Minutes
Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization (LNASO)
Board Meeting
May 20, 2024

The Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization Board meeting was held on May 20, 2024, at noon via Zoom. The board members in attendance were:

Bill Horton, Chair
Lee Fredette
Patrick Parkes
Graham Sisson
Allison Stephens
Nick Taylor
John Kemp
Jen Allred

Staff
Korhan Altiparmak
Rebecca Cline

Chairman William Horton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for the second LNASO Board meeting of 2024. Chairman Horton declared a quorum was present and thanked everyone for their attendance. The first order of business was the review of the draft minutes from the February 26, 2024, meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved.

Chairman Horton called on Ms. Jen Allred to give an update on our sports. Ms. Allred shared a quick update on boccia noting their busier than anticipated competition schedule this season and shared some insights into the bipartite process for Paris. Ms. Allred also shared an update on the two recent rugby competitions in Denmark and Great Britain along with information on who had been named to the 2024 Paralympic team. As this date also marked 100 days out from the Games, the Board viewed an IPC promo. Ms. Allred was also able to share details on the April Team USA Media Summit and asked Mr. Taylor to share his thoughts on the highly successful day for both sports in New York.

Chairman Horton communicated that a few administrative items needed to be addressed. First, Mr. Horton called on Mr. Altiparmak to share information on the Conflict of Interest forms for 2024. Mr. Altiparmak reminded the group that all Board members are required to submit a Conflict of Interest form annually. He shared that Ms. Miller would review the forms for the Board at the next meeting.

Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Allred to discuss a proposed Board change. Ms. Allred shared that we needed to appoint a treasurer for the Board and the recommendation was that she (Allred) resign from the Board and the members consider appointing Ms. Cathy Miller as a Board member to also serve as the treasurer. This would also require adding the word "assistant" in front of treasurer to the bylaws in reference to the Lakeshore Foundation Board. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept Ms. Allred's resignation, elect Ms. Miller to the Board and make the slight bylaws amendment. Chairman Horton then began a conversation with the Board about the importance of athlete representation on the Board. The Board discussed the fact that the current construction of the Board met the minimum criteria for athlete representation, but we should strive to increase the number of athletes. The group agreed that identifying additional athlete representatives was a priority for the Board with a goal set to identify other appropriate candidates prior to the August meeting.

Chairman Horton then directed the Board to the previously discussed the goal setting and strategic planning document that should guide the work of LNASO in this next year. Ms. Allred was called

on to provide updates on the plan. Ms. Allred shared some updates on marketing and communications. Mr. Kemp then shared his thoughts on the importance of addressing the issue of employment for National team athletes. The group discussed the need to identify employment with commensurate benefits. The group also discussed the need for our athletes who also serve on the USOPC Athlete Council to discuss with their peers at the next AC meeting how their sports work with employers to generate ideas. The plan is posted in the boardable portal for easy access. Employment and increased athlete financial support is one of the very top priorities identified in the plan.

Finally, the group discussed the upcoming USOPC resource allocation submission. The group will be updated in August if any updates are available at that time but discussed that final resource allocation will occur in the fall after the Games.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Allred, Secretary