



SOPEI Board AGM Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6:30pm,
In person and Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Chaired by: Robert Horne, President

Present: Charity Sheehan, Matthew McNally, Ellen Murphy, Genna Phelan, Jamie Arsenault, Sarah Profit- Wagner, Amy Brown, Rebecca Gill, Lynda Hontscharowicz, Jackie Charchuk, Kristin Noonan, Jamie Arsenault, Heidi Mallet, Ellen MacNearney, Jason MacLean, Marsha Cusack

Special Guests: Team PEI Athletes Tommy Ling, Ellen MacNearney, and Coach Kathleen MacNearney, and Ellen's father Dave MacNearney

Regrets: Clifford Lee

Recorded & Transposed by: Rebecca Gill

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Robert welcomed everyone to our SOPEI AGM and read the Treaty Acknowledgement.

- 2. Team Canada PEI Representatives Panel Presentation** - Experiential Sharing – Tommy Ellen, and Kathleen shared their experiences and why they love their respective sport of cross-country skiing, their favorite memories from Calgary 2024, some of the challenges of the games, as well as some of their other favorite sports to compete in as SO athletes. These three are heading to Italy in winter of 2025. They are busy with their training for the games and working with a tracking app to enter fitness work on a daily basis. Matthew ended the presentation with a video compilation from the 2024 year.

3. Call to Order

Robert called the meeting to order.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by: Jackie Charchuk

Second by: Marsha Cusack

Motion carried.

5. Review of Mission Statement and Athlete's Oath

Robert read the Mission Statement and Ellen read the Athlete's Oath for all present.

6. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve the 2023 AGM Minutes by: Jamie Arsenault

Second by: Lynda Hontscharowicz

Motion carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None to report

8. President's Report

Robert shared the written report and provided the group with a few minutes to review.

9. Athlete Representative Report

Ellen presented and shared the highlights from the past year.

10. Treasurers' Report

- a) Robert Horne on behalf of Clifford Lee reviewed the 2023-24 report as presented. He highlighted revenues and expenses where changes were present.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by: Marsha Cusack

Second by: Jason MacLean

Motion approved.

- b) Appointment of Auditors for 2024-25 Fiscal Year

Robert shared the highlights from the audit statements and statements of operations.

Motion to approve Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as auditors for 2024-25 fiscal year by:

Jamie Arsenault

Second by: Lynda Hontscharowicz

Motion approved.

11. Election of Officers and Directors

Robert Horne, President of SOPEI thanked the outgoing President, Craig Watson and Board Member Melanie presented slate of directors and new members.

Robert welcomed back former board member Heidi Mallet who has been on the board since 2018. She retired for one year and has graciously offered to return effective October 2024. James Profit was also officially welcomed to the Board.

Motion to approve the nomination report as presented by Jackie Charchuk.

Seconded by Marsha Cusack
Motion carried.

12. New Business

None arising.

13. Date for next AGM

Tuesday October 21, 2025, 6:30pm in person and Zoom option. More details to come later.

14. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by: Marsha Cusack
Seconded by: Jason MacLean

Respectfully submitted: Rebecca Gill

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2024 AGM Nomination Report

Good evening special guests, athletes, volunteers, and supporters.

My name is Robert Horne, and I am the current Vice-President of the SOPEI Board. Tonight, I will present our slate of directors and officers for the 2024-2025 year.

To begin, I would like to start by thanking our retiring board members.

As you step down from your role as Board President, Craig, we want to sincerely thank you for your amazing leadership and dedication to Special Olympics PEI. Your commitment to our athletes and our mission has been truly inspiring, and with you at the wheel, the organization has made great progress. You have led with care, honesty, and a strong sense of service, helping us grow and make a real difference in people's lives. We are so grateful for all your hard work, support, and the many hours you have given to Special Olympics PEI. Your impact will be felt for years to come. Thank you.

Melanie, thank you so much for your hard work and dedication as a board member. Your legal expertise and wide-ranging knowledge have been incredibly beneficial to us. You have played a key role in helping us solve challenges and improve our programs for the athletes. Your involvement in the community, through your work on various boards, shows how much you care about making a difference. We are grateful for your support, and your contributions have made a real impact on many lives.

We are pleased to welcome athlete and advocate, Heidi Mallett, back to the board in an ex-officio capacity as she has recently joined two SOI project teams; Health Messengers/Athlete Leaders research project and SOI's Organization Refresh working group.

We have the following positions open and up for election at this time:

- President
- Vice President
- 1 - Director at Large

All other positions are not up for election or renewal currently.

It is my pleasure to present the slate of directors and officers for the 2024-2025 year:

Past-President: Vacant

President: Robert Horne

Vice-President: Jamie Arsenault

Secretary: Rebecca Gill

Treasurer: Clifford Lee

Athlete Rep: Ellen MacNearney

Directors at Large: Lynda Hontscharowicz Jackie Charchuk

Directors at Large (cont.):

Marsha Cusack

Jason MacLean

James Profit

Ex-officio Members:

Kristin Noonan

Heid Mallett

Can I please have a motion to approve the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2024-2025 year?

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