

**Owen Sound Special Olympics
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Owen Sound Family YMCA
MINUTES**

Present: Dianne Speed, Hellaina Rothenburg, Shayna Gilchrist, Maureen Macdonald, Ken MacDonald, Sam MacDonald, AJ Brand, Raymond Lacasse, Aimee Gilchrist, Murray Robinson, Jamie-Lee Ward, Donna Stewart, Terry Graham, Deb Dickey, Dorothy Gilchrist, Bill Haley, Linda Wardrop, Sharon Kaus, Stephanie Bumstead, Robyn Bumstead, Brandi Bumstead, Ruth Dakin, Andrew Howlett, Anne Howlett, Sadie Thompson, Barbara King (recorder)

1. Welcome & Introductions - Dianne Speed

Dianne thanked everyone for attending. Everyone was asked to sign in. Dianne introduced Hellaina Rothenburg, our District Developer, the Community Council Executive and coaches in attendance.

2. Special Olympics Sports in Owen Sound

Coaches in attendance introduced their sport, reviewing dates and locations of practices and of course, the highlights of their respective sport! Dorothy Gilchrist noted a time change for curling, which is now 3:45 p.m. to 5:30; \$40 for registration fee. There is an updated list on the website, outlining all the sports offered in Owen Sound.

3. Athlete Presentations

Presentations were made from Jamie-Lee Ward, Aimee Gilchrist, Sam MacDonald and AJ Brand, all Owen Sound athletes! Thanks to these athletes for sharing their experiences, memories and highlights of Special Olympics!

4. Special Olympics Ontario – Hellaina Rothenburg, District Developer – Central District

A presentation was made by Hellaina Rothenburg about the history and highlights of Special Olympics.

5. Folio Reports

Community Co-Ordinator – Dianne Speed

Dianne has been the Community Co-Ordinator for several years and has seen the organization grow here in Owen Sound with athletes, volunteers and coaches. She has enjoyed being part of Provincial and National Games as a coach.

Secretary's Report – Barbara King

There are no records available indicating the date or the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. Minutes from monthly meetings have been recorded and distributed by e-mail to the Community Council by myself since October 11, 2012. Hard copies of monthly meetings have been maintained and are available for reference at each meeting. In addition, soft copies are maintained on a USB stick.

Posters and flyers for upcoming sport seasons have been created and distributed to coaches, schools and community agencies and has been the responsibility of the secretary. Soft copies of these posters/flyers are also available for future reference.

Community Council Contact information lists have been maintained and updated at each monthly meeting. Hard copies and soft copies are also saved.

Treasurer's Report - Andrew Howlett

Andrew explained that this folio is an operating committee of Special Olympics Ontario. July 1st to June 30th is the yearly calendar. Our last fiscal year, June 2017 there was an income of \$16,359; expenses were 16,355 loss. Summaries are available for perusal tonight for those interested. Andrew has also offered to e-mail copies to those interested.

Monthly reports are given at each meeting of the Community Council. We presently have 12 bank accounts for each of the individual sports and the Community account. In most Communities, there is one bank account and this issue will be addressed over the coming year. Andrew presently provides a monthly summary with status of all accounts and this

type of recording would meet requirements of Special Olympics Ontario. Andrew has been treasurer for the last 2 years; the books are stored at Andrew's house and he is happy to share them with anyone interested.

Registrar's Report – Ruth Dakin

All athletes and volunteers must be registered. Ruth receives a copy of each athlete, coach and volunteer registrant. She completes reference checks for coaches/volunteers. Ruth manages the data base (Ontario/National) for the Owen Sound area. All Athlete Information Forms have been updated this year for every athlete. These forms are to be reviewed by the athlete/parent each year with a new form completed in the 4th year. This year, Ruth has collected the original form and provided coaches with a copy for each athlete.

Fundraising Report – Dorothy Gilchrist

Pass the Hat at an Attack game, the NHL Alumni Game and the Polar Dip are the big fund raisers in Owen Sound. Teams wishing to fundraise receive pre-approval of their event by the Community Council. Dorothy is suggesting the athletes going to Nationals form a team for the Polar Dip. Each athlete attending National Games must raise \$1,600. Hellaina explained the role of the police organizations in the province in that Special Olympics is their "charitable Organization of choice." The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a yearly event and funds raised from this event go to support Provincial, National and World Games.

6. New Business

• Amendments to Operating Guidelines – Andrew Howlett

Proposed addendums to the Operating Guidelines were presented which are all relating to local variances. Andrew explained the logistics of the Operating Guidelines. The entire Operating Guidelines for Owen Sound will be posted to our Facebook page and web page.

7. Elections – Hellaina Rothenburg

Hellaina noted these positions are for a 2 year term

- Vice Community Co-Ordinator – Andrew Howlett nominated by Barb King – accepted – by acclimation
- Secretary – Maureen MacDonald nominated by Barb King – accepted – by acclimation
- Athlete Representative – Sam MacDonald nominated by Dianne Speed; AJ Brand nominated by Jamie Lee Ward; AJ Brand nominated by Sam MacDonald; vote held by ballot – Sam MacDonald is the second Athlete Representative (Aimee Gilchrist is serving her second year).
- Volunteer Co-Ordinator – Dorothy Gilchrist nominated Shayna Gilchrist – Accepted by acclimation
- Public Relations Co-Ordinator – Nominated by Andrew Howlett Laura Howlett & Stephanie Bumstead (Facebook & Web Page)
- Transition Co-Ordinator – nominated by Andrew – accepted – Barb King
- Sport Technical Co-Ordinator – nominated by Andrew- Accepted – Barb King

Dianne – thanks to everyone for joining us. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.