



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021
Florence Simmons Performance Hall, Holland College
7:30pm

ATTENDEES

Chaired by: Jamie Arsenault, SOPEI President

Directors Present: Craig Watson, Jamie Arsenault, Donna Campbell, Robert Horne, Heidi Mallett, Clifford Lee, Laurie McNally, Kevin Stonefield.

Guests: SOPEI Members, Award Nominees and families, Provincial Partners, Government Officials,

SOPEI Staff: Matthew McNally, Sarah Profitt, Genna Phelan, Ellen Murphy, Margie Villard

Recorded by: Donna Campbell

Transposed by: Matthew McNally

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment: Jamie welcomed everyone acknowledging that the land upon which we gather is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People, in this modern district of Epekwitk, who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship". The Treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for an ongoing relationship between nations. Today we honour that Treaty relationship. We are all Treaty People.

2. Call to Order

- Jamie welcomed everyone, including honored guests.
- This year we have recognized all our nominees and award winners all month on SOPEI social media channels.
- Board of Directors were introduced to everyone

3. Approval of Agenda for October 26th, 2021, AGM

- Presented as circulated.

Motion to approve agenda by: Kevin Stonefield

Second by: Laurie McNally

Motion carried

4. Reading of the Mission Statement and Athlete's Oath

- Jamie read the Mission Statement and Heidi read the Athlete's Oath.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2020 AGM Minutes

- Presented as circulated.

Motion to approve minutes by: Robert Horne

Second by: Clifford Lee

Motion carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- There was no business arising from the minutes

7. Athlete Leadership Presentation – Lisa Bernard, Athlete Leadership Academy Member.

- Jamie welcomed Lisa and acknowledged her mentor Judy Gallant
- Lisa explained she has been a SOPEI athlete for 10 years, she grew up in Summerside, and moved to Charlottetown in 2010. She explained her goal of weight loss and saw SOPEI as a way to support that.
- Lisa loves traveling for sports and competition, and her most memorable opportunity was at the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Thunder Bay, ON.
- Lisa shared that COVID was very hard being in a group home setting. She understood why it had to happen, but it was still hard. She explained she looked forward to keeping in touch virtually through social media and exercising on her own. During this time, she joined a virtual Health Messenger training and completed the Wellness Champion program.
- She was excited to get back to face to face programming in Summer 2021 and has a long-term goal to continue living a healthy life and stay in shape.

8. Presidents Report

- Jamie presented the President's Report as displayed on screen.

Motion to approve the President's Report by: Robert Horne

Second by: Clifford Lee
Motion carried

9. Athlete Representative Report

- Heidi presented her report as displayed on screen.
- Heidi explained this was her 3rd annual report and that she has been a member for 15 years.
- Heidi expressed her honor to represent PEI:
 - SOPEI Board member
 - Athlete Leadership Academy member
 - Acknowledged the 11 athletes who completed training and who are active members
 - Canadian Athlete Leadership Committee member
 - Preparing handbook and video for new athletes to the committee
 - Chair of the Global Athlete Leadership Council and represents the North American region
 - Include 7 athletes from 7 regions
 - Discussing world games, athlete leadership, and planning the global athlete congress.
- Heidi congratulated our members representing PEI on the 2023 Team Canada training squad: CJ Snyders-Couchman (Snowshoe), Jordan Koughan (Speed Skating), Craig Watson (Mission), and Charity Sheehan (Chef de Mission).
- Heidi expressed her gratitude to be gathering in person this year and thanked the SOPEI staff and Board of Directors for all their work. Heidi also had a special thank you to her leadership mentor, Genna Phelan, and expressed her gratitude for all Genna's work.

10. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer, Robert Horne presented the 2020-2021 Financial Statements ending July 31, 2021 and explained it is his 6th year doing so.
- He recommended the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as Auditors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- As a group we viewed the Auditors Report, the Financial Statements, and the organization's financial position. We are a very healthy organization in a good financial position.
- Robert read the Treasurer's 2020-21 report

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as presented by: Kevin Stonefield
Second by: Laurie McNally
Motion carried

Motion to approve Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as Auditors for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year: Clifford Lee

*Second by: Heidi Mallett
Motion carried*

11. Year in Review Video prepared by staff Genna Phelan. Voice of Athlete Leadership Academy member, Tommy MacGuigan, supported by mentor Dave Morrow:

- The presentation was enjoyed by all

12. Election of Officers and Directors for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

- Nomination report was presented as circulated by Craig Watson. It was acknowledged that Paul Smith will be retiring, and an explanation of his contributions to the organization was recognized.

Past President	vacant
President	Jamie Arsenault
Vice President	Craig Watson
Treasurer	Robert Horne
Secretary	Donna Campbell

Directors at Large:

Cecil Villard	Kevin Stonefield	Clifford Lee
Laurie McNally	Bevan Woodacre	Melanie McKenna

Athlete Representative:

Heidi Mallett

*Motion to approve the election of Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 Fiscal year by: Clifford Lee
Second by: Robert Horne
Motion carried*

13. Date for the 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting

- October 25th, 2022

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Robert Horne

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Campbell, SOPEI Secretary

Special Olympics PEI 2021 AGM Nomination Report

We would like to start by thanking our retiring board members.

To Paul Smith, Director at Large, for his time and talents over the past twelve years. Paul's background in law enforcement helped SOPEI strengthen its policies and procedures enabling SOPEI to create more holistic and individualized approaches to registration, discipline and complaints and mitigating risks adhered to a sport organization. Our sincere thank you to Paul.

Since October 7th, we have made ongoing recruitment efforts to fill a vacant Director at Large position. All other positions are not up for election or renewal at this time.

The slate of directors and officers for the 2021-2022 year are as follows:

Past-President:	Remains Vacant	
President:	Jamie Arsenault	
Vice-President:	Craig Watson	
Secretary:	Donna Campbell	
Treasurer:	Robert Horne	
Athlete Rep:	Heidi Mallet	
Directors at Large:	Kevin Stonefield	Cecil Villard
	Laurie McNally	Bevan Woodacre
	Clifford Lee	Melanie McKenna

Can I please have a motion to approve the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 year?