

PTOEC Board Meeting
May 5, 2021
Approved October 6, 2021

Those in attendance were: David Wettig, Tonya Tepen, Marcia Morgan, Jennifer Otero, Colleen Costello, Lisa Elbe, Emily Whitenauer, Janice Pfeil, Beverly Love, Kathy Costello, Scott Lanxon, Ellen Schwoebel, and Dale Schwoebel.

The meeting was held at the Moose Lodge in Swansea and called to order at 6:13 PM.

Dale Schwoebel requested to speak concerning statements made in the April meeting about him. There was a discussion on emails that had been sent and statements that were made about him. Kathy apologized to Dale for all of the board.

Minutes: The April minutes had been previously sent to the board members. Ellen requested changes be made to the minutes. Tanya motioned to make the changes, and Beverly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Tanya reported the yearly income of \$5,578.33, expenses of \$5,283.29. The income for April of \$2,115.00, expenses of \$319.46, resulting in a profit of \$1,795.54 was reported. Assets were quoted as \$75,817.85. The current paid memberships are 109. There are 66 unpaid memberships with 16 of those in group homes. The Amazon account is being cancelled. The SOAD debit card is limited to \$300 per sport.

SOAD Report: David made the report from an email SOAD sent to him.

Soccer: We have 21 participants which made up 2 teams. SOILL is not offering team play currently. However, a Missouri agency is hosting a soccer event that our teams will attend on May 16. Jason Karstens is to be thanked for his efforts of setting up our participation.

Track and Field: We have 4 participants. Most of the track and field participants are from group homes, and the group homes are not active in the community yet because of Covid. Practice began on May 1st.

Plans for the summer: Softball, Golf, Flag Football, and Volleyball are planned, however, those plans are always subject to change. A discussion was held regarding when and who should be sending out emails. Our present system seems to be lacking. Details need to be worked out regarding handling of those emails by getting separate email addresses for each category.

Athlete's Corner: Colleen has been in a lot of State Board meetings. She has another meeting in June. Two weeks ago they were asked what they've learned from Covid and the quarantine. Colleen's response was she has learned how to do Zoom meetings. SOILL is trying to get athlete board members from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois together to share ideas and what is happening in their state.

SOILL athlete board members were also asked for ideas to include in virtual games. Colleen suggested rhythmic gymnastics while someone else suggested horseback riding. In other athlete leadership meetings they are learning how to make google slide presentations. There are four meetings to help them learn to make slide presentations and improve speeches. The members were also visiting local Caseys and thanking them for their help in the fund drive that was held in April. Colleen visited the Caseys in Macoutah, Belleville, and Millstadt and thanked the managers for their support of SOILL.

In preparing for Winter World Games, a meeting was held to learn what has to happen before they can travel to Kazan. There have to be better levels for Covid here, there, and every place in between. All of the agencies sending athletes have to be at level three, the countries they travel through have to be open, Russia has to have low covid levels, and each athlete needs a negative test before travel. The snowshoe team met all of their coaches and talk to each other about what would happen in Russia. The athletes were told to keep training, so Colleen is running with her dog, Smokey, every day with ankle weights on.

Finally, Colleen wanted to remind us that her three year term as an Athlete Board Member is coming to an end in December 2021. She suggested we have athletes come and visit a board meeting to see what it is like. Everyone should find a new athlete to be on the board. If our new bylaws pass at this meeting, they say we need two athletes on the board. Colleen also stated we need new seating at Arnold Field. The benches in the dugouts are hard to sit on. She suggested some plastic park benches for the athletes to sit on.

Arnold Field: Scott Lanxon reported the water leaks have been repaired. However hot water line is leaking; therefore, there is no hot water in the bathrooms. The bid is for \$1,400 to make that repair. The new cables are up at the field. The locks are being changed on May 10th on the building. We still need to rename Arnold Field. Scott will arrange to get signs changed with the new name. Scott is going to see about getting bleachers for the field donated.

Facebook Page: Dave and Kelly reported the current page owner needs to make the new page owner the administrator. Kelly and Ellen will work on the problem.

Storage Unit: Dave reported that Jerry is having difficulty getting a unit donated. He is still looking for a donated unit or a 53 foot trailer which will require some modifications for making it stabilizing it and making it permanent.

Raffle: Kelly reported \$450 tickets were sold, but we need to sell as many as we can.

Pamphlets: Emily stated she needed some pamphlets for distribution to schools. Ellen will send a digital copy of the pamphlet to be distributed and give Emily some printed ones.

Vote on Team Fundraising: Vote postponed until discussions were had.

By-Laws: Kathy mentioned that this was the month that we had voted would be our vote on the by-laws changes. Ellen questioned the use of a "valid IEP" as a requirement of membership. That term will be removed from the by-laws. The mission statement will be reviewed and rewritten as needed in the fall in a special meeting with that being the only item on the agenda for that meeting. The job descriptions are working papers that will be done separately as they are an addendum to the by-laws. Kathy will continue to work on the by-law committee doing the job descriptions and mission statement.

Emily moved to accept the by-laws as they have been rewritten with the stipulation that the mission statement and job descriptions will be reviewed and rewritten as the first order of business in the fall. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business: Ellen reported that 53 people have signed up for bowling. A movie night is being offered on June 11th at Arnold Field. A back up plan is being developed in case of rain. The Nichols Center is being approached regarding rental of the facility for possible monthly dances for November and December.

Jennifer suggested that we consider having a SOAD who did not live in the same household in case of emergencies. Marcia suggested that the board should have documentation of past SO events, forms submitted to Regional Office, results of events, etc.

Beverly motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully,

Marcia Morgan

Recording Secretary