



SOPEI Board AGM Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30pm,
In person and Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Chaired by: Craig Watson, President

Present: Charity Sheehan, Matthew McNally, Robert Horne, Clifford Lee, Rebecca Gill, Lynda Hontscharowicz, Jackie Charchuk, Kristin Noonan, Jamie Arsenault, Heidi Mallet

Special Guests: Team PEI Speed Skating team; Athletes Logan Robbins and Jordan Koughan, coach Larry Robbins, parent Charlie Koughan

Regrets: Melanie McKenna, Ellen MacNearney

Recorded & Transposed by: Rebecca Gill

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Craig welcomed everyone to our SOPEI AGM and read the Treaty Acknowledgement.

- 2. Team PEI Panel Presentation - Experiential Sharing -** Jordan and Logan shared their favorite memories and challenges from their time in Thunder Bay in 2020. Fathers Larry and Charlie shared their memories of being involved with SOPEI as coaches and parents of athletes. Partnered with Synergy Fitness to ensure athletes had access to proper training. Jordan and Charlie shared what it was like to connect through Team Canada who is tracking his nutrition and working with dietician Nancy Fong. Atlantic Championships hosted in Rustico PE on November 10, 2023, all welcome to attend!

3. Call to Order

Craig called the meeting to order.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by: Robert Horne

Second by: Lynda Hontscharowicz

Motion carried.

5. Review of Mission Statement and Athlete's Oath

Craig read the mission statement and Heidi read the Athlete's Oath for all present.

6. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve the 2022 AGM Minutes by: Clifford Lee

Second by: Lynda Hontscharowicz

Motion carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None to report

8. President's Report

Craig shared the written report and provided the group with a few minutes to review.

Motion to approve the President's Report as presented by: Clifford Lee

Seconded: Rebecca Gill

Motion Carried.

9. Athlete Representative Report

Heidi Mallet presented on behalf of Ellen and share the highlights from the past year.

10. Treasurers' Report

- a) Clifford Lee reviewed the report as presented. He highlighted revenues and expenses where changes were present.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by: Linda Hontscharowicz

Second by: Robert Horne

Motion approved.

- b) Appointment of Auditors for 2023-24 Fiscal Year

Robert shared the highlights from the audit statements and statements of operations.

Motion to approve Arsenault Best Cameron Ellis as auditors for 2024-25 fiscal year by:

Robert Horne

Second by: Clifford Lee

Motion approved.

11. Election of Officers and Directors

Robert Horne, VP of SOPEI presented slate of directors and new members.

Robert thanked retiring board member Heidi Mallet who has been on the board since 2018. She will stay on until December 2023.

*Motion to approve the nomination report as presented by Rebecca Gill.
Seconded by Clifford Lee.
Motion carried.*

12. New Business

None arising.

13. Date for next AGM

Tuesday October 14, 2024, 6:30pm in person and Zoom option. More details to come later.

14. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by: Lynda Hontscharowicz.

Respectfully submitted: Rebecca Gill

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2023 AGM Nomination Report

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

My name is Robert Horne, and I am the current Vice-President of the SOPEI Board. Tonight, I will present our slate of directors and officers for the 2023-2024 year.

To begin, I would like to start by thanking our retiring board member. Heidi Mallett has been with the SOPEI Board since 2018. She served as the Athlete Representative until 2022 and was an active member of the Canadian Athlete Leadership Council until that time. During her time with our Board, Heidi took on many roles including a leadership role in our Athlete Leadership Academy, Athlete Leadership Training, member of the North American Leadership Council and Chair of the Global Athlete Leadership Council. We are fortunate that she will continue in an ex-officio role until the end of December 2023 on our Board of Directors. We are confident that whatever is next for Heidi, she will excel and make waves just as she has with SOPEI and within North America.

SOPEI was fortunate to have unsolicited interest in our Board of Directors this year. As such, our Nomination Committee met to review the list of interested candidates who filled out a short survey about how they could play an impactful role on our Board.

We have the following positions open and up for election at this time.

- 2 - Directors at Large

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

It is my pleasure to present the slate of directors and officers for the 2023-2024 year:

Past-President:	Jamie Arsenault	
President:	Craig Watson	
Vice-President:	Robert Horne	
Secretary:	Rebecca Gill	
Treasurer:	Clifford Lee	
Athlete Rep:	Ellen MacNearney	
Directors at Large:	Melanie McKenna	Lynda Hontscharowicz
	Jackie Charchuk	Marsha Cusack
	Jason MacLean	
Non-Voting Member:	Kristin Noonan	
Ex-officio until 12/23:	Heid Mallett	

Can I please have a motion to approve the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2023-2024 year?