



## Annual General Meeting

November 1, 2022

Florence Simmons Performance Hall, Holland College

7:30pm

### Attendees

- Chaired by:** Jamie Arsenault, SOPEI President
- Directors Present:** Craig Watson, Jamie Arsenault, Donna Campbell, Robert Horne, Heidi Mallett, Clifford Lee, Laurie McNally, Kevin Stonefield, Cecil Villard
- Guests:** SOPEI Members, Award Nominees and families, Provincial Partners, Government Officials,
- SOPEI Staff:** Matthew McNally, Sarah Profitt, Genna Phelan, Ellen Murphy, Margie Villard
- Recorded by:** Donna Campbell
- Transposed by:** Charity Sheehan

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment:** Jamie welcomed everyone acknowledging that the land upon which we gather is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. We pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq People, in this modern district of Epekwitk, who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship". The Treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for an ongoing relationship between nations. Today we honour that Treaty relationship. We are all Treaty People.

Jamie introduced the members of the Board of Directors that were present; Craig Watson, Jamie Arsenault, Donna Campbell, Robert Horne, Heidi Mallett, Clifford Lee, Laurie McNally, Kevin Stonefield, Cecil Villard

### **2. Call to Order**

- Jamie welcomed everyone, including honored guests and called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

### **3. Approval of Agenda for November 1, 2022, AGM**

- Presented as circulated.

*Motion to approve agenda by: Laurie McNally*

*Second by: Robert Horne*

*Motion carried.*

### **4. Reading of the Mission Statement and Athlete's Oath**

- Jamie read the Mission Statement and Heidi read the Athlete's Oath.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2021 AGM Minutes**

- Presented as circulated.

*Motion to approve minutes by: Craig Watson*

*Second by: Donna Campbell*

*Motion carried.*

### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **7. Presidents Report**

- Jamie presented the President's Report as displayed on screen.

*Motion to approve the President's Report by: Cecil Villard*

*Second by: Kevin Stonefield*

*Motion carried.*

### **8. Athlete Representative Report**

- Heidi presented her report as displayed on screen.
- This is her final report as the PEI CALC representative and welcomed Ellen MacNearney to the role.
- Heidi presented her report as circulated highlighting the many great things happening in Athlete Leadership this past year.

### **9. Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer, Robert Horne presented the 2021-2022 Financial Statements ending July 31, 2022, and explained it is his 7<sup>th</sup> year doing so.
- He recommended the appointment of Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as Auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- As a group we viewed the Auditors Report, the Financial Statements, and the organization's financial position. We are a very healthy organization in a good financial position.
- Robert read the Treasurer's 2021-22 report as presented.

*Motion to approve Treasure's Report and Financial Statements as presented by: Kevin Stonefield*

*Second by: Laurie McNally  
Motion carried.*

*Motion to approve Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as Auditors for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year: Cecil Villard.*

*Second by: Laurie McNally.  
Motion carried.*

## **10. Election of Officers and Directors for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year**

- Nomination report was presented as circulated by Craig Watson. It was acknowledged that Laurie McNally, Cecil Villard, Donna Campbell, and Kevin Stonefield were all completing their terms. Craig thanked each of them for their contributions to the Board and looked forward to keeping each of them engaged in other activities in SOPEI.

Past-President:	Jamie Arsenault	President:	Craig Watson
Vice-President:	Robert Horne	Secretary:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Robert Horne	Athlete Rep:	Ellen MacNearney
Directors at Large:	Clifford Lee	Melanie McKenna	
	Heidi Mallet	Rebecca Gill	
	Lynda Hontscharowicz	Jackie Charchuck	

*Motion to approve the election of Officers and Directors for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year by: Laurie McNally*

*Second by: Clifford Lee  
Motion carried.*

## **11. New Business**

- **Approval of Updated Constitution and Bylaws** – presented as circulated.

*Motion to approve the election of Officers and Directors for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year by: Donna Campbell*

*Second by: Laurie McNally  
Motion carried.*

- ## **12. Year in Review Video** – video was played for the audience. Special thank you to Genne for putting it together.

## **13. Date for the 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting**

- October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **14. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Donna Campbell*

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Donna Campbell, SOPEI Secretary*

## **Special Olympics PEI 2022 AGM Nomination Report**

Good evening special guests, athletes, volunteers, and supporters.

My name is Craig Watson, and I am the current Vice-President of the SOPEI Board. Tonight, I will present our slate of directors and officers for the 2022-2023 year.

To begin, I would like to start by thanking our retiring board members. This group of individuals have given so much to the Special Olympics PEI Board, and we are grateful that they chose us to give their volunteer time to.

I have a short citation to read about each of these amazing individuals and then at the end I would ask Jamie to help me in presenting them with a small token of our appreciation.

Since 2015, Laurie McNally has been the parent representative on the board. She has provided a progressive view during many Board discussions coupled with her experience as both a SO Mom and a career in health have added tremendous value to the Board. Thank you, Laurie!

Kevin Stonefield joined the SOPEI Board in 2010. With a background in education and a passion for inclusion, Kevin has ensured that the Board decisioning making as been equal parts sound and practical. Thank you, Kevin!

In 2004, Donna Campbell was recruited to the SOPEI Board as the West Prince rep under a Community Council structure. While the structure turned out not to be the right fit for SOPEI, Donna sure was. Her commitment to ensuring equity for our athletes combined with a strong foundation of physical activity have enabled SOPEI to grow in many areas. Thank you, Donna!

While his latest term has been 2010 onward, Cecil Villard has been part of the Special Olympics family since he brought the movement to PEI in the late 1970's. His gift for process and professionalism have ensured a strong foundation for the movement and will be felt for years to come. Thank you, Cecil!

Please join me in welcoming to the stage Laurie, Kevin, Donna, and Cecil! (Initiate applause)  
With four members of our board completing their terms, we have the following positions open up for election at this time.

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors at Large

All other positions are not up for election or renewal at this time.

The positions of President, Vice-President and Athlete Rep have been filled as part of our Board pathway.

It is my pleasure to present the slate of directors and officers for the 2022-2023 year:

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President:	Craig Watson
Vice-President:	Robert Horne
Secretary:	Vacant

Treasurer: Robert Horne  
Athlete Rep: Ellen MacNearney  
Directors at Large: Clifford Lee                      Melanie McKenna  
                                 Heidi Mallet                      Rebecca Gill  
                                 Lynda Hontscharowicz                      Jackie Charchuck

Can I please have a motion to approve the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2022-2023 year?