

September 14, 2017



The Board of Directors of Special Olympics Alberta is calling the **Annual General Meeting** of the Association for the business of election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting is called for:

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 9:30 am at Edmonton, Alberta
Four Points Sheraton Edmonton South, 7230 Argyll Rd NW**

Attendance is open to all Special Olympics Alberta athletes, coaches, families, friends, sponsors, and volunteers. We invite you to forward this invitation to others within the organization who may be interested in attending.

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Sincerely,
The Special Olympics Alberta Board of Directors

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calgary, Alberta
Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9:15 am

MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order – Dale Ellert, Chair

The Special Olympics Alberta Annual General Meeting is called to order at 9:18 am

Quorum is confirmed with 19 of 28 affiliates in attendance, representing 2680 of 3178 athletes.

2.0 Roster of Affiliates in Good Standing- Dale Ellert, Chair

We are pleased to report that 27 Affiliates and Community Programs are in good standing for the purpose of voting at this meeting.

The Community of Rocky Mountain House is not in Good Standing, and is not to be included as a part of weighted voting roster the purposes of this meeting.

The Roster being presented includes Lac La Biche as a new community program.

I would like to call for a motion from an Affiliate and or a Community Program delegate to accept the affiliate roster as presented.

Motion: To accept the roster as presented.

Moved: Red Deer

Second: Calgary

Carried

3.0 Approval of Agenda – Dale Ellert, Chair

Are there any revisions to the agenda? Seeing none, can I ask for a motion to approve the agenda as presented?

Motion: To approve agenda as presented.

Moved: Edmonton

Second: Olds

Carried

4.0 Approval of 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes – Dale Ellert, Chair

Copies of the minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting were distributed. Are there any revisions?

Seeing none, can I ask for a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Olds

Second: St. Albert

Carried

5.0 Affiliate Highlights – Dale Ellert, Chair

Affiliates and Community Programs provided highlights and participated in an open mic session during the Community Forum this morning. A record of these highlights and comments will be attached to the AGM minutes for record.

6.0 Honouring Members – Dale Ellert, Chair

Special Olympics is a family and we are deeply saddened by the loss of our members.

Name	Position	City
David Lynch	Athlete	Olds
Dorothy Duquenne	Athlete	Lethbridge
Denise Nielsen	Coach	Red Deer
Angela Johnson	Athlete	Olds
Kenneth Yuill	Athlete	St. Albert
Dallyn Nicholas	Athlete	Airdrie
Darlene Cole	Athlete	Red Deer
Ray Daley	Volunteer	Calgary
Steven Low	Athlete	Olds
Kyra Robinson	Athlete	Medicine Hat

Are there any other individuals that we wish to honour?

Please let us share a moment of silence in honor of these members. (Pause for 10 seconds)

7.0 Annual Report

7.1 Chair's Report – Dale Ellert, Chair

A review of the report presented in the Annual Report. Year in Review: Sports Excellence, Building Communities and Connecting Fans and Funds.

7.2 Financial Report – Dale Ellert, Chair

I would like to call on Scott Laluk, Finance Director to present the financial report for 2015/16.

Scott Laluk: Provided an overview of financial information

8.0 Approval of 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2016 – Scott Laluk

I would like to call for a motion to approve the 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented

Motion: To approve 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Moved: Lakeland

Second: Crowsnest Pass

Carried

9.0 Appointment of Auditors for 2016/2017 year – Scott Laluk

I would like to call for a motion to appoint Ernst & Young as auditors for 2016/2017

Motion: To appoint Ernst & Young as Special Olympics Alberta's auditors for 2016/2017 year.

Moved: Calgary

Second: Edmonton

Carried

10.0 Nominating Committee Report – Dale Ellert, Chair

You have been provided with a slate of nominations for the Board of Directors. In accordance with bylaws, nominations are not accepted from the floor and the slate is closed. Additions: Deborah A. MacPherson, Ed Grose and Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux

At this time I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Board Members. We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Rick Taylor, James Melynk and Bill McLaren** for their service to the Organization. Your input has been greatly appreciated.

Motion: To accept the slate of nominees as presented in its entirety, and elect these individuals to the Board of Directors.

Moved: Red Deer

Seconded: West Central

Carried

11.0 By-Law Changes – Dale Ellert, Chair

No Bylaw changes are presented at this meeting.

12.0 Meeting Adjournment - Dale Ellert, Chair

Having concluded the business of the 2016 Annual General meeting, I would like to call for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33am (time).

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

Moved: St. Albert

The meeting adjourned at 9:33am

Community Forum Notes

Airdrie – Diane Smith

- 90 athletes and 50 volunteers
- 9 different sports
- Individual sports more popular
- Will be holding a swim meet again this year
- Started new sports: Taekwondo, active start

Brooks – Brenda Orlita

- 11 athletes
- Trying to grow bigger
- Face challenges trying to offer floor hockey, softball, bocce
- Holds a Christmas party
- Highlight - 12 year old athlete was in the Beginner Swim program for 3 years and just advanced to the advanced and got her first ribbon in competition
- 2 new AMC members

Calgary – Val Wahl

- 41 programs in 21 sports
- 866 athletes
- 80% of programs are at maximum
- Young athletes continue to grow
- 103 under 16 athletes
- 409 volunteers
- 38000 hours of volunteers
- 800,000 in budget
- 3rd youth sports day – 11 different school, 6-12 years old
- 7 tournaments
- Sent athletes to 4 out-of-town tournaments

Camrose - Carol Wideman & Kathie Bailey

- 110 athletes 50 volunteers
- Active Start Program growing
- Added rock climbing, functional fitness and nutrition
- Augustana University and CLBI are a great source of volunteers
- First Responders and Kodiaks are great support
- Had to give up Free Our Finest this year
- Held a Fly on the wall fundraiser – GREAT TURNOUT
- Hosted a 5-pin and softball tournament
- Great media coverage
- Success story: Had an athlete that did not like sports and had problems with obesity and came out to walk program

Crowsnest Pass – Sandra Mullen

- Small community program
- 9 athletes
- 1 ski program, 4 skiers
- Golf program, 4 athletes
- Bocce program, 7 athletes
- Volunteer Appreciation pizza night
- Getting volunteers is difficult
- Athletes are aging out

Edmonton – John Pinsent

- Transition is going well
- 678 athletes, 200 volunteers
- Charlene and Celina are working on getting programs started
- Proud of athletes engagement and pure performance on sporting field
- Partnered with FC Edmonton Soccer Team this year
- Hosted 9 tournaments
- Held the first Active Start Camp in the summer – 8 children enrolled
- Held several Social Events for athletes – Halloween Party, Christmas Party – over 300 attended

Foothills – Cathie Manson

- Very social group
- 2 swimmers
- 55 5-Pin bowlers
- Floor Hockey Team
- Great Soft Ball Team

Grande Prairie – Doug Hutt (Athlete)

- Lost a long time athlete – Kyle Harper
- 17 new athletes
- 2 new sports – basketball and gymnastics
- Qualified in most of the summer sports with exception of Basketball
- Looking forward to sending athletes to provincials

Lacombe – Dwayne Campbell

- 40 athletes
- 5-Pin, Swimming, Softball, Bocce
- Looking for growth
- Sometimes they lose athletes due to school and aging out
- Looking to approach local High School to get a Unified Sport program started
- LETR participated in Red Deer
- Cop kids and Pizza event
- Challenge getting younger athletes

Lakeland - Noella

- Started a Just Fit program – 5 to 10 participants
- Started a Rhythmic Gymnastics program – low participation, mostly drop-in
- Trying to get swimming started

Leduc – Wendy Wannamaker

- 60 5-pin bowlers – separated into 2 nights
- 2 new AMC members
- Held a barbecue with local news station
- Bowling Tournament in February
- Having young athletes come out to bowling night
- Looking to start Swimming

Lethbridge – Virene

- 66 athletes in provincials
- 19 coaches and 4 volunteers
- 177 athletes
- 13 sports
- Active Sports and Fundamentals starting this year
- 5-Pin and 10-Pin Bowling Tournaments – great dance
- Halloween Party next week
- Changed locations of office
- BBQ in the spring and Volunteer Appreciation
- Increased numbers and still looking for more!

Medicine Hat – Mike Bordun

- Slowly increasing registrations
- 7 sports (6 summer 1 winter)
- Problem areas- getting volunteers
- AMC is looking for new members
- 2017 Summer Games to be hosted in Medicine Hat
- Hosting a swim meet in December

Olds – Karen Mengersen

- 125 athletes
- 12 sports
- Starting up Rhythmic Gymnastics again
- Potluck supper and dance every month – dances are important
- Sending 21 athletes to Summer Games
- 4 athletes are interested in going to Canada Summer Games
- Great support from local businesses and clubs
- Lost 2 long-term athletes

St. Albert – Kim Villella

- Hosting basketball qualifier
- Great relationship with LETR

St. Paul – Anna Scheffelmiar

- 35 athletes 2 new
- 9 volunteers 2 new
- Long running softball and golf tournaments
- 8 athletes to summer games

Strathcona County – Jeff Johnson

- Growth year, accepting athletes from Beaver County and Fort Saskatchewan
- New sports - Bocce, alpine, power lifting
- Got gold at soccer tournament
- 200+ athletes
- Working with LETR – LETR member Steve Schmidt went to Corner Brook
- Hosted a 5-Pin Tournament
- Mayor and council have been attending lots of functions
- Starting New Year's Eve Ball for athletes

West Central - Rochelle

- 133 athletes and 43 volunteers
- 11 sports
- 3 new programs
- 4 athletes on Team AB
- 1 on Team Canada
- Bocce Tournament combined with Unified Sports
- Lots of social events and dances

Wetaskiwin - Kirsten

- 2nd year with bocce
- They have a competitive Floor Hockey Team
- 12 new athletes , over 80 athletes total
- Held a Free Our Finest event
- Held the Registration BBQ at By The Lake Park
- Want to start Softball

Red Deer – Jerry Tennant

- 12 sports plus active start and fundamentals
- 260 athletes
- 60 volunteers
- Great year with LETR
- Partnering with Servus Clubs, local businesses – they are a good source of fundraising
- Over 300 athletes
- Had to cap swimming and 5-pin bowling
- Getting lots of younger athletes
- Average age has changed

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations to the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Alberta are governed by the Bylaws of the Association. Directors are elected for 3-year terms.

The following Directors will enter their final year of their second term of three years:

Wilma Shim

The following Directors will enter the final year of their first term of three years:

Lisa Daroux-Cole

Paavo Montadon

Gerry Lorente

The following Directors will enter the second year of their first term of three years:

Deborah A. MacPherson

Ed Grose

Dallas Sorken (One term appointment)

We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Dale Ellert, Dianne Millette, Trevor Daroux** and **Grant Howell** for their service to the Board.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING NOMINATED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Laluk has completed a three year term and is being nominated for a second term of three years

The following individuals are being nominated for a 3 year term:

Dave Findlay

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson

The following individual is being appointed to a 3 year term as Youth Representative:

Kirsten Kirwer

Bios for Nominated Members

Scott Laluk resides in Calgary and is an assurance partner at MNP where he also responsible for the coordination of the education programs for the office. In addition to Calgary, during his 18 years of public accounting, he has also practiced in Winnipeg and the Cayman Islands.

Dave Findlay is the founder of Findlay McQuaid and has developed a reputation as being a strong representative for children in our Court system. In addition to acting for children in Family matters, Dave has extensive experience in Family Law as well as Wills and Estates and Wills and Estate Litigation. Dave is also experienced in Dependant Adult matters and residential Real Estate. Dave's clients are well represented by his thoughtful and experienced attitude and Dave always strives to ensure fairness while protecting his client's rights.

Dave grew up in St. Albert, Alberta. After high school he attended the University of Alberta where he received a Bachelor of Science while competing as a varsity athlete in track and field. Dave also has experience with Helitack for the Government of Alberta in fighting forest fires during the summers and after graduation joined Social Services Alberta where he held several positions in a variety of communities throughout Alberta. Dave and his wife moved to Calgary in 1997 and Dave began working in the Court system as the Court Worker for Child and Family Services. It was at this time Dave was encouraged to apply and attend Law School. He attended the University of Calgary Law School and graduated in 2002. After articling with a mid-sized firm and working with a small firm, Dave joined a large local development company. After a couple of years with the corporate practice, Dave decided that his passion was for court work and in 2009 co-founded the firm of Findlay Smith. After six years of successful practice with Findlay Smith LLP, Dave has again re-focused his attention to the court room and in August of 2014, founded Findlay McQuaid Law.

As a father of three young children Dave is constantly involved in their extra-curricular activities. Currently he is a coach to his two son's hockey teams and is the Vice-President of the Springbank Minor Hockey Association. In his spare time, Dave sits on the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law Admissions Committee as well as the Legal Aid Appeals Committee. Dave is a mentor with the Legal Representation for Children and Youth program and has also helped develop and facilitate seminars for LRCY and LESA. Dave has also been a member of an Expert Panel appointed to conduct a Fatality Inquiry and is presently a member of the Expert Review Panel for the Child and Family Services Counsel for Quality Assurance.

Deputy Chief Brian Simpson Brian Simpson joined the Edmonton Police Service in May of 2012. Deputy Chief Simpson was considering law school at the onset of his working life, but quickly realized that was not his passion. Instead, he completed a Bachelors degree in Criminology at Simon Fraser University before pursuing a career in policing. When it was time to put in requests for deployment, he requested Grande Prairie, as it was the busiest RCMP detachment in Alberta. Deputy Chief Simpson stayed in Grande Prairie for seven years and then accepted a role in Calgary as an Investigator. He worked in Calgary for nine years in General Investigation, Major Crimes (Homicide) and the Commercial Crime divisions.

In 1996, Deputy Chief Simpson accepted a supervisor role as Operations Sergeant in Wetaskiwin. He was in this role for a short six months when the Staff Sergeant became ill, and



Deputy Chief Simpson became the Acting Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant. Through a candidate selection board, he was made an Officer in charge of Hobbema and Wetaskiwin.

Deputy Chief Simpson was the Officer in Charge of Federal Drug Enforcement (responsible for Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer) for a little over a year. In 2004, he was asked to work in Client Services-Administrative, a new role that was being tested. A year later, he competed for the Officer in Charge of the City of Red Deer position and was successful, remaining in the role for just over five years. In September 2011, Deputy Chief Simpson accepted the Director General of Operational Readiness and Response at RCMP Headquarters. From 2001 to 2011, Simpson was the Incident Commander for the RCMP ERT Team

Deputy Chief Simpson was a Gold Commander at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, and the Unified Command Centre Commander for the G8/G20 Conference in Barrie, Ontario.

Bio for Appointed Members

Youth Leader

Kirsten Kirwer is a friendly, energetic, and enthusiastic university student who is currently completing her Health and Physical Education Degree at Mount Royal University. Kirsten is an active champion and leader within the disability sport community who has nine years volunteers experience working with organization like Special Olympics Alberta - Wetaskawin, Calgary Sledge Hockey Association and the Children's Adapted Physical Activity Program. She is driven to provide quality recreation and athletic opportunities for all.
