

**Meeting of the
Special Olympics Iowa Board of Directors
February 24, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Matt Dougan called the meeting of the Special Olympics Iowa Board of Directors to order via Zoom meeting on February 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call. Electronic roll call was taken.

Approval of the Minutes. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Olympic Iowa Board of Directors Meeting held on November 18, 2020. **Lou Flori seconded.** The motion passed on a voice vote.

Financial Report. Lou Flori presented the financial report. At the November meeting, the proposed 2021 budget was presented. Not much has changed. January actuals were presented. We are currently tracking better than expected. The board will conduct a review of the investment portfolio with Lincoln Financial at a board meeting in the near future. Lou and Matt will be meeting with John and the Auditors.

CEO John Kliegl stated that he, Matt and Lou would be meeting with the auditors on 2/25/21 to begin the audit. John stated that the budget was not adjusted; instead, re-forecasting was done along the way. Individual giving was better than expected. SOIA will be applying for \$60-70,000 in tax credits that we are eligible for under the latest CARES Act. SOIA also applied for and received a \$264,000 loan under the Payroll Protection Program. It is anticipated that this loan will be completely forgiven. Neither the tax credit nor the loan are reflected in the 2021 budget.

A motion was made by Jason Follett and seconded by Mary Stevens to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CEO Report. CEO John Kliegl stated that Rhonda is retiring after 22 years with SOIA. She will be missed. It is anticipated that the summer games will not be held in 2021.

ISU anticipates hosting the Greek Plunge on 3/26/21. It will be an all-day event and will observe proper COVID-19 protocols.

During the week of March 1, SOIA representatives traditionally visit the elementary schools as part of the effort to educate and eliminate the "R" word. In recent years, it has been found that the students are not familiar with the "R" word and it has been necessary to educate them on what the "R" word means. Because of this, the week of March 1 has been changed to Respect Week.

Casey's General Stores will begin their round-up campaign to benefit Special Olympics Iowa in March. A special thanks was extended to Angela Wood for helping coordinate the round-up campaign with Casey's.

April will begin the spring plunge season. The first plunge is scheduled for 4/16/2021.

Mike Lightbody asked about the virtual winter game numbers. CEO Kliegl stated SOIA was reaching as many athletes as they could.

Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business. Chairman Matt Dougan stated that future board meeting dates have been sent out via email. A three-hour training is scheduled for June 2, 2021. It will be conducted via Zoom. It was originally scheduled from 5pm to 8pm, however, Amy from SONA would like it to be held from 4pm to 7pm. Chairman Dougan asked for a show of hands if the schedule change would work. A majority approved of the schedule change. The training will be scheduled for June 2, 2021, from 4pm to 7pm.

Chairman Dougan stated the need to add three members to the Finance Committee. Neil Berns and Matt Wenger volunteered to join the committee. If anyone else is interested, please contact Chairman Dougan. Volunteers were also asked to join the Governance Committee. Mary Stevens, Jill Southworth and Jason Follett volunteered.

Chairman Dougan presented the need to recruit additional board members. He also discussed the need for diversity on the Board. If anyone has someone (s)he would recommend, please send his/her name to Chairman Dougan. Mary Buscher asked if we should add a diversity statement to our bylaws. Matt stated we would need to check with SONA.

Lisa Spencer gave a presentation on her experience to date as a National Health Messenger. She was selected because of the hard work she put in to lose over 140 pounds. She is telling her story in an effort to motivate others to get healthy. She has done 12-14 radio interviews and will be doing something with the WWE in the near future. She will also be going to Orlando in June.

Closed Session. Chairman Dougan asked for a motion to adjourn and move into closed session. The motion was made by Tom Cunningham and seconded by Randy.

A motion to adjourn was made by J Rohlep and seconded by Mary Boucher. The motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.