



Annual General Meeting
Friday October 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
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Minutes

1. Played 50th Anniversary video of Mark Peddle – Welcomed by Mark Dawe

6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call of voting members (add who voted)
 - 1) St. John's – Maryanne Walsh
 - 2) Mount Pearl – Sue Horne
 - 3) CBS Brightstars – Shirley Miller
 - 4) Tri-Con Gentle Giants – Carmel Oliver
 - 5) Placentia Lions – Geraldine Kelly
 - 6) Burin Peninsula North Bears – n/a
 - 7) Grand Bank Fortune Seahawks – Cecilia Dodge
 - 8) Clarenville All Stars – n/a
 - 9) Bonavista North Polar Bears – n/a
 - 10) Gander Wings – Marg Byrd
 - 11) Exploits Hurricanes – Michelle Rye-Gardner
 - 12) BVP Strikers – n/a
 - 13) Corner Brook Vikings – Len Moores
 - 14) Bay St. George – Audrey Burden
 - 15) HVGB Howling Huskies – Susan Lamond
 - 16) Lab West – Mary Lou Battcock

6:05 p.m.

Board Members Voting:

Mark Dawe

Kevin Dunphy

Lynn Healey
Kate O'Neill
Amanda Hancock
Robert Howard
Heather Miller
Paul Peddle
Juleah Lunden – Proxy with Mark Dawe
Susan Collins – Proxy with Amanda Hancock
Ken Marshall – Proxy with Mark Dawe
Paul Currie – Proxy with Kevin Dunphy

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2017 Meeting

Moved: Marg Byrd

Seconded: Paul Peddle

6:10 p.m.

All in Favour: Yes

4. President's Report (Mark)

6:15 p.m.

Take Notes from Trish

5. Financial Report (Lynn)

Lynn went over the Financial Report ending June 30, 2018 from Harris Ryan. The Key highlights were:

- It was a qualified audit opinion which is consistent with other years; Harris Ryan noted there was no issues and they had full cooperation from staff
- The first item discussed was the balance sheet which shows a financial picture as of June 30th, 2018. There is a strong healthy balance but we are facing economical challenges with fundraising and have had dip into the cash reserve.
- The dip into the cash reserve isn't alarming and is why we have it, the board is aware and expects it to be used some years and replenished other years.
- There haven't been any significant changes in spending, some of the issues are timing with accounts receivable. Overall expenses consistent with other years.

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- We will look as a board at a way forward in current economic climate
- Majority of our income comes from Fundraising and Special Olympics Canada.
- It was noted that there are no changes or concerns, the audit was routine and consistent. SONL is prudently managing expenses while maintaining programs.

6. Appointment of Auditor (Lynn)

Lynn moved to have Harris Ryan kept as current auditor, we are happy with their service and fees.

Moved: Kevin Dunphy

6:30 p.m.

Seconded: Maryanne Walsh

All in Favour: Yes

7. Open Discussion (Club Highlights?)

- Mark mentioned as a board they are very aware of the financials and while the balance won't be brought up every year, they will try
- Geraldine Kelly announced Peter Hynes made Team Canada for World Games
- Michelle Rye-Gardner said 3 of their athletes have lost over 50lbs each, a testament SO participation helping with overall health
- Susan Lamond said Labrador's two clubs are very excited to host their first ever Bocce invitational.

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8. Election of Officers (Mark)

Ken Marshall, Amanda Hancock, Judy Dobbin, and Kate O'Neil are all going for re-election on the Board of Directors.

Ray Walsh elected as Parent Representative

6:45 p.m.

Moved: Mary Holloway

Seconded: Paul Peddle

All in Favour: Yes

9. Adjournment (Mark)

Moved: Cecilia Dodge

Seconded: Amanda Hancock

All in Favour: Yes

6:50 p.m.

10. SONL Provincial Award

a. Female Athlete of the Year – Samantha Walsh

Samantha has been a member of Special Olympics for about 4 years. Samantha competes in Swimming, Snowshoeing, Bowling, and Golf along with Athletics although her favourite part of Special Olympics is meeting new friends and doing well in sports. Samantha received 2 bronze and 2 silver medals at the 2017 Provincial Summer Games which earned her, her first spot on the SONL Provincial Team.

b. Male Athlete of the Year – Daniel Moores

Daniel has been a member of Special Olympics for almost two decades. Daniel competes in Bowling, Athletics, Cross Country Skiing but his favourite sport is Powerlifting.

Daniel competed in Powerlifting at the 2017 Provincial Summer Games, where he achieved personal bests in all his lifts earning his spot on the National Team. The 2018 Special Olympics National Summer Games in Antigonish, NS was his seventh National Games.

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c. Team of the Year

Exploits Hurricanes Curling team have been playing and competing together for 3 years. The team has learned, not only to win as a team, but to lose as a team, offering each other support and encouragement on and off the ice.

To receive the award tonight is; Kim O'Neill, Gary Wicks, Joshua Gardner and Coach Joe Tremblett. Tony Kyritsis and Margaret MacNeil round out the team.

d. Female Coach of the Year – Rosie Ryan

Rosie has been a member of Bay St. George since the club's inception 10 years ago. Rosie has held various positions over the 10-year span and is currently the Club Coordinator. Rosie takes pride in watching the athletes develop and compete. She finds volunteering as a coach very rewarding especially when she sees how it transforms an athlete's life.

e. Male Coach of the Year – Guy Richard

Guy has been a coach with Mount Pearl for over a dozen years. For all those years, he has been the Head Coach in Mount Pearl's Athletics weekly program, where he introduces a variety of sports instruction to athletes of varying abilities. Some of those athletes attend for the friendship and camaraderie, so Guy makes the program fun. Others want to expand and test their abilities to train to compete, so Guy provides them the opportunity. Guy exemplifies the Special Olympic spirit.

f. Gina Blundon Award – Daniel Horne

Daniel has been a member of Special Olympics for almost a dozen years. Daniel loves to participate in Powerlifting, Swimming, and Athletics. Daniel reached one of his dreams by becoming a part of the bowling team attending the 2018 Special Olympics Bowling Championships in PEI. He really enjoyed meeting new athletes from all over Canada and having fun while competing!

g. Volunteer of the Year Award – Joe Philpott

Joe's contributions to Gander Wings are invaluable and without his efforts the club would not be as successful as it is. Joe has been instrumental not only within his club but helping to establish other clubs in the region as well as serving as the Chair of the Provincial Regional Leadership Council.

h. Evan Ash Award – Everett Russell

Everett has been a pillar of Mount Pearl Special Olympics club for many years. He and Evan were instrumental in plotting the direction for the Mount Pearl club. Everett has twice chaired the Provincial Summer Games Organizing committee.

Everett was always available to assume any role within the organization.

He was a mentor for executive members that followed him and would perform any task from leader to setting up for functions

Everett is a wealth of information, he is always available to help and share his valuable experience and knowledge.

i. President's Award – Kevin Dunphy

Kevin has been contributor to the growth and development of SONL for over 20 years. Kevin is passionate about Special Olympics. He really enjoys being a member the Board of Directors and interacting with athletes at the competitions and the athlete social events.

Kevin Dunphy was Board Chair for SONL from 2011 to 2015. This was a time of rapid athlete and program growth. Kevin and has greatly contributed to the financial stability of SONL. He recruited a Board of Directors with a culture of fundraising to allow the staff to spend time

growing and increasing training and competition opportunities for the athletes.