

Midland Speed Skating Club Thanks Community for Supporting Olympic Trials Bid, as U.S. Speedskating Awards Event to Marquette

MIDLAND, MI – In the end, a community-wide appeal was not enough for Midland to win hosting privileges for the 2010 U.S. Olympic Trials for short track speedskating. Despite a valiant effort by the Midland Speed Skating Club, U.S. Speedskating chose Marquette, MI to host the competition. Local Organizing Committee chairwoman Beth Bedford expressed disappointment on the news, but thanked everyone who played a part in putting together a very competitive bid. “We did everything we possibly could to win this event, and we are extremely grateful for all of the pledges of support the Midland 2010 committee received – it was just unbelievable. Pledges from the Dow Corning Corporation and The Dow Chemical Company made our bid viable, and the letters of support, the pledges of in-kind donations and services, and the businesses displaying signs of support for our bid this spring all combined to make our bid extremely competitive. I’d especially like to thank all of our enthusiastic volunteers, who worked extremely hard to bid on this historic event for Mid-Michigan.”

Midland Speed Skating Club President Gregg Hancock added that he is “very proud of the exceptional effort put forth by the Local Organizing Committee of the Midland Speed Skating Club to gather community support, to get major pledges for corporate funding, and to put together a bid package of unsurpassed quality. There is no doubt in my mind that had Midland been chosen for the Olympic trials, the event would have been second to none. This speaks to the quality and the character of the individuals in the Midland Speed Skating Club and I am proud to be associated with this caliber of people.”

Despite the loss of the Olympic Trials, the Midland Speed Skating Club still has another big event to plan for in 2009, as the group will serve as hosts for the 2009 Dow U.S. National Age Class Short Track Speedskating Championships and American Cup Final. The competition will take place at the Midland Civic Arena, March 13-15, 2009. For information on supporting the National Championships through advertising or sponsorship, contact Sandi from the Midland Speed Skating Club at 631-9810.

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