN SKATING ASSN. | John Grzeskowiak ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ | John Drenckpohl ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ | John Drenckpohl (Same) |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC SKATING ASSN. | Arthur Hazlitt ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ | Gail Schmidt ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ | John Consodine ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████4786 |

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| MINNESOTA SKATING ASSN. | Jerry Mitchell [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Judy Quigley [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Walter Thometz [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| MISSOURI SKATING ASSN. | Tom Jarrett [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Merrill Doyle [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Ray Zuckerman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| MONTANA SKATING ASSN. | Robert McDonough [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Ellen Nugent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Robert McDonough (Same) |
| NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSN. | Tom Ross [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Ruth Moore [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Charles Moore (Same) |
| NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSN. | Walter Gavry [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Mary T. Smith [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Doris Patnode [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| OHIO SKATING ASSN. | Mark Dorenkott [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Judith Dorenkott (Same) | Joseph Sedlock [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSN. | Merlin Cook [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Stan Wisniewski [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Brenda Baker [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] |
| WESTERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSN. | Franklin Miller [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Nancy Miller (Same) | Franklin Miller (Same) |

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William Cushman
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The Convention was officially called to order by President MacPherson at 4:00 P.M., Friday, June 3, 1977.

Invocation followed by Dr. Milan Novak.

The following Officers were present:

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| President | Duncan MacPherson |
| 3rd Vice President | Dave Roche |
| Secretary/Treasurer. | Lawrence Ralston |

A letter from 1st vice president, Watson Gadd, was read and accepted indicating his resignation from office.

2nd vice president, Gary Eikaas, was absent due to prior business commitments.

Past Presidents of the A.S.U. in attendance:

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| Herb Knudten | Einar Jonland |
| Richard McCarter | Ben Bagdade |
| Ray Zuckerman | |

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

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| Illinois | Maryland | Eastern Minnesota |
| Iowa | Missouri | Middle Atlantic |
| Minnesota | Southern California | Northern New York |
| Ohio | Connecticut | Wisconsin |
| U.S.I.S.A. | Michigan | Colorado |
| Northeastern | Western New York | |

Absent: Montana

Roll call showed a quorum present and the Convention proceeded.

MINUTES OF THE 1976 CONVENTION

John Consodine challenged the validity of the 1976 minutes with regard to page 55, paragraph (a), (dealing with search by law enforcement officers). After consideration by the Board it was found that this item was never officially approved and should be removed from the record. A motion was made and seconded to strike item (a) but to retain items (b) and (c). Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made seconded to dispense with the reading of the 1976 minutes and they be accepted as distributed by the Secretary with the above correction and deletion. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

World Short Track Program

In the absence of Bill Markland, a report was given by Jim Hawkins. A complete report on the 1977 team appears on pages 64-68 of these minutes.

Metric Distance Report

Chuck Moore submitted his report on work that his committee had completed over the past year. With the official ISU approval of Short Track competition, some corrections in track dimensions and distances had to be made. The complete report with amendments and diagrams appears on pages 55 - 63 of these minutes.

Electronic Timing Report

Louis Eliasberg reported on the electronic timing equipment as used in certain Championship events over the past season. The equipment has been perfected and is available for use in ASU sanctioned National and North American Championship events during the coming season.

ASU-CASSA Report

Secretary Ralston reported on the latest meeting with CASSA representatives at their annual meeting in Toronto. A complete report on this meeting appears on page 71 of these minutes.

Skate-A-Thon Report

Bob Kellerman gave a very enthusiastic report on the 1977 Skate-A-Thon. The progress of this activity gets better each year but is still not subscribed to by a number of Associations. Mr. Kellerman announced plans to have each Board of Control delegate become the 1978 Skate-A-Thon Chairman in their respective Associations and distributed a Skate-A-Thon packet to each of them for use in 1978. A complete financial report of this project appears on pages 72-83 of these minutes.

A special meeting of the Board of Control was conducted Friday evening, June 3rd for the purpose of hearing a complaint by Mr. James Chapin and the Missouri Skating Association against Senior men competitors, Robert Fenn and Barth Levy; for their conduct during, and immediately following the World Short Track team trials in St. Louis, March 16, 1977.

Present at this meeting were:

All Members of the Board of Control
President, Duncan MacPherson
Vice President, Dave Roche
Secretary, Lawrence Ralston
Parliamentarians, Dr. Milan Novak & Richard McCarter
James Chapin, Greta Hall, Robert Fenn and Nick Monaco (Attorney
for Mr. Chapin)

Absent: Barth Levy

Over 3 hours of testimony and discussion was heard and preserved on tape. All parties present were given an opportunity to offer testimony pertinent to the incident.

The action duly considered and passed by unanimous action of those present and voting was as follows:

"That Robert Fenn and Barth Levy be prohibited from participating in any National or North American Championship or World Short Track team trials, as sanctioned by this Union, for the 1977-78 skating season, because of conduct unbecoming a member of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States."

Vote: (16) Yes (0) No (2) Abstain

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Racing Blade

Larry Pearce expounded on the difficulties encountered during his first year as editor of this publication. These difficulties included:

- Obtaining information from Associations
- Maintaining an up to date file of people eligible to receive the publication
- Difficulty encountered in up dating the mailing list

In order to keep files current, it is most important that the local Association Secretary emphasize the need for early registration. Some Associations do not send in their current registrations until early May, which is much too late to receive any issues.

We also encourage each Association to appoint a Publicity Director who will be directly responsible for forwarding data and news to the Editor. This is an endless problem that never seems to get resolved.

A new innovation was attempted to help defray the cost of the publication by soliciting and obtaining advertising material. A few ads were seen last year but we could use a lot more. Contact either the Editor or the Secretary/Treasurer for further information. With a circulation of over 3,000, the publication becomes a choice spot for advertising and the rates are reasonable.

One of the biggest problems is the difficulty in obtaining the IRS 501-C-3 tax exempt status. This problem is being worked on and when it is finally obtained we will be able to lower the postage rates about .06¢ per issue. At 2,000 copies per mailing this could be a significant savings over a season.

We desperately need people to supply information and photographs. Properly identified Black and White photos and feature articles will be used as the need arises. Hopefully we will be able to obtain a back log of pictures and articles that can be used to further promote the sport. We need the help of everyone and solicit your cooperation.

Auditing Committee

The members of the Auditing Committee reviewed the expense items as submitted for the year beginning May 1, 1976 through April 30, 1977 and find these expenditures are proper and are supported by appropriate documentation.

- I. We recommend, however, an expense report form be adopted that will become a part of the permanent records.
- II. We are presently carrying a \$10,000.00 Bond on the Secretary-Treasurer. Based on our suggested budget for 1977-1978 we recommend it be increased to \$20,000.00.

Approved by Auditing Committee: Joe Sedlock (CPA Controller)
Bob Kellerman, Mary Smith, Larry Pearce

Publicity & Promotion

Chairman Dave Roche distributed the ASU booklet on suggestions for Publicity and Promotion. This booklet was compiled by Stephan Glaser of Connecticut and he is to be commended for an outstanding job. The booklet contains a wealth of helpful information that can be used at every level to secure more recognition for the sport. Additional copies are available upon request from the ASU Secretary.

Handbook Committee

Bob Vehe and Milan Novak had submitted material for the agenda, (see page 84) concerning the printing of a new handbook. Some of the problems encountered in this endeavor include keeping the publication current, getting the book distributed and the expense of printing.

Bob Vehe stated that an obvious solution to the expense problem is to sell advertising in the book to defray costs. The book could then be sent to each registered skater at no additional cost, by using the current registration list and mailing under our present bulk rate permit from California.

Milan Novak stated that there are 2 main sections of the book that can be categorized. One section has to do with meets, competitive races, racing individuals and regulations regarding the meets and racing. These things include rule changes, starting, distances and things that need up-dating every year.

The second section is something that may only need up-dating every 4 years or so; mainly historical and administrative; such as the history of skating, what speedskating is all about and the Constitution.

The Constitution is administrative. We have distances in our Constitution that should be in racing. The by-laws should not be in racing. The Hall of Fame and Historical data could be included in this section. Records, History and Administrative material could be up-dated every 4 years.

The current book is comprised of 83 pages, 26 of these pages need up-dating every year and 57 pages could be up-dated every 4 years. Approximately 1/3 of the cost of the book could be paid each year.

The committee believes that this 2 section proposal is the way to go in getting a new book published and distributed. (See page 84-85 of these minutes).

Officials Committee

Dave Roche reported on this item and announced that all proposed rule changes dealing with officiating had been included on the agenda. The balance of the proposals are as follows:

The following is the suggested criteria for National Referees, Starters, and Clerks of Course:

- 1) There shall be only seven National Chief Officials in each of the above categories.
- 2) They shall be replaced only upon attrition or removal for cause.
- 3) All present National Chief Referees, Starters, and Clerks of Course shall be retained.
- 4) All present Assistant National Referees, Starters and Clerks of Course shall be retained.
- 5) All present Assistant National Referees, Starters, and Clerks of Course must meet new criteria before appointment as Chief in their respective categories.
- 6) All persons wishing to be placed on lists for Assistant National Referees, Starters and Clerks of Course must:
 - a) Have had at least three years experience in that category at the local level.
 - b) Be able to skate for the categories of Referees and Starters.
 - c) Attend one of the four clinics to be set up - one each for the East and West Coasts, and two for the Mid-West.
 - d) Pass written and practical tests after attending clinic.
- 7) National Assistants must have served at four National Meets in their respective categories before being accepted as applicants for National Chief posts.
- 8) In the event of an opening for National Chief, Assistants must be re-evaluated by the Board of Control before appointment.

If the President and Board of Control wish, the Clinics, Instructors, and Tests will be set up in time for the new skating season by my committee, composed of:

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| John Consodine | Paul Mueller | Bill Cawthra |
| Chuck Moore | Patti Ryan | Jim Marquard |
| Wally Lee | | |

This committee will continue to function and hopes to conduct 4 regional officiating Clinics prior to the start of the 1977-78 Season.

National Ranking Committee

Al Hentzen reported on the success of the Wisconsin Association in achieving a State Ranking system and its effect on competitors within that State. He urged adoption of a formula that could be used in ranking skaters on a National level; both indoor and outdoor. If the program is adopted the ASU would issue certificates attesting to the individuals National ranking with a given class and award them at the Annual Convention. He stressed that such a program would require a great amount of time and effort but that it would be possible to implement with the complete cooperation of each member Association. The main objectives of the program would be as follows:

1. Provide a greater opportunity for achievement to more skaters than is presently available at the National level.
2. Provide greater interest and meaning of the ASU to more people and competitors.
3. Provide better participation and competition by all skaters in Open, Sectional and National meets.
4. Provide a measure of achievement for competitors who are not necessarily point winners in large open meets.
5. Provide an ASU interest in the "middle class" competitors rather than just the "elite" competitors.

He suggested the following criteria for implementation of the program:

1. A ranking committee will be appointed by the ASU President and approved by the Board of Control.
2. The committee would rank as many skaters as it feels proper in each division.
3. The committee would provide separate ranking for Indoor and Outdoor competition.
4. The committee would give a competitor one of the following classifications: (A) Numerical ranking
(B) No ranking because of insufficient information
5. Ranking would be based solely on records and criteria available for the season and not on personal opinion of the competitors ability.
6. To be considered for a numerical rating, a skater must compete in at least two prominent Open or Invitational meets.
7. Criteria for ranking would be based on the following points in the order listed:
 - a - Highest accumulation of points in direct competition between skaters being considered.
 1. Point accumulations from National Championships have the greatest weight.
 - b - The number of 5th places accumulated if no points are scored.
 - c - The number of times a skater qualifies for Final events when heats were conducted if there is no 5th place.
 - d - The finishing position of the competitor in the heats.
8. The ranking committee shall submit their ranking to the Board of Control for final approval.
9. Skaters who have performed well but do not fulfill the criteria under item (6), would be listed under insufficient data.
10. The approved ranking would be printed in the Annual minutes and certificates signed by the ASU President, Secretary and Ranking Chairman would be awarded to all skaters that achieved a numerical ranking.

If the ASU feels a national ranking system would be beneficial, the following areas must be considered:

1. Appointment of a non biased committee from a broad geographical area.
2. Establishment of rules and criteria and broad dissemination of this material to Associations and competitors.
3. Qualifying meets must be selected and known prior to the start of any skating season.
4. More detailed meet records would have to be established for qualifying meets.
5. Selection to this committee of dedicated workers.

Because this system has worked well in Wisconsin, and filled a great need in closing a gap that has persisted for the middle class skaters, he feels that adoption of this type of a program would be most beneficial to the ASU.

Ice Skating Institute of America

Mr. Ralston and Mr. Jonland reported on the progress of this 2 man committee over the past year. Mr. Ralston's report appears on page 86 of these minutes. He strongly stressed the need for a photo library so the work could continue. Mr. Jonland stated that the speedskating organization is the only one that supplies copy ready material promptly and completely and thanked Mr. Ralston for an outstanding job.

Mr. Jonland described the function of the Ice Skating Institute of America and their development of testing programs for all phases of Ice Skating activity entitled the Alpha Beta Gamma series. Through these testing programs new skaters are afforded national recognition.

USISA Representative

Jim Marquard reported on the activities of USISA over the past year and the outstanding records compiled by American Skaters in International competition. In addition the organization was able to produce and conduct the Ladies World Championship in Keystone, Colorado.

Beginning in the summer of 1977, the U.S. Olympic committee will be opening a training site for Olympic Athletes at Squaw Valley, California. National team members will be able to take advantage of this facility and can work or continue their education while in training.

The International Skating Union officially recognized World Short Track competition which will provide even more of our top competitors an opportunity to take part in International competition.

USISA/ASU Relations

USISA President George Howie addressed the delegation in regard to questions asked of him on the impact that Short Track racing will have on the relationship between USISA and the ASU. He indicated that any International Short Track competitions held in the U.S. must be held under ISU rules on a 110 meter oval track. As in long track the ISU selects the officials with the country holding the competition making the necessary recommendations as to who they would like to have.

The conduct of the Short Track trials, the selection of competitors and responsibility for the conduct of competition, is an ASU responsibility. USISA will meet with the ASU committee and report back to our Board of Directors. USISA asks that there be trials, fair selection, and finding the necessary funds to fund the competitions. USISA will submit the list of names to the ISU. Unless there is a gross violation of rules or regulations that would put the USISA in a bad light they do not intend to interfere.

Since metric skaters come up through the ranks of ASU we feel this is a development program for our metric skaters and therefore we intend to ask for funds from the U.S. Olympic Committee to help build this program.

We were honored to have in attendance, Mr. Tom Hall, Executive Director of the Ice Skating Institute of America. He explained the purpose of the organization as it encompasses all phases of ice skating activity and working with Secretary Ralston in preparing articles on speed skating for their official magazine entitled "Recreational Ice Skating". His closing comments indicated that he looks forward to working with the speed skating group even more closely in the future.

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Charles Blair submitted the report of the Records Committee. He stated that the surveyors diagram and certification of the track used at the 1977 National Indoor Championship in St. Louis, was short in distance and requested the Board of Control to either accept or reject these records because the committee was deadlocked and could not make a decision.

The Board of Control then voted to accept the records established at this Championship: (9) Yes (4) No.

Proper certificates were issued to all competitors who established records over the past season. The complete list of records appears on pages 88 - 91 of these minutes.

Speedskating Hall of Fame Report- 1977

Milan Novak, Chairman.

The five member Hall of Fame Committee composed of John Egan, Howard Gutgesell, Clarice Mattson, Dr. Milan Novak and newly appointed member Pat Peaslee conducted their deliberations during the entire year and in a most intensive manner during January, February, March and April. On the suggestion of the chairman, (Novak) the problem of sorting out those who are most eligible from an ever expanding list was first considered. A total of 63 names were reviewed together with summaries of accomplishments on those for whom support was available. The results after review and an exchange of opinions and comments from all members of the Hall of Fame committee are summarized as follows:

1. Eleven candidates were declared ineligible on the basis of the data presented by their sponsors or obtainable by our committee from available sources. These individuals will be retired from the active list until additional evidence is presented to justify their eligibility as per the minimum stated eligibility requirements which appear in the Official Handbook. Sponsors or individuals will be so notified.
2. Forty-five candidates whose achievements antedate 1950 were placed on the inactive list. Most of them are no longer identified with any active Association in the A.S.U. and include many names which still remained on our list since the early days of the creation of the Hall of Fame when we placed priority of the oldest skaters historically speaking since these were the most prone to be overlooked. Many remained as just names without supporting data. Active consideration can again be given if support for any one of them is generated by an interested active Association in the A.S.U.
3. Seven remaining candidates were reviewed for possible selection for presentation at the 1977 Convention in Bay city, Michigan. An individual preference vote was taken with the convincing result upon tabulation of votes that "Terry" Richard McDermott of Michigan would be our nominee for 1977.
4. As a final point in our considerations, it was decided unanimously that in the future, two candidates would be presented- one whose major achievements were in competitive skating, and one individual whose claim to fame was established in activities of note on a national level in promotion of the best interests of the sport, but not necessarily in the field of active skating competition.

The attention of the delegates at the annual A.S.U. convention is called to the undeniable fact that this Committee is one which has an unbroken record of always doing their job since the Hall of Fame was established in 1959. As is the case with most sports hall of fame committees the membership is permanent for obvious reasons. Perhaps this is one reason why the A.S.U. committee has so successfully conducted its affairs.

Merit Awards were presented by President MacPherson, to individuals who had made outstanding contributions to the ASU, and the sport of speed skating over the past season.

The 1977 recipients are as follows:

Dave Roche
Greta Hall
Bill Cooney
Clarice Mattson
John Consodine
Steven Glaser
Bob Vehe
Greg Boyer
Jim Chapin
Bill Markland
John Drenckpohl
Joe Sedlock
Charles Blair

Louis Eliasberg
Chuck Moore
Larry Pearce
Dr. Milan Novak
Howard Gutgesell
Eugene Lynch
Pat Peaslee
Bob Kellerman
Mary Smith
Einar Jonland
Richard McCarter
Jim Marquard

Edna Ralston
Gary Eikaas
Tom Hall
Joe Sulc
Jim Hawkins
Ray Zuckerman
Roy Helminski
Jackie Eliasberg
Dr. Jean Grenier
Ron Brown
John Hurdis
Clara Overend

PUBLICITY CONTEST

The 1977 Publicity Contest was conducted and many outstanding displays were presented by a number of Associations. After careful deliberation, the judge decided the contest ended in a tie between Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota.

The Wisconsin Association received the trophy which was accepted by Al Hentzen. Eastern Minnesota will be furnished with a duplicate award and official presentation will be made at the 1978 National Outdoor Championship.

SKATER REGISTRATION

| <u>ASSOCIATION</u> | <u>1969-70</u> | <u>1970-71</u> | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> | <u>1976-77</u> |
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| COLORADO | 50 | 36 | 37 | 34 | 76 | 44 | 33 | 20 |
| CONNECTICUT | 28 | 55 | 60 | 66 | 69 | 64 | 51 | 72 |
| EASTERN MINNESOTA | 59 | 54 | 61 | 61 | 51 | 57 | 81 | 77 |
| ILLINOIS | 232 | 241 | 210 | 482 | 389 | 346 | 352 | 317 |
| IOWA | 130 | 92 | 95 | 62 | 59 | 57 | 50 | 53 |
| MARYLAND | 59 | 62 | 53 | 72 | 75 | 73 | 67 | 99 |
| MICHIGAN | 248 | 223 | 124 | 142 | 97 | 108 | 183 | 152 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC | 175 | 158 | 140 | 149 | 124 | 125 | 133 | 117 |
| MINNESOTA | 99 | 95 | 90 | 124 | 112 | 105 | 114 | 108 |
| MISSOURI | 132 | 105 | 96 | 131 | 212 | 144 | 177 | 152 |
| MONTANA | 30 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 15 | 21 | 14 |
| NORTHEASTERN | 16 | 53 | 55 | 55 | 53 | 54 | 53 | 53 |
| NORTHERN NEW YORK | 60 | 99 | 75 | 121 | 124 | 134 | 135 | 131 |
| OHIO | 152 | 145 | 158 | 119 | 98 | 82 | 119 | 130 |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | 140 | 120 | 110 | 125 | 121 | 100 | 91 | 120 |
| WESTERN NEW YORK | 50 | 52 | 52 | 63 | 51 | 52 | 41 | 41 |
| WISCONSIN | 290 | 350 | 376 | 461 | 344 | 307 | 305 | 275 |
| A.S.U. REGISTRATION (Direct) | — | — | — | — | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> | — | <u>2</u> |
| TOTALS | 1950 | 1955 | 1807 | 2282 | 2077 | 1870 | 2006 | 1933 |

NATIONAL ENTRIES

| | <u>1970</u> | <u>1971</u> | <u>1972</u> | <u>1973</u> | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| NATIONAL OUTDOOR | 257 | 237 | 234 | 236 | 220 | 215 | 225 | 229 |
| NATIONAL INDOOR | 211 | 263 | 252 | 279 | 256 | 297 | 293 | 237 |
| NORTH AMERICAN OUTDOOR | 190 | 187 | 99 | 196 | 146 | CAN. | 220 | CAN. |
| NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR | 145 | 184 | 127 | 267 | CAN. | 290 | 293 | 166 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
 MAY 1, 1976 TO APRIL 30, 1977

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, May 1, 1976 \$ 3,867.46

| <u>ASSOCIATIONS</u> | <u>ANNUAL DUES</u> | <u>SKATER REGISTRATIONS</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Amateur Skating Assn. Illinois | \$ 200.00 | \$ 634.00 | 834.00 |
| Colorado | 200.00 | 40.00 | 240.00 |
| Connecticut | 200.00 | 144.00 | 344.00 |
| Eastern Minnesota | 200.00 | 154.00 | 354.00 |
| Iowa | 200.00 | 106.00 | 306.00 |
| Maryland | 200.00 | 198.00 | 398.00 |
| Michigan | 200.00 | 304.00 | 504.00 |
| Middle Atlantic | 200.00 | 234.00 | 434.00 |
| Minnesota | 200.00 | 216.00 | 416.00 |
| Missouri | 200.00 | 304.00 | 504.00 |
| Montana | 200.00 | 28.00 | 228.00 |
| Northeastern | 200.00 | 106.00 | 306.00 |
| Northern New York | 200.00 | 262.00 | 462.00 |
| Ohio | 200.00 | 260.00 | 460.00 |
| Southern California | 200.00 | 240.00 | 440.00 |
| Western New York | 200.00 | 82.00 | 282.00 |
| Wisconsin | 200.00 | 550.00 | 750.00 |
| Individual Direct ASU | - | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| TOTALS | <u>\$3,400.00</u> | <u>\$3,866.00</u> | <u>7,266.00</u> |

SANCTION FEES

1977 National Outdoor (E. Minnesota) \$ 100.00

ENTRY FEES NATIONAL & NORTH AMERICAN MEETS

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| National Outdoor | 229 @ \$2.50 | \$ 572.50 | |
| National Indoor | 237 @ \$2.50 | 592.50 | |
| North American Outdoor | 166 @ \$5.00 | 830.00 | \$ <u>1,995.00</u> |

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| Sale of A.S.U. Merchandise | \$ 262.25 | |
| Donations & Misc. Income | 182.40 | |
| 1976 Convention Income | 300.00 | |
| Skate-A Thon Income | 3,635.04 | |
| Reimbursements for Travel Advances | 1,397.75 | |
| Recovered Medallion Income | 1,766.46 | |
| Donations to World Short Track Program | 12,316.46 | |
| Racing Blade: Subscriptions, Contributions & Ads | 310.00 | |
| Interest | 25.94 | <u>\$20,196.30</u> |

TOTAL RECEIPTS AS OF APRIL 30, 1977 \$ 33,424.76

AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES
FINANCIAL REPORT 1976-77

DISBURSEMENTS

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| - President & Secretary Expenses to U.S. & Canadian Convention and National/North American Meets | \$ 4,086.85 |
| - Printing Costs: Reports, Correspondence, Bulletins, Minutes, Directory, Agenda, Etc. | 1,404.82 |
| - Postage & Telephone | 917.46 |
| - USISA Dues | 2,000.00 |
| - A.S.U. Film Copy for Promotion | 138.18 |
| - Officials & Officers Name Badges | 35.30 |
| - Racing Blade, Volume 8, #4 and Volume 9, #1 | 2,023.18 |
| - Donation to Hall of Fame | 500.00 |
| - Memorial - Leo Hoelscher | 10.00 |
| - Secretary/Treasurer Bond | 25.00 |
| - Corporate Filing Fee | 2.00 |
| - Conferences & Convention Expense | 378.58 |
| - National/North American Medallions | 2,271.13 |
| - Officials Expenses: North American Outdoor and World Short Track Trials | 317.74 |
| - Skate-A-Thon Distributions | 2,657.60 |
| - World Short Track Expenses | 11,612.60 |
| - Awards & Record Certificates | 121.70 |
| - Secretary Fee | 1,000.00 |
| - Skate-A- Thon Expenses | 38.00 |
| - A.S.U. Merchandise | 450.00 |
| - Debit - Bad Checks (2) | 4.00 |
| - Office Expense | <u>105.97</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$30,100.11</u> |

SUMMARY

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| Balance on Hand, April 30, 1976 | \$ 3,867.46 |
| Receipts | <u>29,557.30</u> |
| TOTAL | \$33,424.76 |
| Disbursements, May 1, 1976 to April 30, 1977 | <u>30,100.11</u> |
| Total on Hand April 30, 1977 | \$ 3,324.65 |
| Other Credits: Stop Payment on Ck. #411 | 5.10 |
| Bank Error | <u>.24</u> |
| Balance on Hand, April 30, 1977 | |
| Checking Account, Northwest National Bank Chicago, Illinois | <u>\$ 3,329.99</u> |

RACING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION

1. Subject: STARTING
Submitted by: Michigan, Minnesota, Maryland, Mid-Atlantic
Reference: Art. 15, Page 17, Par. F - 1976 Minutes Page 30 Par. 9
Submitted By: Michigan
Proposed: Additions be made to the existing starting rule such that Starters must give the "take your mark" command in a normal, clear voice; and that after giving this command, the Starter shall pause before firing the starting pistol to ascertain that all skaters have come to the prescribed motionless ready position. After this pause, the starting pistol may be fired.

Rationale: The intent discussed previously was to have a pause - some have opted to not only eliminate it, but also to use a fast-clipped verbal command, the Race is, thus, started by the skater, rather than the Starter. Nerves and tension are high enough without inducing more false starts via the present, inappropriate "interpretation" of this procedure/rule.

1A Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: (See page 30 of Annual Minutes - 1976 Convention) Delete phrase "take your mark" and use command "set".
Rationale: We believe a one-syllable command prior to the gun being fired is faster and fairer to the skaters.

2. Submitted by: Minnesota
Proposed: Minnesota proposed in starting, the competitors shall stand at ease on the starting line and receive their instructions from the Starter. The Starter will give the command "on your mark" in front of the skater, at which time the skater shall assume a stationary ready position. The starter and assistant Starter shall take their respective position. Then the Starter will give the command "ready" and the gun shall be fired almost simultaneously.
Rationale: It gets us back to one word instead of the Starter being forced to say three words before the start.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Items 1, 1A and 2 were treated as 1 proposal. The committee recommended the starting rule be amended to read as follows:

15a When the skaters leave the heat box, they shall report to the starting line area. When the Chief Judge has signaled that the timers and judges are ready, the Starter, from a position beside or behind the start line, shall give the command, "Ready".

- 15b The Starter from his position beside or behind the skaters shall fire the gun almost simultaneously with the command "Ready". The sound of the gun shall start the race.
- 15c If any skater crosses the starting line or moves after the command, "Ready" and before the gun is fired, the Starter shall recall the skaters. The skater or skaters who so false start shall be given a warning and the penalty of a "false start".

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (12) Yes (4) No (1) abstention. Items 15a, 15b & 15c as amended now become the official starting procedure. The balance of the starting rule remains the same.

Submitted by: Maryland

Proposed: Request consideration of adoption of new starting system, utilizing sequential lights.

Mr. Eliasberg will have detailed proposal available for distribution at the Annual meeting including the electrical device and documented material.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance on trial basis, with 2 false starts permitted see page for complete detailed proposal.

This system would be experimented with at local meets only.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous.

Subject: RACE RESULT RECORDING

Reference: Art. 4, Page 11, Par. (new)

Submitted by: Michigan

Proposed: Pre-numbered event sheets be used for all judging and timing at National events such that any event can be totally reconstructed as to place finishes and times later in Meet or afterwards, if necessary; and that all sheets be given to the Chief ASU Representative after the Meet for review and approval before becoming official.

Rationale: Scratch paper, backs of envelopes, and incomplete or non-approvable data are not reflecting the high caliber performance expected by the competitors; let's do it the way we can put our best foot forward to everyone.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended the President appoint a committee to devise a standard form.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous.

5. Subject: TIME PERIOD FOR RULE CHANGES
Submitted By: Ohio
Proposed: We recommend all rule changes be submitted 1 year in advance to assure an effective review by the national body.

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

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Recommended tabling of proposal until later time. This item was later removed from the table and rejected.
(14) Yes (1) No (1) Abstain - proposal rejected.

6. Subject: EXTEND TIME IN WHICH NATIONAL & NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR MEETS ARE HELD
Reference: Art. R. Rules, Page 18, Par. 18
Submitted By: Southern California
Proposed: The ASU require that all National & North American Indoor Meets be three-day Meets. Qualifications will begin Friday evening and all finals be held on Sunday afternoon.
Rationale: To eliminate the "cramming" of a meet of this caliber into two 10 hour days without a break or nourishment, and creating unnecessary hardships on both the competitors and officials.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation Unanimous. Motion rejected.

- Subject: TRACK
Submitted by: Minnesota
Proposed: Minnesota proposes that we would like to adapt the 400 meter inner lane of the metric track to be used for the pack style radius.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Moore Track Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: The Board later approved Mr. Moores track committee report in its entirety, which includes this proposal.

8. Subject: JUDGES
Reference: Art. 4, Page 12, Par. "F"
Submitted by: Minnesota
Proposed: Minnesota proposes that "F" would be considered a tie instead of 1st place.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (12) Yes (3) No (1) Abstain. Changes will be made in this section of 1978 handbook.

9. Subject: RACING RULES AND OFFICIALS - The Officials
Reference: Art. 1, Page 10, Par. 1 Sub.-Par. (Add) k
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic Skating Assoc.
Proposed: Add Sub-Par. k
Officials shall not drink alcoholic beverages before or during progress of a Meet.
Rationale: To ensure proper performance of duties of officials and avoid bad example to skaters.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Referred to Board of Control as point of information only.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected proposal as a written rule but recommended Associations control actions of their officials. Unanimous.

10. Subject: POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICIALS - THE REFEREE
Reference: Art. 2, Page 10/11, Par. (Add) h, i
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: * Add Paragraph "h":
(shall) Have the ability to skate with the contestants, a comparable track inside the corner markers while the race is in progress.
** Add Paragraph "i":
(shall) Inform skater of reason for disqualification as soon as possible after completion of race.
Rationale: * To be in a better position to call rule infractions.
** To preclude any misunderstanding on the part of skaters involved.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee for further study.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee action. Unanimous (See pages 7-8 of these minutes)

11. Subject: POWERS & DUTIES OF OFFICIALS - THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

Reference: Art. 3, Page 11, Par. a,b,c

Submitted by: Middle Atlantic

Proposed: Rewrite Article 3 as follows:

Par. a - Two assistant referees are to be stationed so that one may control blocks 1 and 2, and the other may control blocks 3 and 4 at all times. They must closely watch competitors and maintain physical placement of corner markers of the track.

Par. b - The remaining assistant to have the ability to skate a comparable track with the competitors inside the corner markers while the race is in progress.

Par. c - Immediately after a race, report any foul or irregularity they may have observed to the Referee.

Rationale: So that assistants may be in a better position to call infractions.

Par. (b) and (c) were withdrawn.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee for further study.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee action. Unanimous (See pages 7-8 of these minutes).

12. Subject: JUDGES

Reference: Art. 4, Page 11, Par. b, Sub-Par add 1

Submitted by: Middle Atlantic

Proposed: If and when the Referee or Assistant Referee indicates a foul with an up-raised arm, this shall be a signal to the Judges that they are to pick places for each skater in that race.

Rationale: To avoid confusion in the event there is more than one disqualification called in a race, and assure proper qualifications and/or point totals.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved committee recommendation as a point of information and good officiating mechanics. Rule already in book - Unanimous - proposal accepted.

13. Subject: THE TWO TRACK MEASURERS OR SURVEYORS
Reference: Art. 12, Page 14, Par. B
Submitted by: Minnesota
Proposed: Minnesota proposes that paragraph "b" be deleted.

For outdoor meets, at the corners or turns only officially approved markers or rubber hose placed two feet in from the measured skate line can be used for guide lines.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Track Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous.

Subject: CONDUCT OF RACES - THE COMPETITORS
Reference: Art. 14, Page 15, Par. f, Sub-Par. Add 1 & 2
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic & Northeastern
Proposed: Sub. Par. (1) - OUTDOORS

(shall) Upon gaining the inside place or pole position have the right of way, and they may be passed on the right side. But should the said competitor stray from the pole position, any competitor is privileged to pass on the left, providing there is ample room. When passing, the responsibility for any obstruction or collision shall be upon the passing skater, provided that the skater being passed does not act improperly.

Sub. Par. (2) - INDOORS

(shall) Be allowed to pass another either to left or right. When passing, the responsibility for any obstruction or collision shall be upon the passing skater provided that the skater being passed does not act improperly.

Rationale: To further define the rule as stated in paragraph (f).

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation but voted seperately on the Indoor and Outdoor proposals.

"Outdoor" (13) Yes (2) No (1) Abatain - Proposal accepted.
"Indoor" (13) Yes (0) No (2) Abstain - Proposal accepted unanimous

These changes will appear in 1978 handbook.

15. Subject: MOVING OF BLOCKS
Reference: Racing Rules, Page 16, Par. 14, Sub-Par. g
Submitted by: Northeastern
Proposed: g - Have no skates on inside of the pole or markers when taking corners.

Propose add the following:

1 - At Indoor competitions, a skater shall be disqualified for hitting a corner marker unless, at the discretion of the Referee, the incident is judged to have been unavoidable.

2 - A skater may touch the ice with his hand inside the corner mark but may not coast his skate on or near the ice inside the corner mark.

Rationale: 1 - A skater who moves a block is skating less than the tracks specified distance.
2 - The skater who moves the block creates an unfair advantage for himself.
3 - The situation has become so bad there have been races where the corner judges have been chasing/re-placing blocks on each lap.
4 - Some skaters have become so adept at block kicking that they can pass inside the block and kick it all in the same motion.

This proposal was withdrawn.

16. Subject: CONDUCT OF RACES - THE COMPETITORS
Reference: Art. 14, Page 16, Par. i
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Delete entirely.
Rationale: Covered in our proposed revision of Article 14, paragraph f, sub-paragraphs 1 & 2.

COMMITTEE ACTION: None

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved unanimously - (housekeeping)

17. Reference: Art. 14, Page 16, Par. j, Sub-Par. Add 1 & 2
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: (1) - (shall) Keep in their respective positions from start to finish in all races on straight of way tracks. If lead skater is far enough ahead he or she may cross to other lane.
(2) - (shall) In all races with one or more turns, competitors shall not cross to the inner edge (or Pole) of the track except when they are at least one skating length (approximately 1 meter) ahead without interfering with other competitors.

Rationale: To further define rule as outlined in paragraph (j).

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - unanimous - proposal defeated.

18. Reference: Art. 14, Page 16, Par. k
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Upon obtaining the lead and entering the home stretch, skater must stay in a straight line without deviation to the right or left until reaching the finish line.

Rationale: To further define rule as outlined in paragraph k.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended deletion of paragraph "K".

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Recommended this proposal be tabled pending the report of the Officials Committee. Motion to table (10) Yes (5) No.

The proposal was later removed from the table and referred to the Officials Committee - Unanimous. (See pages 7-8 of these minutes)

19. Subject: DISQUALIFICATION
Reference: Art. 19, Page 18, Par. a. Sub-Par. Add 1-A-G
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Sub. Para. 1A - PUSHING:
Any skater who, using hands, forearms, elbows, shoulders or hips on another skater causes said skater to fall, trip, lose balance, skate wide of normal track, or lose position.

1B - IMPEDE:

Delete this word as it may be too broadly interpreted and may preclude some legitimate tactics on the part of skaters.

1C - DRIFTING or CHANGING LANES:

Skaters must stay in their respective positions from start to finish in all races on a straight of way track. However if the lead skater is far enough ahead so that his changing lanes will not interfere with the following skaters, he may cross to another lane.

In all races with one or more turns, competitors shall not cross to the inner edge (or pole) of the track except when they are at least one skating length (approximately 1 meter) ahead and changing lanes will not interfere with other competitors.

1D - INSIDE CHARGE:

Occurs when a competitor is on the inside attempting to pass skater or skaters on straight of way approaching turn, and the passing skater makes strong physical contact with a competitor being passed.

However, if lead competitors yield track to avoid body contact, this does not constitute a foul on the part of the passing skater.

1E - OUTSIDE CHARGE:

Shall be when a skater leaves his position on the turn by skating wide and then attempts to regain his original position, thereby making strong physical contact with another competitor skating a track to his left.

1F - TRIPPING:

Occurs when a skater, immediately after completing a pass, extends the rear foot thereby knocking another skater's foot from under him.

1G - INTERFERENCE:

When overtaking, the responsibility for any obstruction or collision shall be upon the skater passing, provided that the skater being overtaken does not act improperly.

Rationale: To clarify infractions mentioned in a (1).

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. (See pages 7-8 of these minutes.)

20. Subject: DEFINITIONS OF THE BASIC FOULS
- Reference: Art. R. Rule, Page 18, Par. 19
- Submitted by: Southern California
- Proposed: Incorporate into the racing rules the exact definition of the basic fouls:
1. Charging: Occurs when a skater is passing or making a move on the inside and makes contact in the area of the number 1 or 3 block. Contact must be hard enough to throw the other skater off his designated track. If no contact is made or if either skater backs off or gives way, no foul occurs.
 2. Pushing: Occurs when a skater uses his or her hands to bodily push a skater out of their way or off the track. If contact occurs and neither skater has altered their normal arm swing, no foul has been committed.
 3. Impeding Progress: Occurs when a skater intentionally goes out of their way to block a skater from passing or laping them. No foul occurs if the lead skater is skating their normal designated track and is not being laped.
 4. Lane Changing: Occurs when a lead skater moves from the inside to the outside or outside to inside of the track in order to block or interfere with a skater in any way other than skating his designated track.

Rationale: To aid both the skaters and the officials to know when a foul has been committed, and to standardize the calls and eliminate the "judgement" calls.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. (See pages 7-8 of these minutes.)

21. Subject: CONDUCT OF RACES - QUALIFYING FOR FINAL RACES
Reference: Art. 16, Page 18, Par. c
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: A competitor who does not finish in a qualifying position in a heat may be placed in the final event by the Referee if in the judgement of the Referee the competitor is the victim of a foul through no fault of his own

(add) while in a qualifying position (indoors - final lap; Outdoors - middle of last turn to finish line)

Which thereby prevents the competitor from finishing in a qualifying position. In any event, the competitor, unless injured or temporarily disabled, must finish said qualifying heat. The judgement of the Referee is final.

Rationale: To limit the discretionary powers of the Referee.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (11) Yes (4) No, Proposal rejected.

22. Subject: DISQUALIFICATIONS
Reference: Art. 19, Page 18, Par. a, Sub-Par. 3--A
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: 3A - INDOORS
If a corner marker has been moved, competitors must skate a reasonable track following original mark.
Rationale: To prevent skaters' taking advantage of a moved marker and shortening track.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended this proposal be rejected as a rule but be used as a point of reference only.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous.

23. Subject: DISQUALIFICATIONS
Reference: Art. 19, Page 18, Par. a, Sub-Par. 4
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Delete "or wears commercial advertising"
Rationale: In accordance with rule passed at 1976 ASU convention

This proposal was withdrawn.

24. Subject: TIME PERIODS ON DISQUALIFICATION
Reference: Art. 19, Page 19, Par. b, Sub-Par. 1
Submitted by: Missouri
Proposed: (1) At any time between the period forty-eight (48) hours prior to registration for, and the period forty-eight (48) hours following the conclusion of, the meet, commits any act unbecoming a gentlemen or lady (such as use of profane language, engaging in fighting, causing any undue disturbance) or commits any wilful or deliberate act which results in damage, loss or injury to person or property, without regard to the location of the competitor's act.
Rationale: To provide for disqualification in the event of an activity immediately prior to or following the meet.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (12) Yes (1) No (2) Abstain - Proposal rejected.

25. Subject: CONDUCT OF THE RACE
Reference: Art. 20, Page 19, Par. a, b
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Para. a - If in the event the field of competitors in qualifying heats or final events of championship races is deliberately slowing the pace to a speed not in keeping with the ability and caliber of the competitors, the Referee shall have the right to call this race no contest
within the first half of distance of race
and require such qualifying heat or final event to be re-skated.
Para. b - The Referee shall have the power
for the first half of the distance to be skated,
to call out all skaters one by one to take the pace for equal distances when he believes that said contestants are evading taking the pace to rest or for other purposes.
Rationale: To limit discretionary powers of the Referee as outlined previously in this rule.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (14) Yes (1) No - Proposal rejected.

Subject: PROTESTS
Reference: Art. 22, Page 20, Par. d
Submitted by: Middle Atlantic
Proposed: Such protest must be reduced to writing as soon as possible after the finish of the race, and filed with the Referee together with a \$10.00 fee. Such fee will be returned if the protest is upheld or if the Referee deems that there was a legitimate claim, even though he may let the original decision stand.
Rationale: To eliminate petty or uncalled for protests.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (14) Yes (1) No-Proposal rejected.

Subject: CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITORS
Reference: Page 21, Par. 23, Sub-Par. a (1) & a (2)
Submitted by: Northern New York
Proposed: (1) Senior - Any skater who has passed his 16th birthday prior to such January 1st.
(2) Senior - Any skater who has passed his 16th birthday.
Rationale: To eliminate the Intermediate class (male and female). Registration in this age group has decreased considerably. The Senior class of skaters could make for some exciting races if the 16 and 17 year old skaters were included.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous

28. **Subject:** CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
Reference: Art. IX, Page 38 & 39, Par. 1 & 2
Submitted by: Northern New York
Proposed: Distances to be skated in all National Indoor Championships:
Senior Men 400, 800, 1500, 3000 meters
Distances to be skated in North American Indoor Championships:
Senior Men 400, 800, 1500, 3000 meters
Rationale: To reduce the program of events to four races per class.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (14) Yes (1) No-Proposal rejected.

29. Subject: CHANGE IN AGE DETERMINATION DATE
 Reference: Page 21, Par. 23
 Submitted by: Amateur Skating Association of Illinois
 Proposed: 1. The Amateur Skating Union of the United States
 should adhere to the ISU age rule.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (14) Yes (1) No-Proposal rejected.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Subject: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
Reference: All Articles
Submitted by: Michigan
Proposed: Suggest committee review total of printed pages for consistency in wording, etc.
Rationale: Needed.

For Starters: Art. I - The Name --- of the United States, "hereinafter referred to as the Union".

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended the President form a committee to study this proposal.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation.
(14) Yes (1) No - President will comply.

2. Subject: ASU GOVERNMENT
Reference: Article X, Page 25
Submitted by: Michigan
Proposed: The government of the Union (ASU) shall be vested in the Board of Control consisting of the representatives of active members whose total vote shall be selected as:

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 - 49 | Assoc. registered skaters with ASU | 0 votes |
| 50 -100 | " " | 1 vote |
| 101 -200 | " " | 2 votes |
| 201 and above | " " | 3 votes |

Rationale: To promote an incentive for growth of the Associations via registered skaters, and to provide a more equitable representation in voting.

See also Article IX, 1

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation
(13) Yes (2) No - Proposal defeated.

3. Subject: ASU Vice Presidents
Reference: Article XI, Page 25, Par. 1
Submitted by: Michigan
Proposed: Wording be established in Committee such that the VP's not be given numbered titles, but ones which portray the functional job expected; and that elections be made with emphasis on the nominees merit and capabilities to perform these specific jobs.

Item 3 Continued

Rationale: Opens the offices to those with abilities to contribute rather than (traditionally) await a turn as President; puts more emphasis on contributions; no connection need exist between a V.P. and "Promise" of becoming President; could establish "President-Elect" to aid continuity at top.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation.
(14) Yes (1) No - Proposal defeated

subject: SHORT TRACK COMMITTEE: QUALIFICATIONS, ETC:
Submitted by: Mid Atlantic, Missouri, Wisconsin, Short Track Comm.
Reference: Article II, page 31, Par. add s
Proposed: Appoint annually a Short Track Committee.
Suggested: Five members including 2 nationally competing skaters, one male and one female.

This proposal was withdrawn

Submitted by: Missouri
Reference: Article III, Page 31, Par. 3
Proposed: The President of the Union shall appoint a Short Track Committee whose function shall be to:

1. Establish the criteria for qualification to enter trials for selection to the United States Short Track Team; and
2. Establish the procedure for conduct of the trials as an official meet of the Union with the responsibility for all the arrangements thereto and officials thereof; and
3. Determine the rules under which the trials shall be conducted; and
4. Collaborate with the persons designated by the USISA in entering competitors in Short Track competitions sponsored by other countries.

The Board of Control shall award the Short Track Team Trials to an ASU Association of club under procedures defining responsibility as to tasks to be performed by such sponsor, the ASU, the Short Track Committee and designated national officials such as the referee, clerk of course, and starter.

Item 5 Continued

Rationale:

To provide for the administration of the Short Track trials. This is the only meet conducted by the ASU and has been done without a sponsoring Association and a provision should be made in the bylaws for all arrangements for the trials.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance of this proposal in its entirety with the following amendment to the opening paragraph:

The President of the Union shall appoint a Short Track Committee of not less than 5 members, including 20% Nationally competing Skaters whose function shall be to:

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and amendment - Unanimous.

6. Reference:

Article VII, Page 35, Par. 12 (new)

Proposed:

The selection process for Short Track Teams shall be as follows:

- A. At least 4 designated meets.
- B. A skater must score at least one point in one of designated meets to be eligible for the Trials.
- C. Trials should follow the National Indoor as closely as possible, except where scheduling of the Short Track Events dictates otherwise.
- D. Site location should be selected so as to place the least amount of financial burden on the Qualifiers.
- F. On the basis of current ISU proposals, the team shall consist of not more than 4 Senior Men and 4 Senior Ladies, and 4 Junior Men and 4 Junior Ladies. This does not prevent the inclusion of Novice Class if scheduled in World Competition.
- F. Team shall be selected on the basis of the 4 highest point scorers per class or division.

Rationale:

The selection process for World Short Track Teams would become available to all ASU members just as qualifying for National or North American Meets is now available.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance only as a reference for the World Short Track Committee and dropping paragraph "E". Such reference would not appear as a by-law.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation. - Unanimous

Reference: Article VII, Page 35, Par. 5

Proposed: USISA World Team members who have represented the U.S. in World Competition shall be qualified to skate in qualifying meets for that year's World Short Track Team.

Rationale: These skaters may not have had the opportunity to qualify in their Associations quota or qualifying meets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance as recommendation only. Not to appear in by-laws.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation. - Unanimous

8. Subject: QUOTAS, SELECTION

Submitted by: Michigan, Missouri, Northern New York, Wisconsin

Reference: VII, Page 35, Par. 5

Proposed: Reword this section to clarify the true meaning of determining Association quotas (especially parts dealing with outdoor vs. Short Track), and consider adjusting (downward) Association quotas.

Rationale: Details to be worked out by committee action. This subject is nebulous and has caused difficulties each year recently.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation.
(13) Yes (2) No - Proposal rejected.

9. Reference: Article VII, Page 35, Par. 5

Proposed: Selection of skaters to participate in indoor and outdoor U.S. National Meets shall be by the individual member Associations. The number of skaters to be entered by each Association in each class: Senior men and women. Intermediate, Junior, Juvenile & Midget boys and girls, shall be determined as follows:

Each member Association having 1-100 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of four (4) skaters per class.

Each member Association having 101-300 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of five (5) skaters per class.

Each member Association having more than 300 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter up to a maximum of six (6) skaters per class.

9. Continued

In addition, for the National Outdoor Championships only, each member Association having over 100 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter a total of four (4) additional skaters distributed within the ten (10) classes as the Association shall direct. These skaters must be selected from those skaters who have engaged in Olympic Style training (Double track metric Style racing against time rather than pack-style racing) and competition and have not otherwise qualified in their member Association to be selected for the National Outdoor Championships.

Any skater from any Association that is named to the USISA National team shall be qualified to skate in the National Outdoor Championship in addition to their regular Association quota and the four (4) skater additional metric quota specified above.

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.

Rationale:

To clarify the rule regarding Olympic style skaters to be allowed in National Outdoor meets. It has been erroneously claimed by some that the rule applied to indoor meets.

Also, since the National team is automatically qualified - the graduated rule really only applies to skaters training Olympic Style that do not make the National Team. Four (4) additional skaters should suffice.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance of this proposal to clarify the existing rule.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation. - Unanimous. This will become the new paragraph 5, under Article VII, page 35.

10. Reference:

Article VII, Page 36, Par. 6

Proposed:

We propose no revision to this rule. See Rationale.

Rationale:

According to the January 11, 1977 bulletin received from our National Secretary quotas were established based on the previous year's registration when, in some cases, Association Secretaries failed to send in registrations observing the January 1st deadline for determining skater quotas. Northern New York had 100 skaters registered as of 1/1/77 thus allowing four (4) skaters per class according to Article VII, paragraph 5.

If our Association Secretary held back sending in the registrations until after Jan. 1st, last year's total registrations of 135 skaters would have been used allowing us five (5) skaters per class, instead of four (4).

10. Continued

We propose this rule be enforced as it now reads and no adjustments allowed. Skaters should be urged to register in time to obtain the maximum quota for their Association.

This proposal was withdrawn.

10A Reference: Article VII, Page 35, Par. 5, Sub-Par. 5

Proposed: Additional entries will be allowed only for the National Outdoor Championships as follows: Each member Association having 101-300 registered skaters shall be entitled to enter a total of four (4) additional skaters, distributed over the group of ten (10) classes as they so desire. These skaters may be either male or female, and must be selected from those skaters who have been engaged in metric style training and competition and have not accumulated enough points skating pack style to qualify. Any skater from any Association that is named to the USISA National Team shall be qualified, in addition to their regular association quota.

Rationale: To clarify this paragraph with reference to "additional entries" for the outdoor championships.

(The last sentence of this paragraph is brought up to start the paragraph.)

This proposal was withdrawn.

11. Reference: Article VII, Page 35, Par. 5

Proposed: Alternate skaters can be allowed to fill an Associations quota because of the withdrawal of a previously entered skater up to (4) four hours before the starting of the first event of the meet. A list of qualified alternate skaters in their proper order for substituting should be submitted with the Associations regular list of entries.

A person of official from each Association who will be in attendance at the meet should be designated in writing by the Association President or Secretary to substantiate the withdrawal and addition of alternates.

Rationale: To allow qualified skaters to participate due to withdrawal of an entered skater. This has been the precedent in the past until this years National Indoor where qualified alternate skaters were refused entry due to the strict enforcement of a rule not enforced in the past. Therefore, the rule should be amended in the best interest of the sport.

This proposal was withdrawn.

12. Reference: Article VII, Page 35, Par. 9 (New)

Proposed: 9. Each member Association may designate one (1) alternate skater 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, in writing, not later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the starting time of the meet, 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: To provide for substitute entries in National meets within the Association quota. The 24 hour rule allows for the necessary time to adjust the records, heats, etc. to provide for an orderly meet. Forfeiture of the withdrawn entry fee would discourage last minute substitution without good reason and compensate the sponsoring Association for inconvenience, forms, etc.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance with the following amendments:

Delete: "In writing not later than 24 hours prior to the starting time of the meet" - Amendment failed.
(9) Yes (6) No (no 2/3 majority)

Amendment: Change "one (1)" to "three (3)"
Amendment passed (13) Yes (2) No

Amendment: 24 hours prior to: "the closing of check in"
Amendment passed - Unanimous

Amendment: shall notify the Secretary: "or Clerk of Course".
Amendment passed - Unanimous

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation with approved amendments. Unanimous. Proposal will now read as below, and become Par. 9 of Article VII:

9. 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 Clerk of Course 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.

13. Subject: SKATERS, CLASSES, CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
Submitted by: Minnesota, Michigan
Proposed: Minnesota proposes that we have no exhibition races at National competitions.

14. Reference: Article VIII, Page 38, Par. New
Proposed: A. Only skaters as recognized by the racing rules of this Union shall be allowed to compete at National Championships for whatever reason, exhibitions included.
B. --Same as above replacing "National" with "North American".

Rationale: (Two separate issues to be considered separately but on same subject - this to defuse any problem with taking to CASSA.)

Classes historically added as "Exhibition" (Pony and PeeWee) are often proclaimed National Champions when competition is not truly this status. Time factors are becoming important and we should give the break to recognized skaters. Giving the very young skater "too much, so soon" does not build incentive to develop to point to become a National competitor. Encourage their attendance, but as spectators.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The committee treated items 13 & 14 as one proposal but they were voted upon separately.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected item 13. (4) Yes (11) No - Proposal defeated
Item 14 ended in a tie vote, (8) Yes (8) No., with the President casting a "no" vote to break the tie. Motion defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider item #14.
Motion failed (7) Yes (9) No.

Items 13 & 14 lacked the necessary 2/3 majority for passage and both items are defeated.

15. Reference: Article IX, Page 38, Par. New
Proposed: In any meet, at least two-thirds, of the originally scheduled events in a class must be completed before the overall champion can be decided and awarded accordingly.

Rationale: Conditions may arise where a meet must be concluded prior to completing the scheduled program, or where a program cannot be rescheduled for completion. This section is designed to give guidelines for determining the outcome for overall award purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation - Unanimous - Proposal rejected

16. Subject: CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - 4TH PLACE MEDAL
Reference: Article IX, Page 39, Par. 3
Submitted by: Illinois, Eastern Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin
Proposed: A 4th place medal be awarded for 4th place finishers.
Rationale: Some type of award should be provided, emblematic of the point that has been scored.

This proposal was withdrawn.

17. Reference: Article X, Page 40, Par. 2
Proposed: 2. There must be four (4) prizes for each event at a championship meet as follows:

First prize to be gold medal
Second prize to be a silver medal
Third prize to be a bronze medal
Fourth prize to be a bronze medal
All shall be made from the standard Amateur Skating Union die.

Rationale: One point is given to fourth place, this point could determine the champion, recognition should be given with a medal.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation (11) Yes (5) No - Proposal passed.

In addition to the passage of this proposal, a motion was made and seconded to delete the line on page 39 of the rule book referring to "No medal shall be awarded for 4th place."
Motion passed (11) Yes (3) No (2) Abstain

18. Reference: Article X, Page 40, Par. 2
Proposed: Establish fourth place medal in addition and in same style as those for first, second and third.
Rationale: To recognize via this award the gaining of points by a fourth place finish in a final event.

This proposal withdrawn.

19. Reference: Article IX, Page 39, Par. 3
Proposed: A medal should be awarded to all point winners including fourth place point winners in each event.
Rationale: To improve the image and prestige of the National Championships, a medal should be awarded for any point scored because it could and has affected the total results. If the fourth point is so insignificant that it does not receive an award, it should be eliminated because it is demeaning to the fourth class finisher, the National Championship and the sport of speed skating.

20. Proposal: That all National meets be limited to 12 skaters (enough for two heats) in each division, skaters to be decided by regional competition.

Rationale: 1. To get just the best skaters at the National level.
2. By shortening the meet it will be a better spectator sport.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation. Unanimous - proposal rejected.

21. Subject: COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIALS, NATIONAL OFFICIALS, SELECTION, CRITERIA, ETC.

Submitted by: Michigan, Illinois, Middle Atlantic, Souther California, Missouri

Reference: 1976 Minutes, Page 103 and 21

Rationale & Proposal:

Renew active considerations to develop the concepts of an Officials and Skating Commissioner. The ASU needs this organizationally and practically to develop morale, better officials, beeter meets, and such as it relates to improving and advancing our great amateur sport. Let's put the duties in the open, not tucked away.

For example: A "Commissioner of Sorts" should attend ALL National Meets and:

1. Audit (written) performance of National Officials and Meet sponsors.
2. Review all record applications' data; if okay, sign approval; if not okay, secure proper data from records, or disapprove if data are lacking. (This is not a judgement duty, but for adequacy).
3. Act as technical advisor.
4. Have nominal expense monies for this performance.

A "Commissioner of another sort" could perform training, selection, development --- duties as outlined on P. 103, 1976 ASU minutes.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection of the proposal as submitted but directed the President to appoint a committee to study this proposal and return to the 1978 convention with a specific plan for development of this position.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and directive.
(14) Yes (1) No

22. Reference: Article II, Page 31, Par. add r, Sub-Par. 1,2,3

Proposed: f - GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL AND NATIONAL ASSISTANT REFEREES, STARTERS, AND CLERKS OF COURSE.

(As per 1976 Convention - "National Officials will be replaced only upon attrition or removal for cause of incumbent officials")

- (1) Limit the number of National Assistant Referees, Starters, and Clerks of Course to 10 per category, and National Chiefs shall be picked from these lists only.
- (2) Prior to appointing National Assistant Referees, Starters, and Clerks of Course, receive reports on local performance of the official being considered from each local meet director and ten participating skaters (junior to senior). Only after evaluation of these reports by the Board of Control may they appoint officials to the ASU Assistants list.
- (3) Consider for appointment to the National Chief Officials lists, (after Evaluation of Performance reports filed by each National Meet chief and the ASU Secretary) only National Assistants who have worked a minimum of four National Meets.

Rationale: To insure that National Officials are appointed on ability only.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and referred all these items to Chairman, Roche of the Officials Committee to implement. All proposals under this heading passed - unanimously.

23. Reference: Article II, Page 30, Par. k

Proposed: (It shall) Appoint annually qualified persons who meet criteria set forth in section (r), page 31

to act as Referees, Assistant Referees, Starter, and Chief Clerks of Course for National and North American Championships.

The President shall select from the list, the officials to officiate at National and North American Championships. All expenses of the Referee, Starter, and Chief Clerk of Course officiating at such meet shall be paid by the host association.

Rationale: To ensure that only qualified officials are sent to Championship Meets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and referred all these items to Chairman, Roche of the Officials Committee to implement. All proposals under this heading passed - unanimously.

24. Reference: Article III, Page 31, Par. 2
Proposed: Have the ASU form a 10 person committee to evaluate all ASU officials (Referee, Starters, Ice Judges, Clerks & Timers). The committee will consist of not less than 3 Senior and/or Intermediate skaters.
Rationale: To improve the proficiency in officiating at the National meets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection in light of the Officials Committee performance standards.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. (10) Yes (4) No
Proposal rejected.

25. Reference: Article II, Page 29-31, Par. R
Proposed: Criteria for selecting National Officials. A person (or persons) shall serve at least three years in local competition in the capacity they wish to represent. After which they shall be referred to the National Officials Committee. If these persons credentials are accepted, they shall serve as an assistant in that capacity for two years at the National competition level, and then be re-evaluated before being selected as a qualified official.
Rationale: Set up a definite form for selecting ice officials and clerk-of-course for National meets.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and referred all these items to Chairman, Roche of the Officials Committee to implement. All proposals under this heading passed - unanimously.

26. Reference: Article III, Page 31, Par. (new)
Proposed: A National Committee should be organized for:
Formulizing a standardization of speed skating rules and regulations with respect to specific violations and fouls being clearly stated and explained (example: charging, blocking, interference, etc.)
A standardized starting rule that all starters will use.
This committee would establish and enforce these rulings.
Rationale: Standardization of rules.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection in light of Officials Committee performance standards.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. (13)Yes (1) No.
Proposal rejected.

27. Reference: Article 1, Page 10, Par. K

Proposed: Meet officials should be required to attend a seminar to learn proper procedures and applications of rules. This will include passing a written and a practical examination at the completion of the seminar. The referees and corner judges must be able to skate well, in order to move with and be on top of the action - be at the right place at the right time. We would like to see a committee of seven people (4 officials and 3 coaches) see this through at both the National and the state levels.

Rationale: Proper training of officials.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and referred all these items to Chairman, Roche of the Officials Committee to implement. All proposals under this heading passed - unanimously.

28. Proposed: 2. An annual clinic sponsored by the ASU should be held at the National Convention that must be attended by Starters, Referees and Clerks of the Course.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Officials Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation and referred all these items to Chairman, Roche of the Officials Committee to implement. All proposals under this heading passed - unanimously.

29. Subject: SANCTIONS

Reference: Article VIII, Page 37, Par. 4

Submitted by: Minnesota

Proposed: Minnesota proposed National endorsed indoor meets must be held after March 15.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

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

30. Subject: EVENT RECORDS - SHORT TRACK
Reference: Article XI, Page 40 Par. (New)
Submitted by: Michigan
Proposed: A. Records for the 16 lap and 100 meter Short Track (Indoor) distances of analogous length (e.g. 200m/220yd, 300m/330yd, and such) be combined and the best time prevail as the official; where no English distance (yd) is listed, the metric distance shall be the record.
B. This should also be proposed for North American meets in consul with CASSA.

Rationale: (Both issues can be considered together, but should be voted separately to avoid potential conflict due to CASSA consideration on N.A.)

Both the 16 lap and 1-0 meter tracks are laid out the exact same dimensions; it is only in our verbal definition that a "difference" arises. Let's not clutter our records with duplication, and where the race lengths are "the same" let the best truly prevail.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance and changing of the word "English" to read "American".

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted committee recommendation. (14) Yes (2) No.
Proposal accepted.

Item 7 - Referred from Finance Committee

7. Subject: MEMBERSHIP (Two separate Proposals)
Reference: Article III, Page 22, Par. 1, 2
Submitted by: Michigan
Proposed: 1. Membership of Union to consist of a) active members (Associations) signatory hereto, and such other Associations as may from time to time be admitted,*
b) Allied members (Organizations), c) Individual members (non-skating), and d) skater members (unattached).
2. In the event that any active member (Association) ---membership in this Union shall automatically be put up for consideration at the annual meeting, and with the discretion of two-thirds of---

Rationale: Definition of membership is not worded well in this section and does not line up with wording used elsewhere.

*May want to carry over wording of present about jurisdictions.

7. Continued

See also Article IX - New section on voting rights of individual members (suggest none), but not prohibit holding office.

See also Article IV - Add method for accepting individual members (suggest submission of letter, fees, passed on by Secretary for adequacy, not judgement).

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: A motion by Michigan to accept 7-1 as printed was defeated. (5) Yes (10) No

A motion by Michigan to accept 7-2 as printed was tabled. Vote to table - (10) Yes (5) No, item tabled.

A proposal was made and seconded to refer this entire item to Committee for presentation at the 1978 Convention in more detailed form. Proposal passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS & BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION

1. Subject: ANNUAL ASU BUDGET
- Reference: By-Laws 1, Pg. 29, Par. 1
- Submitted by: Southern California
- Proposed: Renumber existing paragraph to 1A.
- Add new paragraph:
- 1B - The President shall submit to the Board of Control at the annual meeting an operating budget for the following fiscal year.
- Rationale: Establish a budget for the ASU Secretary/Treasurer to guide and authorize expenditures and determine income accounting.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. Unanimous

2. Subject: ASU HANDBOOK
- Submitted by: Handbook Committee, Michigan
- Proposed:
1. Reprint ASU Handbook 8½ x 5½
 2. Incorporate advertising in Handbook to cover cost of publishing and distribution.
 3. Pre-punch handbook for incorporation in permanent hard cover binder to be sold to members.
 4. Distribute handbook to all registered skaters at no charge providing funds are available.
- Rationale:
1. Larger size will make book more attractive to Advertisers.
 2. Essential to subsidize publication with money external to the sport.
 3. Hardcover provides permanence.
 4. Handbook belongs to everyone and not merely those few that are especially interested.

3. Submitted by: Michigan
- Proposed: Carry out the announced intention to keep the handbook a working document, not an historical repository.
- Rationale: Ohio was ridiculed for proposing same last year since "this was being done"; no action noticeable yet. Effort in establishing was considerable and did include means to keep it current.

Item 2 & 3

COMMITTEE ACTION: Treated items 2 & 3 as one proposal and recommended acceptance and referral to Handbook Committee.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved Handbook Committee report. Unanimous

Item #3 was subsequently withdrawn (see pages 7 & 84-85 for complete report).

4. Subject: WORLD SHORT TRACK TEAM
Submitted by: Amateur Skating Association of Illinois
Proposed: Each member Association of the ASU be assessed \$200.00 per year which will be used to further the Short Track Program.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection.

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

Subject: Increase in Sanction fees and Skater Entry Fees at National and North American Championship Events

Submitted by: Finance Committee and the ASU Secretary/Treasurer

Reference: Page 15, Paragraph 13 a, and Page 37, Article VIII, Paragraph 8

Proposed:

- ...Beginning in 1979, the sanction fee for National and North American meets shall be increased to \$500.00, payable within 10 days of the grant of sanction.
- ...Beginning in 1978, the entry fees for National Championship events shall be increased to \$10.00 per competitor. The ASU shall retain all entry fees.
- ...The ASU shall be responsible for furnishing all medals and awards and reimbursement of expenses for the Referee, Starter and Clerk of Course for all National and North American Championship events. This program to begin in 1978.

Rationale: To give the ASU a more active role in presenting major championship events. To alleviate the financial burden on hosting Associations. To provide additional funding for ASU projects.

Comment: The ASU would be in a much stronger bargaining position with medal manufacturers and possible TV coverage of major events. Costs could be reduced considerably and the saved income could be channeled to other ASU projects such as an Officials training program with emphasis on rules interpretations and standardization, and provide funding for the position of Commissioner of Officials.

This total proposal would only require the host Association to provide a facility; local income could still be derived from admissions and ad books to help defray local costs.

This proposal does not provide for exhibition events or a 4th place medal. Local Associations could still provide exhibition events, at their discretion and expense.

5. Continued

Example:

3 major meets, 2 National, 1 North American,
based on average of 200 competitors per meet:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Sanction fee Income | \$1,500.00 |
| Entry fee Income | 6,000.00 |
| Total Income per year | <u>\$7,500.00</u> |

Annual Expense:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Officials expense, 9 @ \$300.00 | \$2,700.00 |
| Medallions, 3 meets @ \$350.00 | 1,050.00 |
| *Medals \$588.00 North American | |
| 720.00 National Indoor | |
| 780.00 National Outdoor | 2,088.00 |
| Total Expense | <u>\$5,838.00</u> |
| | 5,838.00 |

ADDITIONAL INCOME \$1,662.00

*assuming new dies are struck for National medals,
(presently \$9.20 each)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Proposed amendment to read "payable no later than 1 year prior to the awarded date of the competition" - Amendment passed
(11) Yes (2) No (1) Abstain

A vote was then taken to approve item #5 as amended -
motion defeated (9) Yes (5) No (No 2/3 majority)

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider item #5 -
motion to reconsider passed (10) Yes (5) No

A motion was made and seconded to approve item #5 as amended -
motion carried (11) Yes (4) No - Proposal accepted in its'
entirety with the following amendment:

Proposed: ...Beginning in 1979, the sanction fee for National and North
American meets shall be increased to \$500.00, payable not
later than 1 year prior to the awarded date of the competition.

Subject: CONDUCT OF RACES

Reference: Page 15, Par. 13, Sub-Par. a

Submitted by: Eastern Minnesota

Proposed: 13 Entries:
a. Entries must be accompanied by a \$10.00 fee for
National outdoor and National indoor meets.
One-half of the fee shall be forwarded to the
ASU treasurer and One-half may be retained by the
host association.

Rationale: To keep up with cost of sponsoring a National meet. This
would make National and North American meets entry fee
uniform.

This proposal was withdrawn.

Referred to Legislative Committee (see page 43).

8. Subject: ANNUAL DUES & FEES

Reference: Article XIII, Page 27, Par. 1, 2 & New

Submitted by: Michigan

Proposed: Changes be made in constitution to remove specific dollar amounts, but to allow for setting of all dues and fees at annual meeting, for example:

Allied Members (Organizations) No fees or dues,
 Active Member (Association) Dues,
 Registered Skater Dues,
 Skater Members (Unattached) Dues,
 Individual Member (non-skating) Dues,
 Sanction Fees for National & North American Meets,
 Entry Fees for National meets, (possibly N.A. too),
 Racing Blade subscriptions fees, and any
 other fee(s) deemed necessary for proper operation
 of the Union.

Payable dates (to be worked out in committee)

Rationale: Gives automatic annual process to have all on Agenda; prevents outdateding of constitution just for changing specific amounts.

Payable dates needed to clarify intent, get monies promptly, and possible impact on voting for example:

Association & Skater Dues - by some date (1 Jan.?)
 Individual Members - on application acceptance
 All fees due when assessed

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation (11) Yes (1) No - Proposal accepted.

9. Subject: ASU REGISTRATION FORMS

Reference: Article VI, Page 33, Par. 4

Submitted by: Southern California

Proposed: Renumber existing paragraph to be 4A

Add: 4B - Each association member shall register all persons on the ASU three part registration form, retaining one copy and forwarding the other two copies to the ASU Secretary.

4C - There shall be three types of registration; and shall be indicated on the registration form.

1. Skaters - Those who qualify as competitors.
2. Non-Skaters - Those who function or are a member other than competitors.
3. Honorary - Any person wishing to support speed skating and is not an active member.

Item 9 Continued

Rationale: To issue registration to non-competitive members and persons interested in supporting speed skating. Also develop a list for mail copies of the Racing Blade.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation (13) Yes (1) No
Proposal accepted.

10. Subject: ANNUAL DUES

Reference: Article XIII, Page 27, Par. 2

Submitted by: Southern California

Proposed: Renumber existing paragraph to 2A

Add new paragraph:

2B - Non-skaters and honorary registration annual dues shall be established by the ASU Board of Control.

Rationale: To establish annual dues.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended acceptance.

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

11. Subject: SKATING NEWS

Submitted by: Michigan

Proposed: Higher priority be given to producing an up-to-date newspaper for the dissemination of speed skating news than has been the case with the Racing Blade (and that it be more economical to the ASU).

Rationale: Obvious! It's not how slick it looks, the first priority is to get communication going with the skating groups - public and within ASU. Let's get it to the point that people want to subscribe because it give something - (like seems to exist with CASSA's Racer).

Should also be discussed in Finance Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended rejection as proposed but strongly suggested that each Association be responsible for appointment of a publicity co-ordinator who would be responsible for dissemination of news articles to the Racing Blade on a regular basis.

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

12. Subject: ASU AS QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Submitted by: Michigan

Proposed: An affirmative and full project be concluded to allow wide publicity of the qualification of the ASU as a charitable organization (exempt from taxation may be a separate issue); such action should allow member Associations and their clubs access to this status either directly, or through assistance in obtaining such for themselves.

Rationale: Obvious! This issue has kicked around for some time. Conclusion could allow a more active solicitation of financial help while allowing bonefide proof of tax deductibility for the donor - devious channels used at times tends to cloak our activities in a less-than-favorable light.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended referral to Executive Officers for final disposition.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Accepted Committee recommendation. Unanimous - Executive

OTHER FINANCE PROPOSALS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL
AS PRESENTED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET

These proposals tie in with Finance item #1 but were accepted or rejected individually.

PROPOSED: Increase the annual Association Dues to \$300.00 and individual Skater registration fees to \$5.00.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved this proposal (13) Yes (1) No

PROPOSED: When an entry fee is charged for any meet conducted in the United States, .25¢ per competitor shall be forwarded to the ASU within 1 week of the conduct of the meet.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Rejected this proposal (4) Yes (10) No

PROPOSED: In any open sanctioned event, the sponsoring Association shall charge an additional .25¢ entry fee per competitor designated for the World Short Track travel fund. All such fees shall be forwarded to the ASU within one month of the conduct of the meet.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved this proposal (9) Yes (3) No - This program will be in effect beginning with the 1977-78 season.

PROPOSED: The Finance Committee shall submit a balanced budget to provide guidelines to the Secretary/Treasurer.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved this proposal - Unanimous

PROPOSED: In reference to Finance item 9-4C-3 (see page 48) it was decided to leave the Honorary members fee to the discretion of each local Association but \$5.00 of such fee shall be forwarded to the ASU which will entitle such member to receive the Racing Blade, the current Rule Book and a certificate; emblematic of such Honorary membership.

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION: Approved this proposal - Unanimous.

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WE REGRET THAT THE FINALIZED BALANCED BUDGET, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INCLUSION IN THESE MINUTES. THIS BUDGET WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AT SOME LATER TIME.

In addition to passing a balanced budget for the 1977-78, the Board of Control approved the following new fee schedules:

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| Annual Association membership dues: | \$300.00 |
| Annual skater registration fees: | 5.00 |
| Non skater membership fees: | 5.00 |
| Honorary membership fees: | To be determined by each Association |

The honorary membership fee will be left to the discretion of the Association but \$5.00 of such fee shall be forwarded to the ASU which will entitle that member to the Racing Blade, Rule Book and Certificate emblematic of such Honorary Membership.

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| National & North American Sanction fees | \$500.00 |
| National & North American Entry fees | 10.00 |

The sanction fee is applicable for all Championship events beginning with meets awarded for 1979.

Such sanction fees are due and payable one (1) year prior to the dates granted for the conduct of the meet.

Effective in 1978, the ASU shall retain all entry fees and in return, be responsible for the furnishing of all medals and awards, and the expenses of the Chief Referee, Starter and Clerk of Course.

Effective at once, all Open meets conducted by any member Association shall charge a fee of .25¢ per competitor per meet. These fees are to be forwarded to the ASU Office within 30 days of the conduct of the meet. All such fees shall be earmarked for the World Short Track Travel Fund.

OTHER POINTS OF INFORMATION/RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF CONTROL

Subject: AMATEUR STATUS

Submitted by: Southern California

Reference: Article XII, Page 25-26, Par. 1-b

Proposed: Incorporate in the racing rules the definition of amateur vs professional status. If a skater is a professional figure skater, can they maintain an amateur status as a speed skater and compete in local and National, and World competitions and/or championship events?

Rationale: Clarification.

ACTION: Recommended referral to the By-Laws Committee for decision in keeping with established rules of other amateur sports. Unanimous

Subject: UNIFORMS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

Submitted by: Southern California

Proposed: Have all National officers and officials wear appropriate blazer and slacks (colors to be chosen by committee) at all ASU functions-and National and North American events. (Suggested colors - Red blazer & gray slacks).

Rationale: To make the events more professional looking from a spectator view point; and more-over to immediately identify officers and officials at the National and North American events.

ACTION: Approved a motion to table this proposal pending further investigation. Unanimous

Subject: OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS

Submitted by: Michigan

Reference: (N.S.)

Proposed: Persons making an Olympic Team be given lifetime membership in the ASU, or its succeeding organization(s)

Rationale: Good P.R.; appropriate honor.

ACTION: Approved this proposal unanimously.

4. Submitted by: Eastern Minnesota

Proposed: Point of Information

That all associations designate meets which they feel are of national or regional significance and have the ASU give their backing of these certain meets.

Rationale:

1. To assure sponsors and associations of good competition.
2. To cut down on the number of so called "big meets".
3. To assure those who travel to these meets of national or regional significance that they will have good competition when they get there.

ACTION: Point of information only - encourage all associations to comply and send in meet schedules to the Racing Blade.

TRACK COMMITTEE REPORT

The printed Track Committee Report distributed at the convention was modified in committee and again by the board of control. The report in final form appears below.

The chairman's appreciation is expressed to standing committee members Charlie Blair and Wally Lee; to committee members Gene Sandvig and Wally Crenshaw; and to part-time participants Bill Cawthra and Canada's Ron Brown.

Short Track Competition

It is approved to stay with the 100 meter safety track for the 1977/1978 season. The associations are requested to try the ISU-approved 110 meter oval track during the coming season. It is our intention to carefully consider conversion to the 110 meter oval at the 1978 convention. To avoid doing so blindly, the associations must have some operating experience with it in order to intelligently discuss the issue.

Recommended distances to be used on the 110 meter oval:

In short track competition (in meters)

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|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Senior men | 400 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| Senior women | 400 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| Intermediate boys | 400 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| Intermediate girls | 400 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| Junior boys | 400 | 800 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| Junior girls | 400 | 600 | 800 | 1,000 | |
| Juvenile boys | 300 | 400 | 600 | 800 | |
| Juvenile girls | 300 | 400 | 600 | 800 | |
| Midget boys | 220 | 300 | 400 | 500 | |
| Midget girls | 220 | 300 | 400 | 500 | |

Track Survey

Delete Paragraph 12 of Rules of Racing (page 14) in its entirety and replace with the following:

12. The two track measurers or surveyors shall certify all track measurements consistent with the following:

- a. Definitions

1. Survey Lines - Those lines (or points) that define the track by positioning lines, marks, or blocks on the ice.
2. Skaters Path - 0.5 meter outside the survey line. This is to be used when calculating distances skated.

- b. Tracks to be utilized are those approved by the Board of Control and published in the Minutes of the Convention or Handbook showing "Approved" on the diagram. Other tracks are published for local association use but may be used in case of emergency upon approval of the ASU Officer Representative at the meet.
- c. For outdoor meets, the survey line may be marked by a snowline or by blocks set on the ice. If blocks are used, they shall be set so that their outside edge is on the survey line and shall be spaced 1.0 meter apart for the first 10 meters of the turn, 2.0 meters apart on the remainder of the turn, and 5.0 meters apart on the straight-aways.
- d. Start and finish lines shall be a minimum of 0.03 meter (approximately 1 inch) to a maximum of 0.06 meter (approximately 2 inches) in width. The line shall have its upstream (approaching side) as the measured-to side. The starting line shall be divided and marked into 1 meter (3 feet-3 3/8 inches) lanes with the lane numbers marked in the ice.
- e. "Fall-down" marks shall be placed 6 meters (19 feet-8 inches) downstream of the starting line.
- f. All marks on the ice shall be laid into the ice under the skating surface whenever possible.
- g. For indoor meets, the blocks shall be placed as indicated on the drawings. They shall consist of rubber toilet plungers (without handles and weighted). They shall be placed with the outside edge on the marks on the ice.
- h. For indoor meets, the spots marking the block location shall be a minimum of 0.02 meter (approximately 3/4 inch) in diameter with the outside edge marking the survey line.
- j. At the discretion of the referee, the marker for corner No. 1 may be moved a distance of not more than 1 meter to the inside (perpendicular to the boards) for the first lap of a given race only when there are six or more skaters starting in a race.

- k. A minimum of five tracks shall be set up for indoor championships. The intervals between marks shall not be less than 0.75 meter.

This action clears Item 13, page 4 (buff pages) referenced to this committee by the race committee.

Long Track

Item 7, buff pages, page 3 was referred to this committee by the racing committee.

The 384.18 meter long track (called olympic inner track) is authorized for use at ASU meets.

Note of clarification: This does replace the approved 400 meter track. It is most advantageous to use this new track where both metric and pack style races are to be held on the same ice surface.

We wish to thank all of you for your cooperation.

Sample Calculation

1. Measure the width of the ice surface.
2. Compute rink width in meters.

$$85 \text{ feet} \times 0.3048 = 25.408 \text{ meters}$$

3. Track width is mandated at 4.75 meters, so double it (one track each side) and subtract from rink width to give curve survey diameter.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.75 \text{ meters} \times 2 = 9.5 \text{ meters} \\ \text{Diameter} \quad \quad \quad 16.408 \text{ meters} \end{array}$$

4. Using this diameter, add 1 meter for skaters path (0.5 meter outside survey line each side) and calculate the distance skated in the turns.

$$17.408 \text{ meters} \times \pi = 54.689 \text{ meters}$$

This is the total distance the skater goes in the two turns.

5. Now compute straight-away so that skater goes 100 meters (or 110 meters as the case may be).

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| Desired track length | 110.000 meters |
| Curves | <u>54.689 meters</u> |
| Total straight | 55.311 meters |
| Or on each side | 27.655 meters |
| Or center line to curve | 13.828 meters |

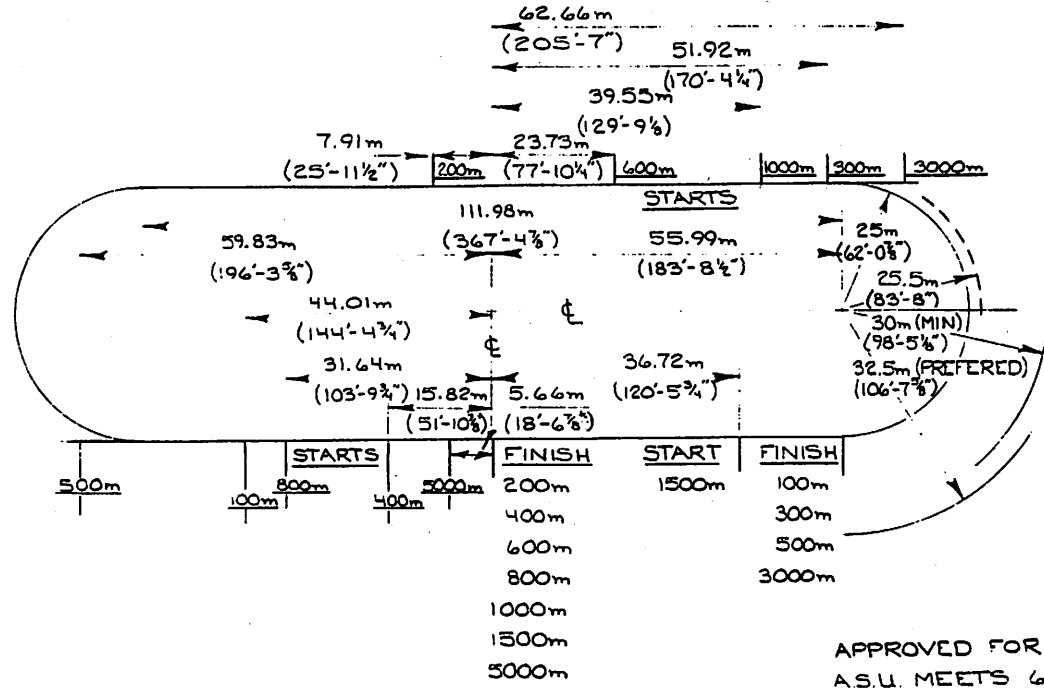
6. Radius of survey line on curve (marks on ice).

$$16.408 \div 2 = 8.204 \text{ meters}$$

Conversion: Meters times 3.281 = distance in feet

384.18 METER TRACK

OLYMPIC INNER TRACK

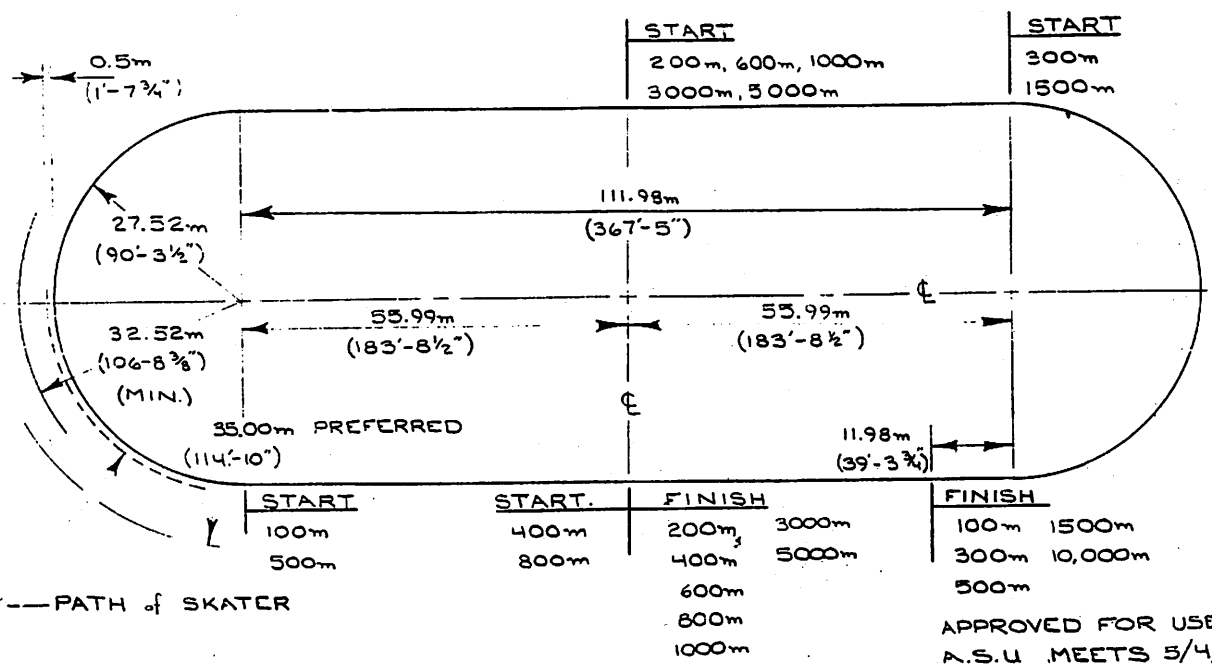


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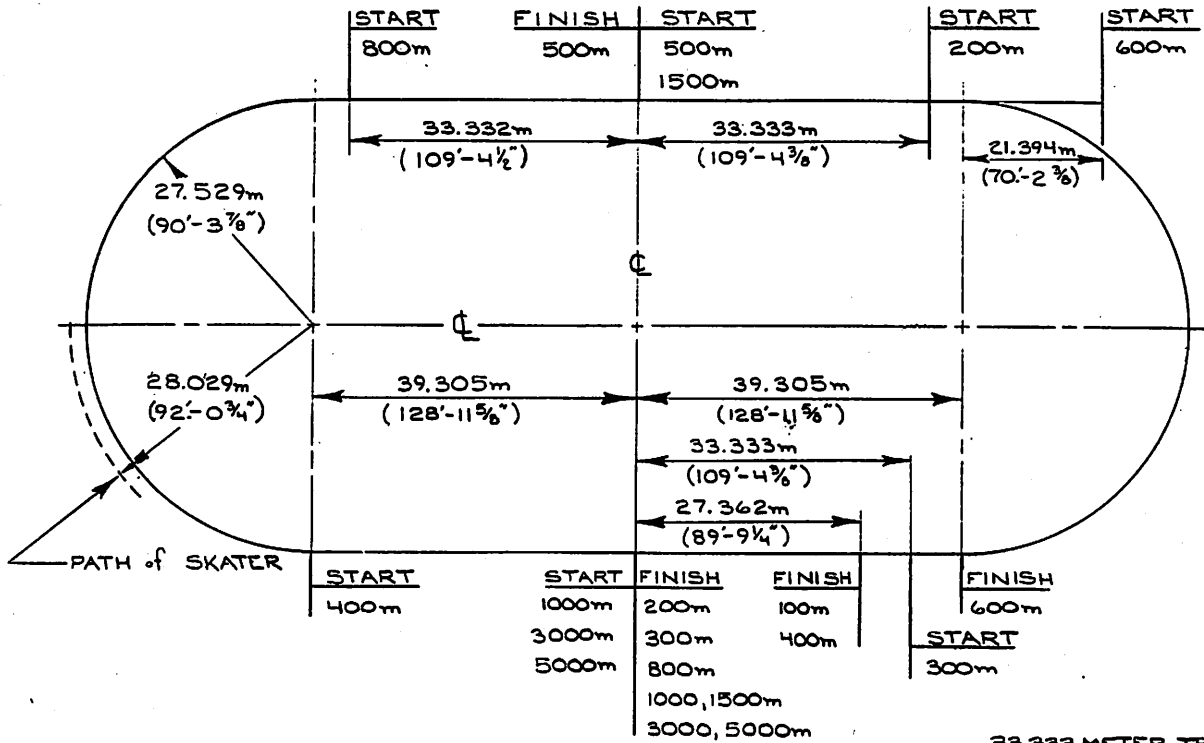
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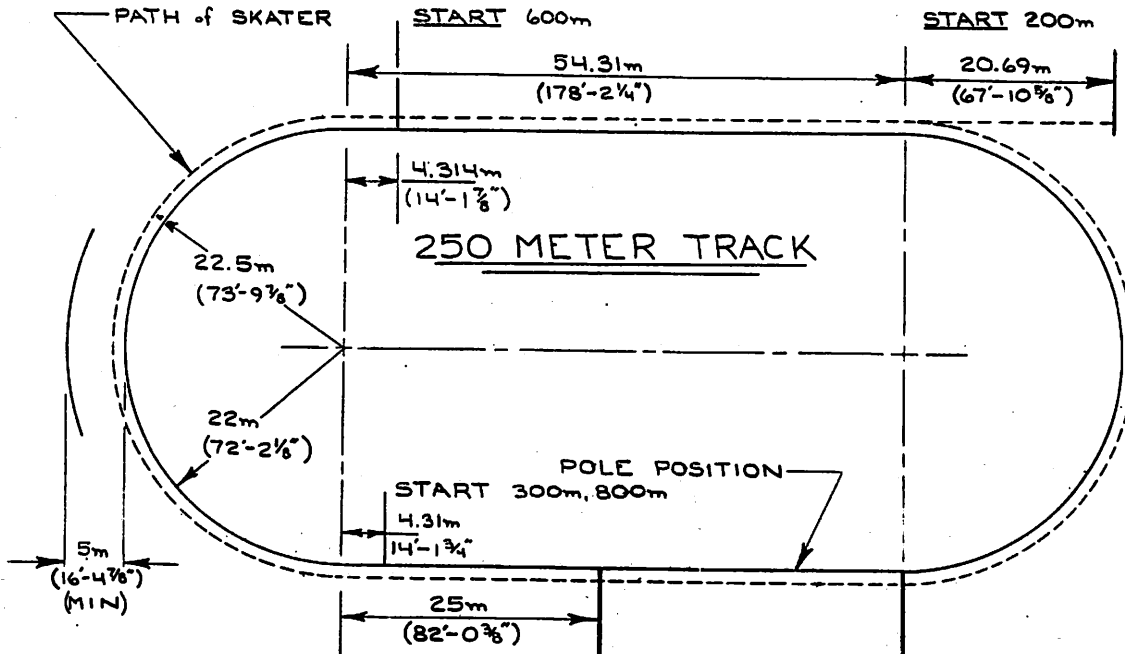
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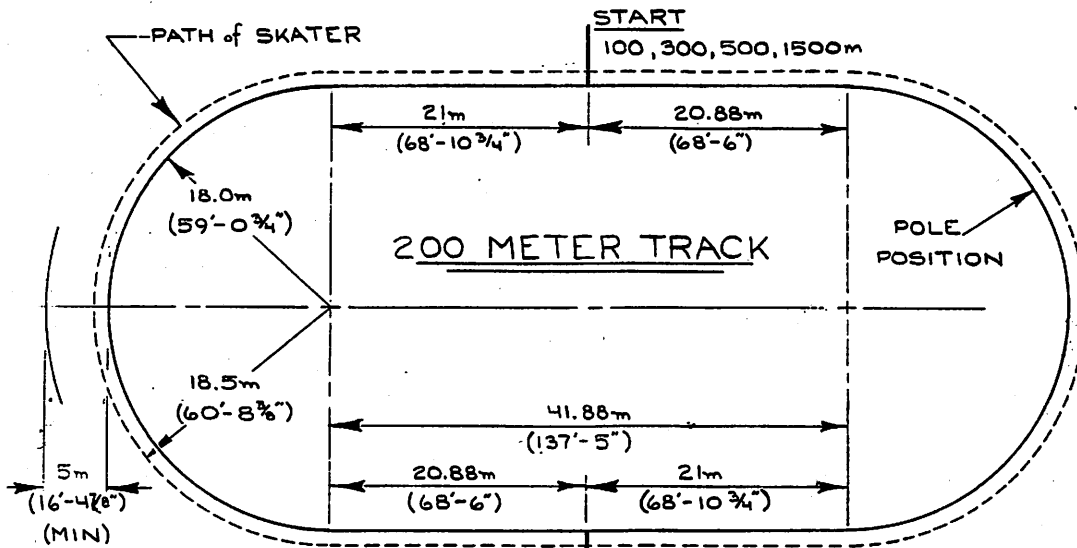


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| 1000m | 500m, 5000m | 300m |
| 1500m | 600m | 800m |
| 3000m | 1000m | |
| 5000m | 1500m | |

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250 METER TRACK

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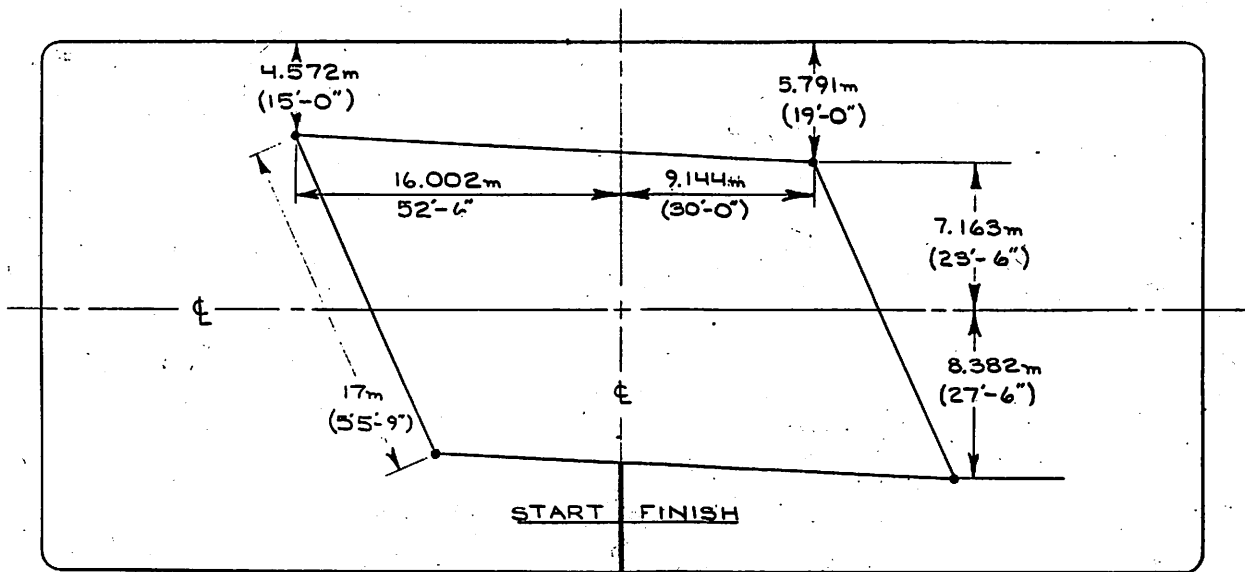
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100 METER

OFFICIAL INDOOR SPEED SKATING SAFETY TRACK



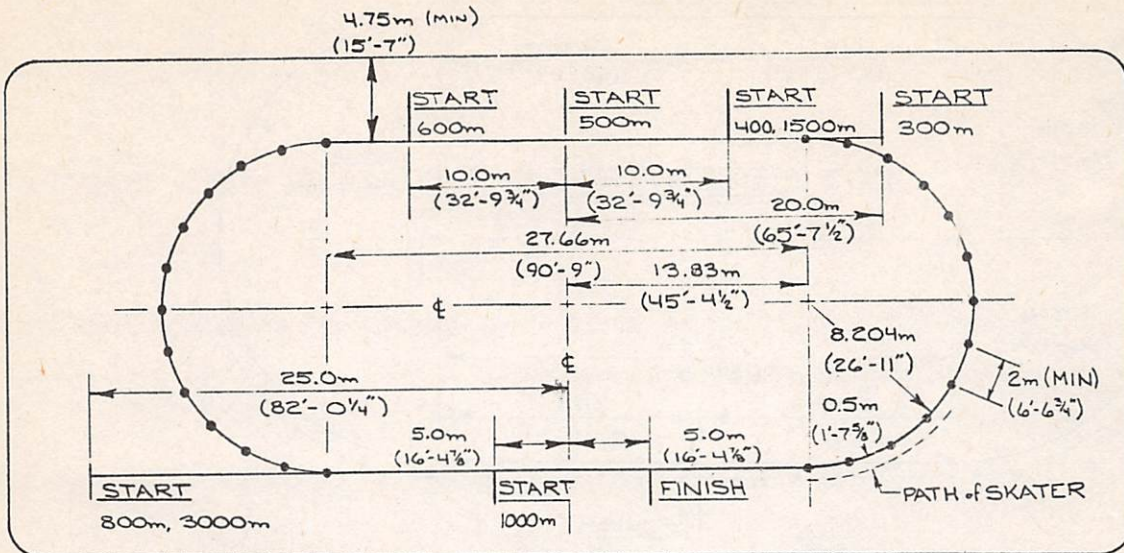
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1. BASED ON 85' x 185' RINK EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS MAY BE REVISED TO SUIT
2. TRACK IS SYMMETRICAL ABOUT THE CENTER LINES

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100 METER SAFETY TRACK

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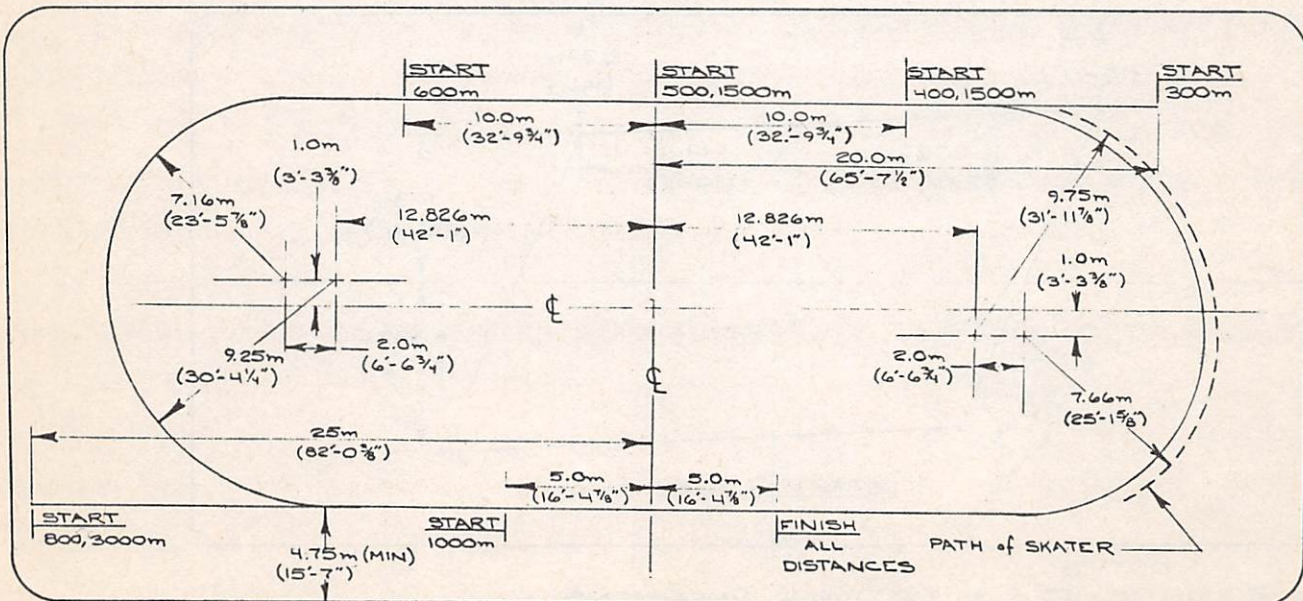
NOTES:

- 1 DISTANCE BETWEEN BOARDS & TRACK SURVEY LINE SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 4.75m (15'-7")
- 2 CURVE RADIUS AND STRAIGHT LENGTH MAY BE ADJUSTED TO CONFORM TO RINK BUT YIELD SKATERS PATH of 110m
- 3 MAXIMUM SURVEY LINE RADIUS IS 8.5m
- 4 IF RADIUS IS ADJUSTED START LINES MUST ALSO BE ADJUSTED

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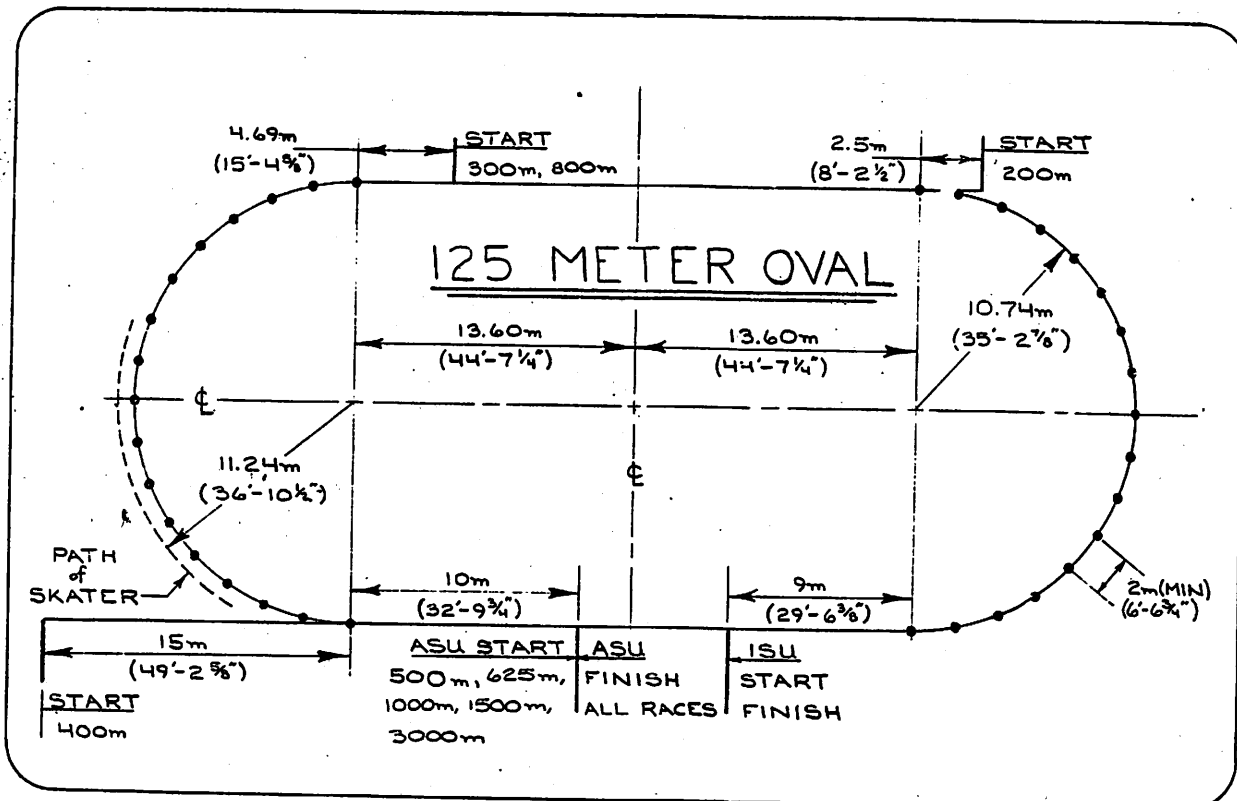
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110 METER TWIN RADIUS TRACK (AUSTRALIAN)



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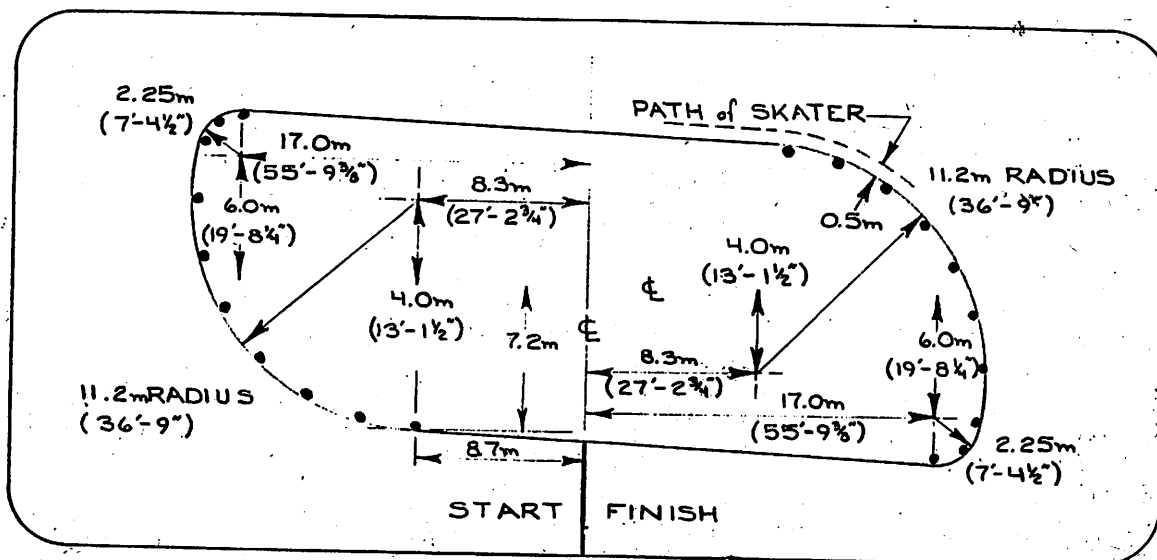
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**100 METER
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(CANADIAN)**



**100 METER
TWIN RADIUS TRACK**

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REPORT

WORLD SHORT TRACK TOUR

APRIL 6 THRU 25, 1977

Attached to this report is the team itinerary covering our tour of Europe. The results of each competition are covered in the attached Coaches report. For simplicity reasons this report will cover areas not indicated in the itinerary. We all owe Parkhills Tours, Inc. and Pierbusseti a great deal of gratitude for the many hours of preparation that went into our itinerary. Without their help the tour would have been a nightmare.

The team assembled in TWA Tour Lounge C at O'hare Airport at 5 PM for picture taking, final goodbyes, and a final check to make sure all were ready for a 2 week stay in Europe. The main item of concern was to make sure everyone carried his Passport and had not packed it in his or her luggage. We boarded the plane and the 6½ hour flight to London was long, but uneventful.

Our arrival in London was greeted not only by the representative from the local travel agency, but also Mr. Matthews, Chairman of the ISU Short Track Committee. We also were greeted with the bad news that British Airways had gone on strike and our departure from London would have to be changed. Between the travel agent and Mr. Matthews our ride from Heathrow Airport to the "Y" Hotel was very discriptive. The team spent thursday and friday sightseeing and recovering from the "Jet Lag". The teamleader spent friday making alternate flight plans to Geneva. We were re-routed from Birmingham to Geneva via Paris. The end result was this eliminated our need to return to London on monday to catch a plane to Geneva.

Saturday morning we took a train to Birmingham and were met by John Hall, Organizer of the Solihull Competition. The highlights of Birmingham, other than the competition, were the meetings on Short Track. The team leaders from Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Holland, Japan, and the U.S., met to discuss, (A) The Solihull Meet, (B) The Competition in Grenoble, and (C) The future of Short Track. After some discussion it was agreed that a telegram be sent to Grenoble stating a preference for the competition to be skated on a 125 Meter Oval;-If

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Belgium, Holland, and Great Britain would agree to send teams. If the 3 countries would agree to send teams then the U.S. would sign the telegram. The telegram was sent, the track was changed, and Belgium and Great Britain sent teams. Holland did not take part in Grenoble because it was unable to put together a good team. The Competition in Solihull was conducted different than here in the U.S. in that each skater skated each distance only once. The Skaters received points (4,3,2,1,) in each event and the skater with the most points at the end of the 3 events was declared the winner. If there was a tie, the skater with the fastest 500M time was declared the winner. At the end of the 3 events Stan Wisniewski and Mally. Power, of Great Britain, were tied. Power had the fastest 500 so was declared the Mens Champion. Peggy Hartrich won the ladies division although she and Vicky Raimann tied on total points. Peggy had the fastest 500M time. The ladies won the Relay and the men finished second to Great Britain.

On monday we flew to Geneva and took a train to Grenoble. The week in Grenoble was highlighted by a tour wednesday to a ski resort high in the French Alps. The resort had a 30x60 meter rink with a swimming pool next to it, all outdoors. The team wished the competition could be transferred to this rink for some high altitude experience in short track racing. Obviously the surrounds had nothing to do with their wishes! In Grenoble again we had breakfast in our hotel but had to travel to another hotel for dinner. Practice time was scheduled from 7 to 9 PM each evening. Canada arrived in Grenoble on wednesday and upon learning of the track change requested a meeting be called for friday morning to reconsider the track change. After much discussion the decision was left with Mr. Broquet, Meet Director, and Ecklund and Matthews. Their discussion was to skate an exhibition meet friday night or the double radius track, and the Championship on saturday and sunday, on the 125M Oval. The competitions were conducted much the same as we do here except time was used to determine what skaters moved forward from the heats to the semi's to the finals. After the competition was over all agreed that time should not be used as a factor in determining who progressed forward from heats to finals. Results in Grenoble were Kressler second in the Mens, Valie Raimann third in the Ladies. The Ladies won the Relay and the Men were disqualified for failing to make a tag. With all said and done, the competition in Grenoble was tremendous. The administration of the program left much to be desired. Lack of experience in conducting large Short Track competitions would be the main cause for the problems that occurred. During our stay in Grenoble the team was invited to participate in a competition in Leiden, Holland and Brugge, Belgium, if we could alter our itinerary. The team agreed that if we could stay longer they would like to take part in the two competitions. We departed Grenoble on monday for Geneva. We spent a in Geneva and left on tuesday for Amsterdam.

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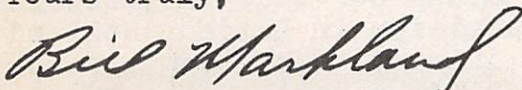
Upon arrival in Amsterdam discussions began with the local travel agency as to the possibility of extending our stay in Europe. These arrangements were concluded on wednesday morning. For \$52.40 per person we could stay through monday. This fee included our hotel, with breakfast, on wednesday and thursday and round trip train fare to Brugge. The team competed in Leiden on wednesday night and the sponsor paid $\frac{1}{2}$ of our train fare to Leiden. The Leiden meet consisted of local clubs and the U.S. team. We ran away with every race, but our presents served as a tremendous boost to the local Short Track program. It also gave the team some much needed practice. The team spent the days touring Amsterdam that included a boat trip on the canals. The team leader had lunch with Mr. Roos, V.P. of the ISU, and met thursday afternoon with Mr. Cammello, President of the Dutch Association. Both were very impressed with Eric Heiden and in favor of the Short Track program. Friday morning we left for Brugge, Belgium.

The Competition in Brugge was a two day event. Teams from Australia, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain, and the U.S. took part. The races were conducted in the same manner as Solihull except that pursuit races were included. At the conclusion Kressler, Drebes, and Mike Spragg were tied for the Championship. Mike Spragg was declared the winner because he had the fastest 1000m time. Peggy won the Ladies division although she was tied with Valie and Vicky Raimann. Peggy had the fastest 1000m time, Vicky was second, and Valie third. The Ladies won the Relay, and the Len were second to Great Britain. The U.S. won the team title. The Organizing Committee paid for one nights lodging for 9 team members. The team had to pay \$10.88 each to cover the balance of our expenses. To extend our stay from wednesday through monday it cost each member \$63.28 plus lunches and dinners. On monday we returned to Amsterdam for our flight to Chicago.

In conclusion I would like to say that we all should congradulate the 8 skaters that went to Europe. They did a tremendous job representing the U.S. Short Track Speed Skating Program. Many friendships were formed and our skaters won the respect of all whom they met.

Future team travel should use the G.I.T. travel program as this team did. By pre-paying all of the air and land arrangements we eliminate the hassels of exchanging money at every stop and also minimize the need to carry a large sum of money for expenses.

Yours truly,



Bill Markland, Team Leader

cc: ASU Officers
USISA Officers
Short Track Committee
Joe Sedlock, Finance Committee

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May 8, 1977

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THE FUTURE OF SHORT TRACK

3rd Vice-President

DAVID ROCHE
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During the course of the recent Short Track Tour in Europe one could not help but notice the enthusiasm shared by those associations that took part; The comradeship among the skaters because short track is a team effort; The interest taken by the officials and officers from other associations who were present as observers. During meetings with officers of the British Association, the President of the Dutch Association, the President and Secretary of the Belgium Association, and the President Elect of the Japanese Association, one thought was shared by all;- Short Track must become a Championship. What started as an idea in Lake Placid in 1975 has become a reality. World Short Track Competition is here to stay.

Editor: The Racing Blade

LARRY PEARCE
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Planning for next year has already begun. The Dutch Association has already announced the Dutch International Short Track Championships for March 4 and 5, 1978. The British Association has begun plans for a 3 meet program, all in one city. Japan is talking of a possible tour in Japan. Belgium would like to host a meet to follow up the meet in Holland. It is expected that the outline of a complete short track tour will be available by the conclusion of the I.S.U. Congress in Paris.

Active Members

- Amateur Skating Assn. of Illinois
- Colorado Speed Skating Assn.
- Connecticut Skating Assn.
- Eastern Minnesota Skating Assn.
- Iowa Skating Assn.
- Maryland Skating Assn.
- Michigan Skating Assn.
- Middle Atlantic Skating Assn.
- Minnesota Skating Assn.
- Missouri Skating Assn.
- Montana Skating Assn.
- Northeastern Skating Assn.
- Northern New York Skating Assn.
- Ohio Skating Assn.
- Southern California Skating Assn.
- Western New York Skating Assn.
- Wisconsin Skating Assn.

Current trends in short track discussions indicate that the USISA/ASU will have to make only a very few changes in order to continue with the program on ISU levels. ISU short track supporters agree there must be at least two classes, Senior and Junior. They agree with our method of refereeing and our finish judge procedure. The only areas where our system differs is the track we skate and the starting procedure. Neither of the tracks being proposed to the ISU are currently in use in the U.S.. We must be prepared to adopt the track that receives final approval. We should also consider adopting the ISU starting procedure.

Member of

- U.S. International Skating Assn.
- U.S. Olympic Assn.

Allied with

- Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S.
- Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Assn.
- Ice Skating Institute of America
- Roller Skating Rink Operators Assn.
- U.S. Figure Skating Assn.

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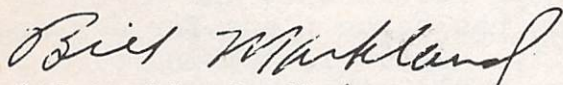
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- Einar W. Jonland
- Leon C. Wilmot

The above paragraphs lead us to the final and decisive area of short track, funding. The expenses for this year's team ran at \$1,200.00 per team member. These funds were raised thru efforts of the Short Track Committee and, each skater paid \$310.00 to make up the balance. Future funding must come from efforts of the

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USISA/ASU, not a committee or small group of individuals. Becoming a member of a Short Track Team is a reward available to any skater in the U.S.A.. Making the Short Track National Team is something every skater can prepare for. Becoming a World Champion is the goal. Therefore the funding of the Short Track Team is the equal responsibility of each member, and each association, that go together to make up the USISA/ASU. Not only do the team members benefit from Short Track. Each association benefits because short track will offer additional avenues of publicity. Thru increased publicity it becomes easier to sell our sport to new members and introduce our sport to new areas. But, speed skating is like any other product one tries to sell; The more you invest in it, the greater the rewards. Therefore, the more we invest in speed skating, the greater the rewards will become.

If each skater were to pay \$25.00 per year registration and skated 10 years he will have paid the ASU \$250.00. If that skater makes one Short Track Team during the 10 year period he will receive at least \$1,200.00 worth of travel. Thats a pretty good investment, \$250.00 to receive a \$1,200.00 return.



Bill Markland, Chairman
USISA/ASU Short Track Committee

cc: USISA Officers
ASU Officers
Short Track Committee
Joe Sedlock, Finance Committee

NEW STARTING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT - Revision of the starting procedure to incorporate a new starting device (a system of lights) to replace the present starting procedure which is constantly changing.

OBJECTIVE of the start of the race - To provide every skater with the opportunity to leave the starting line at the precise instant that the race begins.

PROBLEMS with the present system -

- a) Each start is different though the starters make a tremendous effort to be consistent - 1) tone of voice; 2) speed of commands
- b) Possibility of an anticipated start going undetected and the race not being recalled.
- c) Excessive number of false starts especially in the shorter races.
- d) Eliminate the delay between the firing of gun at the start of race, as much as 4/10 of a second, and the start of the skaters while still avoiding false starts and the related problems of wasted energy and time.
- e) Timers have difficulty knowing exactly when the race is started and this difficulty increases as the distance between the starter and the timers increase.
- f) Ammunition is expensive and black powder with a flash is hard to obtain.
- g) The explosion of the gun start damages the hearing and the ear.
- h) Skaters with a hearing problem can not hear the start.

NEW STARTING SYSTEM

1. System of lights (red, yellow and green) that flash consecutively with a constant 8/10 of a second interval, once the starter depresses the starting button.
2. False start detector (at the starting line) - determine when a skater crosses the starting line after the starting button is depressed but prior to the illumination of the green light.

RECOMMENDED STARTING PROCEDURE

1. Starter standing behind the skaters on the line says "Skaters take your positions on the line".
2. The skaters then position themselves in their respective places on the starting line with one skate next to the starting line.
3. Once all skaters are behind the starting line, in their respective positions, the starter depresses the starting button.
4. The red lights light, 8/10 of a second later the yellow light lights, and 8/10 of a second later the green light lights signalling the start of the race and that the skaters should cross the starting line.

5. The skater may develop any safe procedure for moving his body across the starting line as the green light lights.
6. If a false start is detected by photocell, the skater is eliminated from the race. (The signal of a false start is that the green light never lights and the red light re-lights, a sound recalls the skaters to the starting line and a false start light is illuminated at the starting line.)

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING NEW STARTING SYSTEM

1. ASU and USISA approve principle at the annual meeting in 1977.
2. The races of at least two pack style meets (indoor and/or outdoor) be started with the new device.
3. The races of atleast two Olympic style meets be started with the new device.
4. Cassette tapes be made available at no charge or a minimum charge to all associations desiring them. The tapes simulate the timing of the light sequences through sound.
5. All comments concerning the use of the equipment are to be filed with a committee established by the ASU and USISA. These reports in conjunction with other information will be used by the committee in preparing a report on the new starting procedure for presentation at the 1978 annual convention.
6. If the new starting procedure is found to be desireable through thorough tests and analysis, it should be adopted as the official starting procedure at the 1978 annual convention.

May 29, 1977

Louis Eliasberg, Jr.
Electronic Timing
Maryland Speed Skating Associations

REPORT ON THE 1977 CASSA MEETING, TORONTO AIRPORT HILTON, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
MAY 13, 14 and 15, 1977

June 4, 1977

As the official ASU representative I was in attendance at this annual meeting for the 5th consecutive year to discuss matters affecting the Articles of Alliance and North American championship events.

The ASU had requested discussion on the handling of North American entry forms and it now appears that the problem of distribution will be fully resolved as the responsibility will lie with the executive secretaries of CASSA and ASU. The ASU had also requested discussion on the following matters:

1. Renewal of the North American medallion program.
2. The permanency of short track relay racing at North American Indoor meets.
 - a. Team selection, how determined
 - b. Awards for these events
3. The long range possibility of ISU birth dates and competitive classes for North American championships.
4. The 1978 North American Indoor facility in Scarborough, Ontario and the safety factor of that track due to the absence of normal dasher boards.

It was agreed that items 1, 2 and 3 should be thoroughly studied by the existing CASSA/ASU committee and submitted for joint action at a later date.

CASSA further requested that an established protocol be developed for the conduct of future North American championships. The joint committee will also work on this matter for future submission to their respective boards for official ratification.

The matter of safety at the Scarborough facility was clarified by a tour of the facility on Saturday evening. The safety boards and matting were described and exhibited to the satisfaction of the delegates. I strongly suggested that additional "sausage roll", mats be provided in order to prevent a skate blade from becoming entrapped under the barriers. The sponsors assured me that this would be done.

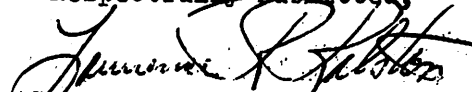
CASSA further agreed to supply sites and/or dates, for future North American championships 2 years in advance so as to facilitate scheduling between the 2 countries. It is hoped that the ASU will follow this lead so as to alleviate travel burdens on the competitors.

The confirmed dates for North American meets hosted by CASSA are as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1978 North American INDOOR | Scarborough, Ontario | Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2, 1978 |
| 1979 " " OUTDOOR | Winnipeg, Manitoba | Feb. 10-11, 1979 |
| 1980 " " INDOOR | Quebec or Montreal | Mar. 29-30-31, 1980 |
| 1981 " " OUTDOOR | To be determined | Feb. 7-8, 1981 |

The site for the 1978 CASSA annual meeting will be Vancouver, B.C.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence R. Ralston
Secretary, ASU



MICHIGAN SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION

April 29, 1977

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Saginaw
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Wyandotte

As you know, the National Skate-a-Thon idea was conceived by John Drenckpohl, chairman of the Growth of Speedskating Committee, at the 1975 National Convention in Wisconsin. It was intended to promote, encourage, and develop speedskating in the United States. Also, it was to be an excellent money-making project. John Drenckpohl, Roy Helminski, Bill Eyre, and Larry Ralston spent hours on this project getting materials and supplies together for the 1975-1976 National Skate-a-Thon.

On August 1, 1976, I received a communication from President MacPherson requesting me to chair the 1976-1977 National Skate-a-Thon. I answered his letter on the 6th of August telling him I would serve on his committees. I then had conversation with Roy Helminski and Bill Eyre about this assignment. They both told me it was already too late, that the action should have been done at the National Convention in Colorado. They did, however, agree to work with me on this project.

This is some of the events that happened during the past season. In looking over the 1975-1976 A.S.U. SAT Financial Statement, I noticed they had only \$656.14 in their operating fund. John Drenckpohl and I agreed that our No. 1 priority was to get last year's materials back with the least amount of expense to everyone involved. We did not want to use any of the \$656.14 in the A.S.U. fund. Finally, on December 13, 1976, John wrote a letter that I signed and mailed to the listed people. Mary Smith, Kay Klaiber, Mary Polaski, Larry Pearce, Bill Eyre, Gerry Mills, Dave Roche, Larry Ralston, and Duncan MacPherson. This letter was published in the Fall issue of the Racing Blade.

Meanwhile, I got with Gerry Mills from Alpena, Michigan and told him to handle the Michigan Clubs. We had to get this project started as we were way behind schedule. I then reworked some instruction sheets and sent them to people who had worked on the 1975-1976 project.

On January 13, 1977, I received a box of unusual materials from Mary Polaski. I then knew that the project was underway. The A.S.U. National SAT results in this booklet are not official. Hopefully, Larry Ralston will be able to update them for you and they will be shown in the minutes of the convention.

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I would like to thank the following people who gave so much of their time helping me on this adventure. They are my good friends, John Drenckpohl, Roy Helmski, Bill Eyre, Larry Ralston, Mary Smith, Kay Klaiber, Mary Polaski, Larry Pearce, Gerry Mills, Dave Roche, and Jim Marquard. Last, but not least, the most important, my wife Linda.

Thank you all for your cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Kellerman
Chairman
1976-1977 Skate-a-Thon

1976-1977

| | ASSOCIATION | SKATERS | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 60% | 20% | 20% | AVG. SKATER |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------|----------------|----------|--------|--------|-------------|
| 1. | Illinois | 73 | \$1,816.58 | 1,089.95 | 363.31 | 363.31 | 24.88 |
| 2. | Colorado | | 429.70 | 257.82 | 85.94 | 85.94 | |
| 3. | Connecticut | | | | | | |
| 4. | Eastern Minn. | | | | | | |
| 5. | Iowa | | | | | | |
| 6. | Maryland | | | | | | |
| 7. | Michigan | 116 | \$3,496.76 | 2,098.05 | 699.35 | 699.35 | 30.14 |
| 8. | Middle Atlantic | | 724.20 | 434.52 | 144.84 | 144.84 | |
| 9. | Minnesota | | 908.16 | 544.90 | 181.63 | 181.63 | |
| 10. | Missouri * The Clayton ? | | | | | | |
| 11. | Montana | | | | | | |
| 12. | Northeastern | 20 | 337.70 | 202.63 | 67.54 | 67.54 | 16.88 |
| 13. | Northern New York | 25 | 878.48 | 527.09 | 175.69 | 175.70 | 35.13 |
| 14. | Ohio | 44 | 872.33 | 523.40 | 174.47 | 174.46 | 19.82 |
| 15. | Southern California | | 247.85 | 148.71 | 49.57 | 49.57 | |
| 16. | Western New York | | | | | | |
| 17. | Wisconsin | | | | | | |

\$9,711.76

5,827.07

1,942.34 1,942.34

*Unofficial

\$100.00 CLUB 1976-1977 A.S.U. SKATE-A-THON

| | <u>Skater</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Association</u> | <u>Collected</u> |
|-----|------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Alvin Kelly | Alpena | Michigan | 619.00 |
| 2. | John Lovell | Flushing | Mid Atlantic | 315.00 |
| 3. | Sherri Mercer | Wyandotte | Michigan | 233.00 |
| 4. | Gary Elkaas | Sons of Norway | Minnesota | 210.00 |
| 5. | Bob Mills | Alpena | Michigan | 165.00 |
| 6. | Gretchen Byrne | Syracuse | Northern New York | 148.00 |
| 7. | Patti Hunter | Alpena | Michigan | 142.00 |
| 8. | Chris Malik | Riverdale | Mid Atlantic | 117.00 |
| 9. | Kelly Kellerman | Flint | Michigan | 113.00 |
| 10. | Barb TAVEIRNE | Detroit | Michigan | 110.00 |
| 11. | Janet HAINSTOCK | Alpena | Michigan | 108.39 |
| 12. | Jeff Frank | Alpena | Michigan | 107.56 |
| 13. | Fred De Gregoire | Richfield | Minnesota | 101.00 |
| 14. | Cindy Patnode | Lake Placid | Northern New York | 100.00 |
| 15. | Leon Wilmont | Broodmoore | Colorado | 100.00 |

*Unofficial

Not Complete

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1976-1977

A.S.U. NATIONAL SKATE-A-THON

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Operating Advance | \$ 656.14 |
| SAT Activities | 9,711.76 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$10,367.90 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Member-Clubs' Share | \$5,827.07 |
| Association's Share | 1,942.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$7,769.41 |

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|----------------|------------|
| A.S.U. BALANCE | \$2,598.49 |
|----------------|------------|

A.S.U. EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Printing Forms (Alpena) | \$ 60.32 |
| Trophy Lettering (Alpena) | 5.00 |
| Plaque (Al Kelly) | 25.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$ 90.32 |

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|--------------------------|------------|
| TO A.S.U. OPERATING FUND | \$2,508.17 |
|--------------------------|------------|

1976-1977

| CLUB | # SKATERS | RECEIPTS | LOCAL 60% | STATE 20% | NATIONAL 20% | AVG. SKATER |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Alpena | 63 | 2,148.61 | 1,289.17 | 429.72 | 429.72 | 34.10 |
| Bay City | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 2 | 129.50 | 77.70 | 25.90 | 25.90 | 64.75 |
| Flint | 6 | 271.50 | 162.90 | 54.30 | 54.30 | 45.29 |
| Grand Rapids | | | | | | |
| Midland | | | | | | |
| Petoskey | | | | | | |
| Saginaw | | | | | | |
| Wolverine | 15 | 328.15 | 196.89 | 65.63 | 65.63 | 21.86 |
| Wyandotte | 30 | 619.00 | 371.40 | 123.80 | 123.80 | 20.63 |
| <i>116</i> | | 3,496.76 | 2,098.05 | 699.35 | 699.35 | |

Bay City, Grand Rapids, Midland, Petoskey, and Saginaw did not have a Skate-A-Thon this year.

1977-1978
A.S.U. National Skate-A-Thon
Rules

1. Each Association (Board of Control member) accept the responsibility of conducting their own Association's activities and that this be done at the Michigan Convention.,
2. That each Association conduct their activity at the earliest practical time of the season; this uses and interests the maximum number of novice skaters.,
3. That each club be encouraged to recognize those skaters who do a good and exceptional promotional job in the SAT.,
4. That the A.S.U. appoint a National Coordinator for the SAT with at least one assistant; this is to be done in Michigan (Don Frank Alpena, National Coordinator, Bob Kellerman, Assistant)
5. That the A.S.U. devise a method to recognize clubs and associations who do exceptional jobs, including the top earners.,
6. That laps are used as the recording means, not miles.,
7. That different time tables are used so that the closing can be done earlier and reports made before the Convention. (Deadline due April 3, 1978).,
8. That any expenses incurred by a club be borne by them.,
9. That the split be:
60% - Local
20% - Association
20% - National
10. That we all recognize that we have a responsibility to the A.S. U.. All Association should participate and give 100% effort.

1977 - 1978

ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SKATE-A-THON

INSTRUCTION SHEETS

Enclosed are sponsor sheets, coordinator logs, and thank you receipts. Skate-A-Thon badges will come later. Hopefully you have enough of everything.

The sponsor sheet has spaces for 33 sponsors names, addresses and pledges. There are some things you as local coordinator should do before passing the sheets out. Fold the sheet in thirds so that the ASU emblem is on the face. Fill this in with the name of your area coordinator, your name, club name, city and state. On the last page show your local rink name, date of your Skate-A-Thon, and time.

On the sponsor side of the sheet please code or number each sheet so you can account for them. Fill these things in before you pass out any sponsor sheets. The sponsor sheet also explains in brief what the skater should do, has a waiver form on it that must be signed by the parent if the skater is under 18.

Get your club together at least two (2) weeks prior to your event. Distribute the sponsor sheets to all of your club members and anyone who wants to volunteer, this is a very good way to attract new skaters. Get some of your influential members to contact the mayor and other dignitaries to skate or help publicize the event.

Appoint your best publicity person to work with your local TV and radio stations. They are all looking for something of interest on a local level. Some clubs have had as much as two hours time prior to the event and live spots on the day of the event.

If a skater gets more than a page full of sponsors give them another sheet. The skater will get sponsors by asking friends and neighbors, relatives, etc., to pledge either by outright donations or a pledge of so much per lap. The sponsor sheet gives some indication of what a sponsor can expect.

On the day of the event, you will need some people to help. You need lap counters about one for each seven to ten skaters. You will need one to help you record statistics.

Be sure to have a few extra sponsor sheets for last minute entrees. As each skater arrives assign them a lap counter, pick up their sponsor sheet and log them in on the coordinator log sheet. In Column One, name and address; Column Two, number of pledges; Column Three, total of pledges per lap; Column Six, total donations dollars received. Most events can be run off in two hours or you can make it an all-day event.

As the skaters finish, record their miles and extend the columns on the sponsor sheet. Have the official lap recorder sign it as to totals. Transfer the totals to the coordinator's log sheet Column Four. Total miles skates to nearest $1/4 - 1/6$ or lap, extend miles times pledge to fill in Column Five. Add Five and Six and enter in Column Seven, Grand Total.

Return the sponsor sheet filled out to the skater with thank you notes filled out for each of the sponsors. Present the skater with his participants emblem and send them out armed to collect their pledges. At this point it is important to advise the skaters of a definite time limit to collect and return all monies. Two weeks should be ample. The longer it drags out the harder it is to collect it.

At the end of a reasonable time recall all sponsor sheets, record the actual amount received on the log sheet. Send the total dollars received to your area coordinator along with your local coordinator log sheets, and extra participants emblems. Be sure all checks are made out to the ASU-U.S.A. Skate-A-Thon.

The area coordinator will record the total area results. Send your club a check for 60% of your total take. Send 20% to your local association treasurer and 20% to Larry Ralston, Secretary of A.S.U. Also, the coordinators log sheets and a copy of the financial results will be sent to the National Co-Chairman of this event.

From these sheets we will determine the A.S.U. top total dollars winner. The top total dollar winner will receive a plaque at the national convention, also the club with the highest total dollar intake will receive a 10% bonus above their 60% take.

The total results will be published in the Racing Blades. All awards will be made at the national convention in Chicago.

This can be a fun event for all participants and a real financial benefit to all areas of speed skating.

If you run out of any materials, please get the word to your Associate Board of Control Member.

Have fun

1977 - 1978 A.S.U. National
Skate-A-Thon Chairman

Don Frank



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Enclosures-

Sponsor sheets _____
Thank you notes _____
Coordinators log sheets _____
Participants Emblems _____

A. S. U. NATIONAL SKATE-A-THON

MINIMUM PROJECTED GOAL

| ASSOCIATION | SKATERS | TOTAL RECEIPTS | LOCAL | STATE | NATIONAL | AVG. SKATER |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| | | | 60% | 20% | 20% | |
| 1. Illinois | 352 | \$ 3,520.00 | \$ 2,112 | \$ 704 | \$ 704 | \$10.00 |
| 2. Colorado | 33 | 330.00 | 198 | 66 | 66 | 10.00 |
| 3. Connecticut | 51 | 510.00 | 306 | 102 | 102 | 10.00 |
| 4. Eastern Minn. | 81 | 810.00 | 486 | 162 | 162 | 10.00 |
| 5. Iowa | 50 | 500.00 | 300 | 100 | 100 | 10.00 |
| 6. Maryland | 67 | 670.00 | 402 | 134 | 134 | 10.00 |
| 7. Michigan | 183 | 1,830.00 | 1,098 | 366 | 366 | 10.00 |
| 8. Middle Atlantic | 133 | 1,330.00 | 798 | 266 | 266 | 10.00 |
| 9. Minnesota | 114 | 1,140.00 | 684 | 238 | 238 | 10.00 |
| 0. Missouri | 177 | 1,770.00 | 1,062 | 354 | 354 | 10.00 |
| 11. Montana | 21 | 210.00 | 126 | 42 | 42 | 10.00 |
| 12. Northeastern | 53 | 530.00 | 318 | 106 | 106 | 10.00 |
| 13. Northern New York | 135 | 1,350.00 | 810 | 270 | 270 | 10.00 |
| 14. Ohio | 119 | 1,190.00 | 714 | 238 | 238 | 10.00 |
| 15. Southern California | 91 | 910.00 | 546 | 182 | 182 | 10.00 |
| 16. Western New York | 41 | 410.00 | 246 | 82 | 82 | 10.00 |
| 17. Wisconsin | 305 | 3,050.00 | 1,830 | 610 | 610 | 10.00 |
| | 2,006 | \$20,060.00 | \$12,036 | \$4,012 | \$4,012 | \$10.00 |

All associations must participate to make this project successful.

PROPOSED BUDGET
For 1977-1978
A.S.U. SKATE-A-THON

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Advance | \$ 2,119.85 |
| SAT Activities | 20,060.00 |
| | TOTAL \$22,179.85 |

Disbursements

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Member-Clubs Share | \$12,036.00 |
| Association | 4,012.00 |
| | TOTAL \$16,048.00 |

A.S.U. Balance \$6,131.85

A.S.U. Expense

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Printing Forms | 120.00 |
| Participating Badges (2000) | 320.00 |
| Postage-Shipping | 20.00 |
| Club 10% Bonus | 200.00 |
| Trophy | 35.00 |
| Plaque | 50.00 |
| | \$ 745.00 |

To A.S.U. Operating Fund \$5,386.85



February 27, 1977

Mr. Lawrence R. Ralston
[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois 60639

Dear Larry,

Attached are three (3) quotations on the preparation of an ASU Rulebook for general distribution to all skaters. I have had the quotations prepared on an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ page size, but the printing could be done on any size the association may decide.

A summary of these quotations is as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Typesetting-- 84 pages @ \$15 | \$1260.00 |
| Printing----- 2500 copies | 1529.00 |
| Covers----- 2500 each | 1525.00 |
| | Total \$4314.00 |

These quotations may not be the lowest, but they would not be the highest either. These quotes are from companies that I have dealt with in the past and their figures would be representative for this area.

I am not an advocate of furnishing permanent covers for a book of this type. It has been my experience that only a few people would ever keep a book up-to-date by replacing pages. This would create problems with people quoting rules that may be obsolete and with no simple method of knowing whether their book is current. It may seem wasteful, but, I believe, it is better to re-print the book as often as necessary and bind it by saddle stitching. A distinctive cover (color or design) would differentiate each edition of the book. Since the changes, generally, are not extensive, the major expense would be the printing. The original artwork can be modified for a maximum of the \$15 quoted above.

The printing expense should be able to be covered by advertising revenue. I am not overly fond of advertising in such books, but personal taste has to give way to economic facts of life. Until the ASU treasury overflows, I feel that advertising must be included. As has been done in the Illinois books in the past and as the United States Cycling Federation

book shows, the advertising need not be offensive or obtrusive.

Since the book was re-printed in 1975, I presume that Dr. Novak has the original art-work. This should eliminate most of the typesetting expense and should allow printing a book the same size or some multiple of that size.

If you have any questions or if I may be of further help, please let me know.

Yours truly,



Robert R. Vehe

encl:


Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056

REPORT ON THE "ICE SKATING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA", COMMITTEE
JUNE 4, 1977

Although comprised of only 2 individuals, these people are vitally interested in the future of the sport of speed skating. This committee has been very hard at work over the past year in spreading the word of speed skating throughout the United States. Thru the effort and personal contact of Einar Jonland, we have been able to establish a vital link to rink managers and aspiring competitors.

Executive director Tom Hall, of the Ice Skating Institute of America, has been most generous in allotting space in their new magazine, "Recreational Ice Skating", solely for articles on speed skating. Because of this we have finally broken the communication barrier and speed skating information is now available in every one of our 50 States. We plan on continuing our efforts of providing meaningful news to the thousands of skaters now using ice skating facilities that may be interested in entering competition and forming new clubs.

Thru a series of articles entitled "Speed Skating, What's It All About", we have been able to provide information to potential speed skaters on how to get started and how to develop the proper technique. Future articles will consist of more instructional information; geared to beginners, and individual profiles of some of our outstanding ASU competitors.

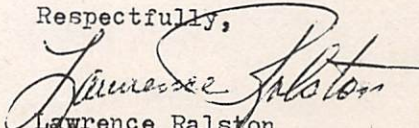
In conjunction with this program I am making a personal appeal to each of you in helping supply a "photo library", that will be used in future articles that will appear in "Recreational Ice Skating". We have already expressed the desire to Mr. Hall, to have a cover picture of a speed skater in action for some future issue.

Other activities of this committee over the past year included the establishment of an information booth at the annual convention of the Ice Skating Institute, during the month of May, 1977, in New Orleans. Einar Jonland took charge of the booth and distributed leaflets on how to make speed skating a part of any local ice skating program. From the number of inquiries received to date it is evident that the sport is catching on and being recognized in more locations around the country.

This work has been a very personal challenge to me and I am grateful to have been provided the opportunity of becoming somewhat of an author or sports columnist. Your assistance in supplying additional material for future publications is vitally needed. Won't you please make an effort to supply those much needed photos? Please send them to your National Secretary indicating the name and the club affiliation. All pictures selected for use will be properly captioned.

We are privileged to have Mr. Tom Hall in attendance with us today to provide you with additional information on the Ice Skating Institute of America.

Respectfully,


Lawrence Ralston

RICHARD TERRANCE "TERRY" McDERMOTT

Address: **Essexville, Michigan**
Date of birth: **September 20, 1940**
Peak year in competitive skating: **1964**

Historical data: Began skating in competition at age 9, winning the cradle class skating trophy in Bay City, Michigan in 1949. This was followed by a total of 115 championships including 11 state outdoor, 10 state indoor, and several North American and National Indoor and Outdoor championships. In a skating career that spans two decades, between the ages of 9 and 29, he dominated the classes from the cradle to the Senior division on both the local, national and international level- the latter primarily in the Olympic style of competition. During this time he beat Russia's best, namely Grishin, during the days of the " Cold War" in 1964 gaining a national acclaim for our country badly in need of encouragement at that point in history. Equally important to his skating accomplishments is his continued activity for the betterment of U.S. speedskating by serving as a coach and in his official capacity as vice-president of the USISA.

Qualifications for election:

1960 National Indoor Champion, Senior Men
1961 North American Indoor Champion, Senior Men

1961 National Outdoor, 220 yards, 0:17.9 sec. (St. Paul, Minnesota).
1961 North American Outdoor, 440 yards, 0:35.4 sec. (Petoskey, Michigan).

1964 Olympic Games, Gold Medal in 500 meter. Record time of 0:40.1 sec.
1968 Olympic Games, Silver Medal in 500 meter, in 0:40.5 sec.

Honors received:

Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame
Michigan Amateur Athlete of the Year in 1964
Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, Detroit Cobo Hall in 1971.

Other notable activities:

As a dedicated athlete, able to set a goal and to accomplish that objective, he has reflected his athletic experiences in his exemplary personal life as well. As a devoted father and husband, he has diligently applied his dedication to responsibilities in the business world as vice-president of the Mutual Die Casting Company, a prestigious Michigan firm.

Submitted by Mike Sturm and endorsed by the Michigan Skating Association

1977 National Outdoor Record Times

| Distance | Time | Name | Association | Date |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| <u>SENIOR MEN</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:25.54 | Jim Gulczynski | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 500 M | 0:39.76 | Jim Gulczynski | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 800 M | 1:15.41 | Jack Mortell | Illinois | 1/30/77 |
| 1000 M | 1:30.43 | Leigh Barczewski | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 1500 M | 2:31.03 | Mike Passarella | Illinois | 2/1/76 |
| 3000 M | 4:58.69 | Jack Mortell | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| 5000 M | 8:55.39 | Jack Mortell | Illinois | 1/30/77 |
| <u>INTERMEDIATE BOYS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:25.92 | Joseph Nakao | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| 500 M | 0:42.93 | Scott Guy | Illinois | 1/30/76 |
| 800 M | 1:19.18 | Scott Guy | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| 1000 M | 1:49.44 | Larry Hill | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 1500 M | 2:57.14 | George Luft | Michigan | 2/1/76 |
| 3000 M | 5:01.04 | Mike Plant | Wisconsin | 1/29/77 |
| <u>JUNIOR BOYS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:28.39 | Craig Kressler | Michigan | 1/30/77 |
| 500 M | 0:42.99 | Steve Hickner | Michigan | 1/31/76 |
| 800 M | 1:22.04 | Jeff Bradley | Iowa | 1/30/77 |
| 1000 M | 1:39.38 | Kevin Dorff | Minnesota | 1/31/76 |
| 1500 M | 2:39.29 | Ron Muck | Illinois | 1/30/77 |
| <u>JUVENILE BOYS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:28.82 | Kevin Chapin | Missouri | 1/31/76 |
| 400 M | 0:38.49 | Mike Jansen | Wisconsin | 1/30/77 |
| 500 M | 0:48.80 | Kevin Johnson | Michigan | 1/31/76 |
| 600 M * | 1:05.09 | Mike Jansen | Wisconsin | 1/30/77 |
| 800 M | 1:24.79 | Konrad Baumeister | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| <u>MIDGET BOYS</u> | | | | |
| 200 M | 0:22.07 | John Gulczynski | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 300 M | 0:30.50 | Bob Kuspa | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 400 M | 0:42.54 | Bob Kuspa | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 500 M | 0:51.37 | Bob Kuspa | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |

* New Distance

1977 National Outdoor Record Times

| Distance | Time | Name | Association | Date |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| <u>SENIOR WOMEN</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:29.99 | Denise Chlapaty | Illinois | 2/1/76 |
| 500 M | 0:45.23 | Denis Chlapaty | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| 800 M | 1:19.12 | Connie Carpenter | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 1000 M | 1:43.05 | Connie Carpenter | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 1500 M | 2:37.30 | Connie Carpenter | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| <u>INTERMEDIATE GIRLS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:27.73 | Paula Class | E. Minnesota | 1/31/76 |
| 500 M | 0:47.57 | Liz Crowe | Missouri | 2/1/76 |
| 800 M | 1:18.35 | Liz Crowe | Missouri | 2/1/76 |
| 1000 M | 1:42.88 | Debbie Carlstrom | Illinois | 2/1/76 |
| 1500 M | 2:36.15 | Julie Burch | E. Minnesota | 1/31/76 |
| <u>JUNIOR GIRLS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:28.37 | Karen Lunda | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 500 M | 0:47.14 | Karen Lunda | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 800 M | 1:20.55 | Valerie Raimann | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 1000 M | 1:48.58 | Valerie Raimann | Wisconsin | 1/30/77 |
| 1500 M | 2:43.45 | Patti Albrecht | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| <u>JUVENILE GIRLS</u> | | | | |
| 300 M | 0:29.46 | Kelly Lunda | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 400 M | 0:41.87 | Kathy Quigley | Minnesota | 2/1/76 |
| 500 M | 0:49.38 | Kelly Lunda | Wisconsin | 1/31/76 |
| 600 M * | 1:08.08 | Ann Schugel | E. Minnesota | 1/29/77 |
| 800 M | 1:26.73 | Dorthea Boyce | Illinois | 1/30/77 |
| <u>MIDGET GIRLS</u> | | | | |
| 200 M | 0:22.59 | Sarah Docter | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 300 M | 0:30.92 | Terese Schwartz | Illinois | 1/31/76 |
| 400 M | 0:41.89 | Sara Docter | Wisconsin | 2/1/76 |
| 500 M | 0:51.01 | Terese Schwartz | Illinois | 1/31/76 |

* New Distance

5 June, 1977

100 METER NATIONAL INDOOR RECORDS SET ST LOUIS 12 & 13 MAR. 1977

SENIOR MEN

3000M 5:22.21 BOB FENN WISCONSIN 3/13/77

INTER BOYS

400M 37.90 SCOTT GUY ILLINOIS 3/13/77
1000M 1:39.25 SCOTT GUY ILLINOIS 3/13/77

JUNIOR BOYS

400M 38.74 CRAIG KRESSLER MICHIGAN 3/13/77
800M 1:20.18 CRAIG KRESSLER MICHIGAN 3/13/77
800M 1:17.50 CRAIG KRESSLER MICHIGAN 3/13/77
1000M 1:39.16 CRAIG KRESSLER MICHIGAN 3/13/77
1500M 2:31.70 CRAIG KRESSLER MICHIGAN 3/13/77

JUVENILE BOYS

300M 30.37 NICKY THOMETZ MINNESOTA 3/12/77
400M 40.57 NICKY THOMETZ MINNESOTA 3/13/77
400M 40.15 NICKY THOMETZ MINNESOTA 3/13/77
600M 1:00.34 NICKY THOMETZ MINNESOTA 3/13/77
800M 1:21.24 NICKY THOMETZ MINNESOTA 3/13/77

SENIOR WOMEN

800M 1:23.82 CELESTE CHLAPATY ILLINOIS 3/13/77
1000M 1:45.89 CELESTE CHLAPATY ILLINOIS 3/13/77
1500M 2:41.28 CELESTE CHLAPATY ILLINOIS 3/13/77

INTER GIRLS

800M 1:24.00 DEBBIE CARLSTROM ILLINOIS 3/13/77
1000M 1:46.34 KRIS HANSEN ILLINOIS 3/13/77
1500M 2:44.33 KRIS HANSEN ILLINOIS 3/13/77

JUNIOR GIRLS

400M 40.16 PAM MERCER MICHIGAN 3/13/77
800M 1:24.74 VALI RAIMANN WISCONSIN 3/13/77
1000M 1:45.11 VICKI RAIMANN WISCONSIN 3/13/77

JUVENILE GIRLS

300M 31.75 SHARON PAVLACIC MISSOURI 3/12/77
300M 30.75 SHARON PAVLACIC MISSOURI 3/13/77

5 June, 1977

100 METER NATIONAL INDOOR RECORDS SET ST. LOUIS 12-13 MAR. 1977

JUVENILE GIRLS

| | | | | |
|------|---------|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| 400M | 41.28 | SARAH DOCTER | WISCONSIN | 3/13/77 |
| 600M | 1:02.50 | SARAH DOCTER | WISCONSIN | 3/13/77 |
| 800M | 1:24.81 | SHARON PAVLACIC | MISSOURI. | 3/13/77 |

MIDGET GIRLS

| | | | | |
|------|-------|----------------|------|---------|
| 200M | 22.29 | LISA DORENKOTT | OHIO | 3/13/77 |
| 500M | 53.99 | LISA DORENKOTT | OHIO | 3/13/77 |

NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR CERTIFICATE

JUNIOR BOY

| | | | | |
|-------|---------|----------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1500M | 2:38.07 | CRAIG KRESSLER | MICHIGAN ASSOC. AT WYANDOTTE | 4/4/76 |
|-------|---------|----------------|------------------------------|--------|

NORTH AMERICAN OUTDOOR CERTIFICATES

400 METER TRACK

SENIOR MEN

| | | | | | |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| 300M | 25.09 | JOHN WURSTER | N.N.Y. | LAKE PLACID | 2/15/76 |
|------|-------|--------------|--------|-------------|---------|

JUNIOR BOYS

| | | | | | |
|------|-------|---------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| 300M | 26.05 | STEVE HICKNER | MICHIGAN | LAKE PLACID | 2/15/76 |
| 500M | 43.09 | STEVE HICKNER | MICHIGAN | LAKE PLACID | 2/14/76 |

SENIOR WOMEN

| | | | | | |
|------|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| 500M | 47.03 | CONNIE CARPENTER | WISCONSIN | LAKE PLACID | 2/14/76 |
|------|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

| | | | | | |
|------|-------|------------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| 500M | 46.06 | BARBARA JOHNSTON | F.P.V.Q. | LAKE PLACID | 2/14/76 |
|------|-------|------------------|----------|-------------|---------|

JUNIOR GIRLS

| | | | | | |
|-------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| 300M | 27.81 | CONNIE PARASKEVIN | MICHIGAN | LAKE PLACID | 2/15/76 |
| 1500M | 2:39.28 | MARY DOCTOR | WISCONSIN | LAKE PLACID | 2/15/76 |

Eastern Minnesota Skating Association
of the
Amateur Skating Union of the United States

June 20, 1977

IN MEMORIUM - LEO G. HOELSCHER

Leo G. Hoelscher, a past President of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States and of the Eastern Minnesota Skating Association died this February past.

Leo was a dedicated member of the skating fraternity, having served the sport in various capacities over his many years of active participation.

The Eastern Minnesota Skating Association offers the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Amateur Skating Union, in convention assembled at Bay City, Michigan, June 5th, 1977 places in the records this testimonial of Leo's helpfulness in the continuation and promotion of the sport of speed skating. We express our sympathy to his wife Esther and their son Ron.

The Board of Control, in accordance with the Officials Committee report, has frozen the list of National Officials in the categories of Referees, Starters and Chief Clerks and also the categories of Assistant Referees, Starters and Chief Clerks.

These lists are as follows:

NATIONAL REFEREES

John Considine

[REDACTED]

Bill Cooney

[REDACTED]

Steve Gadus

[REDACTED]

Greta Hall

[REDACTED]

Paul Mueller

[REDACTED]

Gene Sandvig

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL STARTERS

Bill Cawthra

[REDACTED]

Harold Henrich

[REDACTED]

Sam Hicks

[REDACTED]

Ted Klaiber

[REDACTED]

Mike Murphy

[REDACTED]

Frank Pogorzelski

[REDACTED]

Dave Roche

[REDACTED]

NATIONAL CLERKS OF COURSE

Don Anderson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Norman Anderson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Greg Boyer

608 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Howard Gutgesell

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Larry Hansen

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jim Marquard

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mrs. Pattie Ryan

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NATIONAL ASSISTANT REFEREES

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Fred Albrecht William Markland
George Ralston Don Zordani

MICHIGAN SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION

Edward Tavierne

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sandvig
Fred De Gregoire

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Dick Ring
Don Norwood

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Don Cernanec James Keppler
Phyllis Jennings

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John Allen Jack Heiden
Paul Westerman

CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Mary Sand

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Glen Baskfield

MONTANA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob McDonough

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

John Byrne Angelo Giuliano
Henry LaRose Eugene Wood

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Olsen
Stan Fail Sr.

NATIONAL ASSISTANT STARTERS

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Bernie Wall

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Running

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Chuck Moore Tom Ross

OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

David Murray Dennis Marquard

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Arnie Albrecht Lloyd Burch

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

Vern Jacquin

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Robert Ahrendtsen Philip Jankiewicz

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Louis Mane

NATIONAL ASSISTANT CLERKS OF COURSE

IOWA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Fred Korsmo John Park

MICHIGAN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Karen Johnson

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SKATING ASSOCIATION

Lou Riva

MISSOURI SKATING ASSOCIATION

James Chapin Jess Beazley

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

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MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Walter Thometz

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

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NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Thomas Ryan Eugene Keppler

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Ted Gulczynski

NATIONAL JUDGES

AMATEUR SKATING ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Chuck Anderson
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Lloyd Carlstrom
Don Dathe
Juan Duran
Erv Hansen

Lee Marks
Phil Matson
Pete McAleese
Art Moore
Fred Morner
Mike Passarella

Paul Soeldner
Edward Tabert
Dennis Templar
Leo Wagner
Ed Wentland

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

Wally Nesselhauf
Bob Ewing

Knight Boyer
E.S. Richter

Chris Boyer

CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Richard Anderson
Steven Glaser
Don Rice

Tony Gonsalves
Robert Mansfield
George Mainville

Kevin McElroy
Thomas O'Neil

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Glen Baskfield
Lloyd Burch
Joanne Cushman
John Edwards

Wally Kranz
Bob McDowell
Gene Plaschko
Mike Rajacich
Ruth Rajacich

Ken Robson
LaVern Schugel
Ed Sitzer
Jim Sutherland
John Tatzlaff
Betty Todora

NATIONAL JUDGES (Continued)

IOWA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Ed Carstens

MICHIGAN SKATING ASSOCIATION

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John Grzeskowiak
Douglas Hayes

Ron Mercer
James Novaro
David Powell

Walter Renshaw
Dave Ross

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John Egan
John Finn
Chuck Hughes
Jenny Hughes

John Klinkolwiz
Nancy Lovell
Leslie Moore
Arthur Olson

Frank Pacciarriello
Attilio Rizza
Betty Roche
Sid Stolle
Joseph Sulc

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Ken Dorff
George Duerr
Gary Eikaas
Gordon Grannes
Al Klick

Bud Kind
Gerald Mitchell
Pat Mitchell
Joe Nagengast
Marilyn Oly

Judy Quigley
Jerry Sandvig
Roger Schroeder
Bob Seikkula
Phil Swintek
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Steve Bobrowski
Greg Boyer
Joe Crowe

Budd Doyle
Al Gruenewald
Tom Jarrett
William Kelly
Nick Lamb

Dietrich Malolepsky
Nick Monaco
Ken Muehlrath
Lester Serenco
Perry Sofian
Russell Tice

NORTHEASTERN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Paul Keith
Tom King
Jack Monteith

Neil Murray
Ted Nowak
George Nowell

Jim Porazzo
Thomas Ross
William Sullivan

NORTHERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

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Robert Deloye
Frank Dick
E. Barnes Dunlap
James Farry

Walter Gavry
H. Lee Goodwin
J. Paul Graham
Vincent Habert
James Moore

Doris Patnode
Carl Peaslee
Patricia Peaslee
Mary T. Smith
Francis Tobin

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OHIO SKATING ASSOCIATION

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Mark Dorenkott
Philip Dorenkott

Roger Gabel
Louis Jacob
Patrick Madden

Don Martinez
Joseph Sedlock
Charles Varro
Drue Williams

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Howard Gilmore
Lee Jackson

Duncan MacPherson
Harry Merrifield
Harvey Morris

Larry Pearce
Jim Sherman
Stan Wisneiwski

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Viola Goetz Busch
Gene Czerkas

Ed Leppla
Brian McMahon
Frank Miller

Nancy Miller
Janice Smith
Ken Smith
Tom Turner

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Pat Chobot
Betsy Doctor
George Furey
Jerry Garbe

Anton Goskiewicz
Al Hentzen
Bernie Krueger
Dave Kuspa
Robert Lunda

Ann Mullen
Sally Trautman
Ad Webster
Betty Zeps
Barry Zucherman

NATIONAL TIMERS

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Charles Hall
Carl Lind

Ted Lindstrom
Don Prather

COLORADO SKATING ASSOCIATION

George Anufrom
Robert Ewing

Mary Polaski
Jerry Sampson

Leon Wilmot

CONNECTICUT SKATING ASSOCIATION

Don Camp

Robert McElroy

William Sand

EASTERN MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Class

Wally Lee

Tom Lindgren

NATIONAL TIMERS (Continued)

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Robert Kellerman
Gerald Mills

David Otto

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Mildred Egan

John Klinkolwiz
Atilio Rizza

Gene Tedaldi

MINNESOTA SKATING ASSOCIATION

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George Duerr
Don Nelson

Wally Thometz

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Liz Chapin

Nick Gier

Bob Kristof
Ted Young

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Bob Glynn

Charles Moore
Art Regan

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Deborah Franz
Rita Gavry

Virginia O'Brien
Elizabeth Purdy

Hazel Spencer

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Judith Gabel

Kenneth Klieger
Joe Sedlock

Charles Varro
Drue Williams

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SKATING ASSOCIATION

Bob Baker

Ron Custer

Len Rattray

WESTERN NEW YORK SKATING ASSOCIATION

Brian McMahon

Kenneth F. Smith

Janice Smith
Rod Tolley

WISCONSIN SKATING ASSOCIATION

Lester Braun
Jim Bubolz

Warren Kellerman
Carl Krippendorf

Bob Lunda
Rich Raimann

NATIONAL & NORTH AMERICAN MEETS

The Board of Control awarded the following meets for 1978:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| National Outdoor | St. Paul, MN | Feb. 4-5, 1978 |
| North American Outdoor | West Allis, WI | Feb. 11-12, 1978 |
| National Indoor | Evanston, IL | Mar. 17-18-19, 1978 |
| North American Indoor | Scarborough, Ontario | Mar. 31, April 1-2, 1978 |

The following meets were approved for 1979 & 1980

1979

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| National Outdoor | St. Paul, MN | Feb. 3-4, 1979 |
| North American Outdoor | Winnipeg, Manitoba | Feb. 10-11, 1979 |
| National Indoor | Los Angeles, CA | Mar. 23-24-25, 1979 |
| North American Indoor | Los Angeles, CA | Mar. 30-31, April 1, 1979 |

1980

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| National Outdoor | St. Paul, MN | Jan. 26-27, 1980 |
| North American Outdoor | Saratoga Springs, NY | Feb. 2-3, 1980 |
| National Indoor | Wyandotte, MI | Mar. 22-23-24, 1980 |
| North American Indoor | Quebec or Montreal | Mar. 29-30-31, 1980 |

CONVENTION

The 1978 Convention was awarded to Oak Brook, Illinois, May 18-19-20-21, 1978.

The 1979 Convention was awarded to Saratoga Springs, New York, May 17-18-19-20, 1979.

The 1980 Convention was awarded to Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 15-16-17-18, 1980.

The purpose of scheduling these events 3 years in advance enables ASU & CASSA to now schedule their respective National Championships and North American Championships on successive weekends and in close geographical locations. This will eliminate undue travel burdens on the competitors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The name of Duncan MacPherson was placed in nomination for the office of President by Brenda Baker

Ray Zuckerman seconded the nomination.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Mr. MacPherson was elected unanimously.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The name of Roy Helminski was placed in nomination for the office of 1st Vice President by John Drenckpohl.

Bob Vehe seconded the nomination.

The name of Gary Eikaas was placed in nomination for the office of 1st Vice President by Louis Eliasberg.

Chuck Moore seconded the nomination.

The name of Gary Eikaas was withdrawn from nomination.

The name of Dave Roche was placed in nomination for the office of 1st Vice President by Louis Eliasberg.

John Consodine seconded the nomination.

The name of Dave Roche was withdrawn from nomination.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Helminski was elected unanimously.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The name of Gary Eikaas was placed in nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President by Tom Jarrett.

John Drenckpohl seconded the nomination.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Eikaas was elected unanimously.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

The name of Dave Roche was placed in nomination for the office of 3rd Vice President by Mary Sand.

Chuck Moore seconded the nomination.

A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Roche was elected unanimously.

The following are A.S.U. Committee Appointments for the 1977-78 Season:

The responsible ASU Vice President is indicated in the parentheses.

LEGISLATION (HELMINSKI)

Roy Helminske - Chairperson
Robert Kellerman - Vice Chairperson
Ray Zuckerman
John Byrne
Bob Vehe
Larry Pearce
Bill Sand

BY-LAWS (HELMINSKI)

Nick Monaco - Chairperson
John Drenckpohl - Vice Chairperson
Dr. Milan Novak
Tom Jarret
Mary Smith
Brenda Baker
Jim Hawkins
Dick McCarter

FINANCE (HELMINSKI)

Joe Sedlock - Chairperson
Larry Pearce - Vice Chairperson
Roy Helmski
Dave Roche
Einar Jonland
Gary Eikaas

SKATE-A-THON (HELMINSKI)

Don Frank - Chairperson
Mrs. Kellerman - Vice Chairperson
Mary Smith
Stan Wisnieski
William Eyre
Jackie Eliasberg
Kay Klaiber
Greg Boyer

NARCOTICS & DRUGS (HELMINSKI)

Dr. Ray Novak - Chairperson
Dr. Tom McPartlin - Vice Chairperson
Dick McCarter - Legal Advisor

RACING & OFFICIALS (EIKAAS)

Dave Roche - Chairperson
Gene Sandvig - Vice Chairperson
John Considine
Paul Mueller
Bill Cawthra
Ruth Moore
Pattie Ryan
Jim Marquard
Wally Lee
Greta Hall

RACING & OFFICIALS (continued)

Mary Polaski
Jim Chapin
Harry Merrifield
Bob Lunda

ASU NATIONAL SHORT TRACK MEET(Eikaas)

Bill Markland - Chairperson
Einar Jonland - Vice Chairperson
Leon Wilmot
Harry Henricksen
Ray Zuckerman
Jim Marquard
Brenda Baker
Harvey Morris
John Byrne
Charles Moore
Harry Merryfield
Jack Mortel (Skater)
Peggy Hartrik (Skater)

AWARDS & RECORDS (EIKAAS)

Charlie Blair - Chairperson
Jackie Eliasberg - Vice Chairperson
Mary Smith
Harvey Morris
Wally Lee
B. Shea
Tom Jarrett

TRACK DIAGRAMS & METRIC DISTANCES

(Eikaas)

Charles Moore - Chairperson
Harvey Morris - Vice Chairperson
Wally Lee
Charlie Blair
Bill Markland
Harry Merrifield

JOINT ASU/CASSA COMPETITION(Eikaas)

Gary Eikaas - Chairperson
Dave Roche - Vicechairperson
Gene Sandvig
Howard Gutgesell

ELECTRONIC TIMING & STARTS (EIKAAS)

Louis Eliasberg - Chairperson
Mary Polaski - Vice Chairperson
M. Murphy
Charlie Blair
Dave Roche

INDOOR SAFETY & ICE (EIKAAS)

Hal Henrich - Chairperson
Roy Helminski - Vice Chairperson
Harvey Morris
Jerry Mitchell

ASU NATIONAL HANDBOOK (ROCHE)

Dr. Milan Novak - Co-Chairperson
Bob Vehe, Co-Chairperson
Larry Pearce
Dorothy Novak

PUBLICITY & PROMOTION (ROCHE)

Stephens Glaser - Chairperson
Mary Sand - Vice Chairperson
Ted Klaiber
Jackie Eliasberg

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & PROGRAM (Roche)

John Drenckpohl - Chairperson
Jackie Eliasberg - Vice Chairperson
Robert Kellerman
G. Mills
Al Hentzern
Don Martinez
Frank Miller

HALL OF FAME (ROCHE)

Dr. Milan Novak - Chairperson
Howart Gutgesell
Clarice Mattson - Vice Chairperson
Doris Patnode
Mrs. Peaslee
Mary Novak Sand (consultant to Hall of
Fame, Newburgh, N. Y.)

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES

1. PARLIAMENTARIANS

Richard McCarter
Dr. Milan Novak

2. SKATING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Larry Ralston
Einar Jonland

3. REP. TO CASSA

Larry Ralston

4. REP TO USISA

Jim Marquart

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES (continted)

5. REP. TO PRESIDENT COMMISSION
ON YOUTH FITNESS & SPORTS

Louis Eliasberg

6. ASU PRESIDENT ADVISOR COUNCIL

A. S. U. Officers
All Association Presidents

7. RACING BLADE

Larry Pearce - Editor
Dr. Milan Novak - Council Editor
All Assoc. Secretaries

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Continued)

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| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

The following people were in attendance and took part in the 1977 A.S.U. and U.S.I.S.A. Convention in Bay City, Michigan on June 2-5, 1977.

ARIZONA (Honorary: Illinois)

Dr. Milan Novak

CALIFORNIA

Brenda Baker
Bill Cawthra
Duncan MacPherson
Larry Pearce

COLORADO

Mary Polaski

CONNECTICUT

Bob McElroy
Mary Sand

ILLINOIS

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Armstrong
Charlie Blair
Laurie Guy
Greta Hall
Sanders Hicks
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Holum
Einar Jonland
Kay Klaiber
Mr. & Mrs. Dick McCarter
George O'Connell
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ralston
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Shea
Bob Vehe

IOWA

Mr. & Mrs. Herb Knudten
Fred Korsmo

MARYLAND

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Eliasberg

MICHIGAN

Ben Bagdade
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Blasy
Cass Curran
Mr. & Mrs. John Drenckpohl
Bill Eyre
Don Frank
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Helmski
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kellerman
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kressler
Terry McDermott
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Mills
Mike Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Walt Renshaw
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Somolski
Mr. & Mrs. Clair Young

MID-ATLANTIC

John Considine
Dave Roche
Art Smith
Joe Sulc

MINNESOTA

Jerry Mitchell
Gene Sandvig

EASTERN MINNESOTA

Arnie Albrecht
Bill Cushman
Wally Lee

MISSOURI

Greg Boyer
Jim Chapin
Jim Hawkins
Tom Jarrett
Nick Monaco
Ray Zuckerman

NORTHEASTERN

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Moore

NORTHERN NEW YORK

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Byrne
Pat Peaslee
Mary Smith

WESTERN NEW YORK

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Miller

OHIO

Mark Dorenkott
Al Hamilton
Jim Marquard
Don Martinez
Joe Sedlock

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Brown

WISCONSIN

Robert Fenn
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Garbe
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gulczynski
Howard Gutgesell
Hal Heinrich
Al Hentzen
Mr. & Mrs. George Howie
Bob Lunda
Paul Mueller

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Gene Sandvig
Chuck Moore
Dave Roche
Joe Sedlock

Bob Kellerman
Nick Monaco
Charles Blair

Thru the efforts of these people and the various convention delegates and Board members, the 1977 Convention was able to effect some vitally needed changes that will prove beneficial to the sport of speed skating in the years to come.

Your officers are grateful to each of you for your help, encouragement, and assistance in seeing that proposed programs were given due consideration for the betterment of the ASU.

Sincerely,

Duncan MacPherson
Roy Helminski
Gary Eikaas
Dave Roche
Lawrence Ralston

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THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE AMATEUR SKATING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MICHIGAN ICE SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION, THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, FOR THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES AND HOSPITALITY PROVIDED DURING THE 1977 CONVENTION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU IN OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS IN 1978.

CORDIALLY,

Duncan MacPherson
President