

PTOEC
Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021
Approved January 6, 2022

The meeting was held at the Swansea Moose Lodge and was called to order at 6:14 PM. Those present were: David Wettig, Sonji Palmer, Tanya Tepen, Marcia Morgan, Jennifer Otero, Jerry Russell, Janice Pfeil, Beverly Love, Lisa Elbe, Emily Wittenhauer, Colleen Costello, Ellen Schwoebel, Robert Edwards, Tara Edwards, Kelly Wettig, Kathy Costello, and Wendy Pfeil.

OPENING REMARKS: Dave remarked that we have 3 people coming off the board starting January 1. Those are Colleen Costello, Lisa Elbe, and Sonji Palmer. They were thanked for their work.

MINUTES REVIEW: The minutes had been previously distributed for review. The only change was in the treasurer's report. Those changes were made, and the minutes were approved with those changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Tanya reported our income for November as: Income \$5,454.47; Expenses \$4,410.48; resulting in a net Income of \$1,043.99. Our assets were reported as \$64,925.71.

SOAD REPORT: Tara reported:

Flag Football: Both our teams won silver medals at State competition.

Snowshoe: Eleven athletes will compete at Mt. Vernon on December 11 at Regionals.

Basketball: We will have 2 male teams, 1 female team, and skills athletes. Skills will practice at Nichols. The 3 other teams will share the court at the Downtown YMCA.

Bowling: 22 athletes will compete in Peoria at State competition.

Sonji stated an additional gym should be procured for basketball practices to alleviate the congestion in the YMCA gym. It was stated that the YMCA is charging us \$75 per week for gym use and the Sports Plex estimated they would charge about \$60 per hour. Sonji feels that each team should be alternated so that they would all be given use of the full gym at the YMCA.

ATHLETE'S CORNER: Colleen reported she attendee the polar plunge planning meeting. The dumpster plunge was changed to the Collinsville VFW because 4204 in Belleville is mostly closed now. The Carlyle plunge will still be at Carlyle Lake. If you want to participate, go to the SOILL website and chose either "Do It Your Way" (which means you can do a plunge virtually as was done last year) or "Do it Our Way" (which means you can do it at the Collinsville VFW). You get dinner included at the VFW site. If you don't want to get wet, you can buy a "Too Chicken to Plunge" t-shirt. There were 6 athletes at the meeting giving ideas and helping Justin plan the plunges. It not only was good athlete leadership training, but was good to see my friends again. It is time for PTOEC to start their plunge team. I will be at the dumpster plunge for sure. I hope all of the Board participates too!

Colleen asked Kelly when the free physicals would be because that was when she paid her membership fees. Kelly replied that PTOEC would not be doing the free physicals because we cannot find a place or

doctors to do it. Colleen feels the free physicals are important for those athletes who cannot pay for their appointments for physicals. She feels we need to work harder to find doctors and a place to do the free physicals.

This is Colleen's last board meeting. She hopes new athlete board members will be ready to go. According to the By-Laws we are supposed to have 2 athlete board members at all times. Colleen stated that what she liked best about being on the board was listening to what other members had to say. What she liked least were the times that people were yelling at each other. She feels everyone needs to remember 2 important things: 1. Listen carefully to the athletes. 2. Listen politely to each other. Colleen said she will always be a PTOEC member and when everyone is working together it is really good for all the athletes and their parents. That is when we are like a big family – and that is what I like best about PTOEC.

COMMITTEE REPORT: It was reported that 46 members had signed up for the December 10th fun night. Santa is to be there and 135 items have been obtained to sell, and the items will range in price from \$1 to \$5.

Dave reported that the TJ's Pizza sale had \$5,366 in sale with a profit of \$2,146. He also reported that 164 memberships had been paid.

OLD BUSINESS: Storage Unit: Dave reported that we still do not know if the city zoning will allow us to add the unit. Therefore, we will pay the December storage fee.

Athlete Board Members: No notice has been sent out regarding an organizational meeting. Dave stated we need to get a group notice out to the membership. He also said he would get verbiage to be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Costello submitted a proposed amendment to the By-Laws. That amendment read as follows:

“The term “athlete” is meant to be inclusive of all PTOEC members who have an intellectual disability as outlined in Article III. It is the intent of the organization to be inclusive in all cases of participation and leadership by members who have an intellectual disability; therefore the term “athlete” in these By-Laws shall be interpreted to mean Special Olympics athletes, group home residents, independent members who participate in social activities, and any person with an intellectual disability in good standing with the organization.” That amendment was approved in this meeting.

New Board members election: Scott Lanxon was voted in as an at large member. Wendy Pfeil was voted in as an Athlete Board member.

Executive Board members election: Beverly nominated David Wettig as President and Emily seconded. David was elected. Dave nominated Jerry Russell as Vice-President and Jennifer seconded. Jerry was elected. There was no nomination for Treasurer, therefore, that position was tabled. Emily nominated

Marcia Morgan as Recording Secretary and Beverly seconded. Marcia was elected. Marcia nominated Jennifer Otero as Corresponding Secretary and Emily seconded. Jennifer was elected.

Sonji Palmer added her remarks as an outgoing Board Member. She thanked us for trying to recognize the athletes. She also reminded us that we should be working in the best interest of the athletes, and take Colleen's attitude.

Kathy Costello added her closing remarks. She stated that after 14 years of being in PTOEC we should be able to get along with everyone.

Dave motioned to adjourn and Jerry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully,
Marcia Morgan
Recording Secretary