Minutes
Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization (LNASO)
Board Meeting
December 13, 2024

The Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization Board meeting was held on December 13, 2024, at noon via Zoom. The board members in attendance were:

Bill Horton, Chair
Patrick Parkes
Graham Sisson
Allison Stephens
Mac Beale
Nick Taylor
Eric Newby
John Kemp
Cathy Miller

Staff
Jen Allred
Korhan Altiparmak
Rebecca Cline
Amy Rauworth
Chris Thomason

Chairman William Horton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for the fourth and final 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 August 12, 2024, meeting. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved.

Chairman Horton congratulated the wheelchair rugby team on an excellent silver medal performance in Paris. The group then discussed the large spectator attendance at the Games and viewership numbers on NBC. Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Jen Allred to give an update on our sports. Ms. Allred shared a quick update on wheelchair rugby and asked Eric Newby to share a few words about the experience in Paris. Ms. Allred then went on to share an update on the selection camp for boccia as they look toward the LA quad. Nick Taylor and Patrick Parkes then shared a few updates on the camp and 2025.

Chairman Horton then asked Ms. Allred to share an update on the recent U.S. Center for Safe Sport Audit. Ms. Allred shared that the audit was conducted on December 5, 2024, and while we had not received the official report yet, the auditor was pleased with our systems and compliance. Ms. Allred shared that we anticipated receiving the official report in January/February and she would share that with the LNASO Board at that time.

Chairman Horton then called on Mr. John Kemp to share an update on The Zero Project. Mr. Kemp communicated that this was a group we hoped to work with to influence policy and opportunities for athletes to seek and maintain meaningful employment during and after their athletic careers. Mr. Kemp shared that he would continue to communicate with this group and others as the Board has previously discussed this as a priority.

Chairman Horton then called on Ms. Cathy Miller and Mr. Korhan Altiparmak to go over the FY24 LNASO financials. Ms. Miller then reviewed the FY24 year-end financials and reminded the Board of the differences between the LNASO fiscal year and the funding from the USOPC. Ms. Miller detailed the expenses versus budget for FY24 and how restricted funds were used to address the difference. Ms. Miller went on to share the proposed 2025 budget based on the allocation from the USOPC and the Lakeshore Foundation FY25 budget. Several members of the committee shared thoughts about the budget versus needs for 2025 specific to camps and competitions. Of note, Mr. Taylor shared that with this budget the boccia team could likely only attend one competition in 2025 but needed to be at more to address world ranking. The Board then discussed strategies to address increasing philanthropic and sponsorship support. Mr. Thomason stated that while there were robust efforts underway to address the concerns addressed about the budget, they would continue to look for ways we could generate additional funding for LNASO.

Finally, Chairman Horton called on Ms. Allred to share an exciting update from the USOPC. Ms. Allred shared that LNASO had been selected to become the NGB for a third sport Para Powerlifting. Ms. Allred shared that the sport had been managed by the USOPC for the past two years and we felt well suited to take on the additional responsibilities. Ms. Allred communicated that the formal public announcement would come later that week. Several members of the Board shared positive comments about the new opportunity.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jen Allred, Secretary