

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**5:30 PM**

**Member Attendance: X – present    A – Absent**

Berns – X	Buscher – X	Cunningham – X	Dougan – A	Decklever – X
Disterhoft – A	Fischer – A	Follett – X	Galloway - X	Gulbranson – X
Lightbody – X	Lively – X	Ohle – A	Spencer – A	Rasmussen - X
Rininger – X	Spurr – X	Southworth – X	Waller - X	

Quorum: **YES**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order 5:33 PM – Tom Cunningham**

**2. Staff Update**

Stuart Steffy, Vice President of Development, spoke about upcoming fundraising events. Tailgate for Teammates will be held October 15 and fall Polar Plunges will start the same weekend. Matt Decklever spoke on behalf of the Tailgate for Teammates committee and encouraged board members to attend. He requested that the board members contribute to a silent auction item.

**3. Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting, made by Jason Follett and seconded by Kathleen Rasmussen. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

**4. Athlete Report**

Patrick Gulbranson spoke about USA Games and bowling practices. He attended the Dunkin' Donuts and Culvers LETR events. He also reflected on being named Male Athlete of the Year.

**5. Board Commitment Review**

Tom Cunningham spoke about board participation and encouraged board members to attend fundraising and programmatic events. He also highlighted future events including the next board meeting on November 16, Winter Games on January 9, and board orientation on January 19.

**6. YTD review of financials and approval**

Tracy McCormick presented the YTD financials through July 31. The investments accounts have been negatively impacted due to economic uncertainties. Other line items are in line with budget expectations; with exception to USA Games which costs more than anticipated. Neil

Berns motioned to approve the financials and Kathy Lively seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

## **7. Governance Committee**

Jason Follett spoke about soliciting nominations for the board. Several current members terms will be expiring at the end of the year. He discussed consideration of backgrounds for new board members including geographical location and areas of expertise. Nominations should be sent in October with a nomination slate in November.

Jason also presented the following changes to the bylaws:

1. Article 3, section b, add that directors should be residents of the State of Iowa. After discussion, Jill Southworth motioned to table the amendment and it was seconded by Neil Berns. Motion carried.
2. Article X, section 9, addition of audit committee members separate from the finance committee. Section 10 will be established outlining the committee responsibilities. Tom Cunningham motioned to approve and Logan Galloway seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Article X, section 11, removing the minimum and maximum members of the governance and nominating committee. Logan Galloway motioned to approve and Kathy Lively seconded. Motion carried.

## **8. CEO Report**

John spoke about the upcoming programmatic events with football, volleyball and bowling. He also gave a recap of the most recent events, equestrian and softball. Regional Directors have been meeting with coaches in each area for their annual meeting and training. He also explained that Mid-Winter Tournament would be rebranded as the Spring Classic and a new event would be added in 2023 in Des Moines branded as the Fall Classic. The Fall Classic would include flag football, golf, equestrian, volleyball, swimming and a brand-new sport, pickleball. It will be held at the MidAmerican Energy Rec Plex.

## **9. New business**

Neil Berns presented the 2021 audited financials and the 990. The Finance Committee received a detailed presentation from the audit firm, Bergan KDV. Jason Follett made a motion to approve the 990 and it was seconded by Neil Berns. Motion carried unanimously. Kathleen Rasmussen motioned to approve the financials and it was seconded by Brad Waller. Motion approved unanimously.

John spoke about the Strategic Plan update. Staff members will be gathering information and ideas and a board committee will be established.

## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting concluded at 7:02 PM.