

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA
Board of Directors Meeting/Orientation
Minutes
September 20, 2023
5:00 PM

Member Attendance: X – present A – Absent

Baca – A	Buscher – X	Cunningham – X	Decklever – X
Dirksen – X	Disterhoft – A	Dougan – X	Follett – X
Galloway – X	Gulbranson – X	Lightbody – X	Ohle – X
Spencer – X	Rasmussen – X	Rininger – X	Southworth – X
Uhlenhopp – X	Waller - A		

Quorum: **YES**

1. Call to Order

Tom Cunningham called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Meeting minutes from June 7, 2023, were presented. Matt Dougan motioned to approve the minutes and Jason Follett seconded. Motion approved.

3. Athlete Report

Patrick Gulbranson spoke about attending the Iowa Cubs baseball game. He is looking forward to Tailgate for Teammates in October and he will be the co-emcee for the Fall Classic Opening Ceremonies. He will participate in football skills at the Fall Classic. Lisa Spencer spoke about the Texas Roadhouse and Culver’s fundraisers. She is hoping to participate in bowling this year.

4. CEO Report

Mitchell Betsworth attended World Games in Berlin. He did extremely well and received all gold and silver medals. State softball was held in August and over 400 athletes competed. The new Fall Classic event will be held in late September and athlete will compete in pickleball, flag football, volleyball, golf and equestrian. Volunteer opportunities are available for the event and posted on the website. Bowling practice is underway and will finish up as the last state competition before the end of the year. We are working on a new relationship with the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

5. Tailgate for Teammates

Matt Decklever spoke about Tailgate for Teammates and a board donation for the silent auction. Donations can be brought into the office or you can send electronically. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

6. Financial Report

Jack Ohle gave a report on the YTD financials through August. He spoke about the cash position for the organization and favorable interest rates on CDs and John provided commentary about some timing differences between budget; specifically related to the State Appropriation which is anticipated to be received very soon.

Tom Cunningham motioned to approve the audited financials and Matt Dougan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Governance

Jason Follett spoke on behalf of the Governance Committee. Jill Southworth and Mike Lightbody will be ending their terms at the end of the year. There are online meet and greets planned for perspective new board members. The Executive committee is a two year term and there are openings for anyone interested.

8. CEO Evaluation

Tom Cunningham spoke about the upcoming CEO evaluation. More information will be provided to board members soon.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jill Southworth and seconded by Jason Follett. The meeting concluded at 6:10 PM.