

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 8, 2021
5:30 PM Zoom

Member Attendance: X – present in Zoom Meeting A – Absent

Dougan – A	Stevens – X	Flori – X	Berns – X
Buscher – X	Cunningham – X	Fischer – X	Gulbranson – X
Lightbody – X	Lively – X	Follet – X	Ohle – X
Spencer – X	Southworth – X	Rininger – X	Spurr – X
Wenger – X	Wood - X		

Quorum: **YES**

1. Welcome and Call to Order 5:35 PM - Matt Wenger

2. 2020 Audited Financials and 990 Brent Alexander & Jacob Ohnmacht (Bergan KDV)

The Finance Committee received a detailed overview of the audited financial statements and Form 990 prior to the Board meeting. Material changes from the prior year included the Payroll Protection Program, Employer Retention Credits and some unique accounting changes related to the Statement of Operations. Brent shared his contact information if board members had additional questions. The 990 was reviewed and Brent shared information about the form being shared publicly on GuideStar.

3. Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021, Zoom Meeting made by Jason Follet and seconded by Mary Stevens. No discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

4. Athlete Report - Partick Gulbranson and Lisa Spencer

Patrick shared how COVID has made it difficult for athletes – he shared enthusiasm for events resuming. He also shared his participation in the Bacon Buddies at the Iowa State Fair. Lisa shared her participation in the Dunkin’ Donuts event at Ankeny.

5. Financial Update - John Kliegl

Jack Ohle made a motion to approve the 990 and Mary Jill Southwood seconded. Motion carried.

John reviewed the financial packet provided to the board. The YTD finances are very favorable to the 2021 budget outlook. He highlighted various fundraisers including the Ames Polar Plunge which brought in \$230,000 in revenue and Fraternal Order of Eagles Fundraising of \$110,000 received in June. The PPP loan has been forgiven in the amount of \$264,846 and it has been moved from the balance to grant revenue.

Jill Southwood made a motion to approve the July financials and May Stevens seconded. Motion carried.

Lou Flori encouraged volunteers to join the financial committee. John reiterated by adding that being on the financial committee is a good way to learn about our development and programs through the budget process.

6. Governance Committee Report - Mary Stevens

Mary reported that the need to have another governance and nominating committee meeting within the next few weeks so that we can submit a slate of candidates to everyone prior to the November 17th board meeting. These candidates will be for fulfilling the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for the next two years. Mary will be going off the board as she is completing her 3rd term.

We also need to contact the 5 people currently serving on the board completing their 1st or 2nd term to determine their interest in being re-elected for the board in November.

We are very interested in nominations for new board members and the nomination form is on the website in the portal. As of now we have 19 members – according to our bylaws we can have a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 25. We are right in the middle – it would be great to recruit new board members especially considering the geographic representation from the state – the majority are in central part of the state – it would be helpful to recruit the east or west side of the state to include some geographic diversity. Candidates must be presented prior to the November 17th meeting.

7. CEO Report – John Kliegl

We sent out a survey to 120 athletes in August with 4 options: do nothing, only compete with delegation or teams, compete with limited delegation or teams, or go back to pre-pandemic levels. Over half of the surveys were for pre-pandemic levels. Bowling this year will be in person and include more locations and be more recreational oriented rather than competitive. The athletes will all receive participation medals. Recent events include Equestrian in Ames and Flag Football across three locations.

Staffing updates:

Jason Miller – Director of Sports and Programs – will no longer serve on the board.

Sean DeMaris – Director of State Games and Competitions.

Krista Smith –Unified Programs Coordinator

Upcoming events include Tailgate for Teammates on October 2, Truck Convoy, Texas Roadhouse fundraiser and the ISU vs. Kansas football game fundraiser.

8. Matt Wenger encouraged everyone to recruit new board members for the upcoming elections in November. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

Motion to adjourn was made by Erica Fischer and seconded by Jack Ohle.