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Minutes
Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization (LNASO)
Board Meeting
August 12, 2024

The Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization Board meeting was held on August 12, 2024, at noon via Zoom. The board members in attendance were:

Bill Horton, Chair
Walter Beale
Lee Fredette
Patrick Parkes
Eric Newby
Joel Welker
Allison Stephens
Nick Taylor
John Kemp
Cathy Miller

Staff

Jen Allred
Rebecca Cline
Chris Thomason
Amy Rauworth

Chairman William Horton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the third LNASO Board meeting of 2024. Chairman Horton declared a quorum was present and thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Horton welcomed Ms. Cathy Miller back as a Board member. Mr. Horton called for a review of the May 2024 meeting minutes posted on the portal. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Chairman Horton noted to the Board that we are just two weeks out from the Paralympic Games in Paris and called on Ms. Jen Allred to give an update on our sports. Ms. Allred gave a brief overview of boccia congratulating the athletes on a well fought effort to try and secure a spot for Paris but letting the Board know we ultimately were not able to qualify anyone. Ms. Allred then shared that the wheelchair rugby team would depart on August 20, 2024, for Paris and would take part in a training camp in Paris ahead of the Games thanks to the addition of a High Performance Center funded by USOPC. Ms. Allred then asked Mr. Fredette to share an update on behalf of wheelchair rugby. Mr. Fredette shared the excitement of leading into Paris and reflected on some of the disruption that has been caused this past year due to classification issues. A discussion ensued about ways to address some of the past classification issues in addition to proactive steps we could try to take to prevent future classification challenges. Mr. Kemp shared that the staff knew this was a priority and would continue the discussion.

Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Cathy Miller to discuss the LNASO tax return. Ms. Miller communicated that the tax return had been filed and as the Board was aware had been uploaded to the portal prior to the meeting. Following an overview of the document, Chairman Horton called for any questions. Hearing none, Ms. Miller noted that the document would now be published on the Lakeshore and USAWR websites.

Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Amy Rauworth to provide an update on the Sports Science and Performance Center. Ms. Rauworth shared updates on the number of athletes served to date, equipment that had been procured recently and exciting opportunities in the future for both wheelchair rugby and boccia to have great access to the vast array of expertise the Sports Science and Performance Center provides. Discussion followed on some of the ways we could engage more sports with these services and Ms. Rauworth encouraged the Board to share additional thoughts in the coming weeks.

Chairman Horton then called on Mr. Chris Thomason to share a media update. Mr. Thomason shared that the media engagement numbers in both earned media and social media continued to climb this year and we expected to see a significant increase during the Games in Paris. Mr. Thomason also shared the plans his team had in place to ensure we were prepared to capitalize on local, national, and international media opportunities during the Games.

Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Allred to share a quick overview of Paris and a look ahead to LA2028. Ms. Allred shared the overview of the Paris plan and shared that several members of the Lakeshore Executive team would be in Paris. The Board then discussed numerous ways the Executive team could proactively engage with various stakeholders in Paris. The group then had a great discussion about the need to be well prepared for the opportunities that would come from hosting the next Games in the United States and the urgency to ensure we were prepared at the grassroots level of sport, elite level of sport, fundraising, communications and the Sports Science and Performance Center.

Chairman Horton reminded the Board that the next meeting is set for November 18, 2024, at 12 noon. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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William Horton, Chairman