Minutes
Lakeshore National Adapted Sport Organization (LNASO)
Board Meeting
July 21, 2025

The Lakeshore National Adapted Sports Organization Board meeting was held on July 21, 2025. The following Board members in attendance were:

William Horton, Chair
Walter Beale
Joel Welker
Lee Fredette
Allison Stephens
Patrick Parkes
Sarah Adam
John Kemp
Cathy Miller
Nick Taylor

Staff

Jen Allred
Korhan Altiparmak
Chris Thomason
Amy Rauworth

Chairman William Horton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the LNASO Board and declared a quorum was present and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Chairman Horton communicated to the group the first order of business is to review the minutes from the previous LNASO Board meeting on April 21, 2025. Chairman Horton asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Horton called on Ms. Cathy Miller give an update on the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure forms. Ms. Miller communicated there were no material conflicts and reminded the group we would review these at every meeting.

Ms. Miller went on to share with the Board the financial statement of position which shows that our assets are higher than at this time last year. This is related to the additional funding for powerlifting and timing of some travel for wheelchair rugby. She communicated that the Statement of Activities notes our contributions compared to budget were low due to less USOPC resource allocation than anticipated. There are also dollars in contributions, gifts, corporate gifts, and sponsorships that were not budgeted, these are dollars that have been raised by Lakeshore to increase the funding for all three NGBs.

Chairman Horton asked if there were any questions relating to the budget. Mr. Lee Fredette asked why this budget was not able to support hosting a tournament for wheelchair rugby this year. Ms. Allred responded that when we originally budgeted for the year, we had hoped to host but were not able to support it budgetarily in 2025 despite many efforts. Ms. Allred went on to share that we are working to increase our resources through fundraising. Chairman Horton asked if there were any other questions on the financials, if not, he asked for a motion to approve the financial statements. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Horton called on Mr. Korhan Altiparmak to present the IRS Form 990 tax return. Mr. Altiparmak shared the key highlights. He communicated that as a non-profit organization we are required to file Form 990 as per IRS guidelines. The 990 is also publicly posted on our website.

Chairman Horton called on Ms. Allred to share general administrative and sport updates. Ms. Allred communicated that every four years the USOPC conducts a compliance audit to ensure that we are up to date with all USOPC requirements and the Center for Safe Sport requirements. Ms. Allred shared that the USOPC audit commenced in the second quarter of 2025, and we just received a draft audit report with management responses.

Ms. Allred went on to share that an audit finding was to make updates to the conflict-of-interest policy, a draft of the updated policy was posted on Boardable prior to the meeting. Chairman Horton asked for approval to make changes, as well as distribute the policy and post it on the LNASO website. Motion was made to approve the changes to the conflict-of-interest policy. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Allred shared with the group that we also had an event audit with the US Center for Safe Sport. The audit was conducted on-site during the USA Wheelchair Rugby and Japan National training camp. Ms. Allred shared with the group that we received an extremely favorable report from the auditor who was impressed with the systems we have in place.

Ms. Allred then shared an update on para powerlifting and their preparation for their World Championships in Cairo. Mr. Nick Taylor then shared an update on Boccia including that a group of three of the boccia team members went to Chile and had a solid performance. Mr. Taylor went on to mention that Cassie Mitchell went to Poland and picked up a win over a top ten player.

Mr. Taylor communicated to the group that many members of the Boccia United States team will be arriving at Lakeshore the next week to participate in USA Boccia Nationals and the upcoming Games Grapes, and Gold fundraiser.

Ms. Sarah Adam then shared an update on USA Wheelchair Rugby and their recent gold medal finish at the WWR Americas Championship in Brazil. That win qualifies the team for World Championships in Brazil in 2026.

Chairman Horton then called on Mr. Chris Thomason for an update on fundraising. Mr. Thomason shared with the group that he and staff have been busy the last couple of months reaching out to different potential donors and the Grapes, Games and Gold fundraiser was an element of their fundraising initiative to support LNASO. Mr. Thomason also shared that he, Jen Allred, and Terry Schrimersher met with NBC 13 to build out a plan for 2025 and 2026 media coverage centered in some part around the Milan Cortina Games focused on our three sports.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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William Horton, Chairman