

**Special Olympics Wisconsin
Athlete Input Council
Conference Call Monday, June 21, 2010
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Minutes**

Present: Ashley Kobel, Mila Holcombe, Peter Chumas (had to leave early), Martha Hill, DJ Kopp, Arnett Williams, Jake Casper, Tom Pezzi and Jeanne Hrovat

Absent: Adam Domino (Cheryl attended), Carolyn Voelker, Patrick Lynch, Gordon Hodge and Hannah Grable

Action Required

1. Mila, Jake and Tom agreed to create a report for Bob Whitehead to be presented at the July 31 meeting responding to what the AIC has done to help with athlete fitness. (Arnett and Peter as back-ups)
2. Peter is going to make 20 bracelets to give to the Outdoor Sports Tournament Games Management Team.
3. Arnett and Patrick will write Summer Games thank yous to the GMT members. Jenn O'Brien will send you everything you need.
4. Jeanne will bring more information on the Young Athletes Program (YAP) to the July 31 meeting. All members should watch the YAP video on the web site in preparation for this discussion.

Agenda

1. Welcome and sharing
 - a. Peter shared that he didn't compete at Summer Games for the first time in six years, but his relay team went to state without him and had fun. Peter shared about the r-word at a graduation party and his friend took the pledge along with Chippewa High School and Eau Claire students. Peter is playing tee ball, but no golf coach so they couldn't offer golf this year.
 - b. Mila shared that she participated in a bocce invitational. They didn't win, but still had fun and preparing for Eau Claire. Shared that Janesville held a memorial for a special friend that passed away.
 - c. Jake shared that he attended state track meet, but Opening Ceremony and some competition was cancelled due to rain. Their 4x100m relay team took third.
 - d. Arnett didn't respond, perhaps we lost him from the call.
 - e. DJ shared that he was disappointed that with Opening Ceremonies being cancelled he didn't get to interview AJ Hawk, but he did get his autograph the next day. Also, he got third place in his aquatics competition.
 - f. Cheryl shared that Adam took a third in his individual event and first in relay. This was the first year DC Everest competed in aquatics. Both Adam and Cheryl were featured in r-word video in the Wausau area.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes
 - a. Motion: Peter made motion to approved the minutes. Mila seconded. All those in favor – unanimous.

Old Business

3. Award Banquet Update
 - a. Is the attendance and housing list correct? Peter will call Jeanne with plans, but plans to arrive on Saturday.
 - b. What athletes should expect to help with for the awards banquet. Eat breakfast at hotel and get to Epic around 10 am to set-up tables and chairs/decorate/put up awards backdrops/hang banners/etc. Then serve as hosts for the event (i.e., schmooze, greet people as they arrive, help move people from reception to program area, serve as ushers in the theater, etc). Help clean up (take down tables, chairs, decoration, banners, etc and pack in cars).

- 1) Jake- speaking and since I nominated Gordon would like to introduce him.
 - 2) Adam –speaking and could assist female athlete from Area 2 to the stage
 - 3) Martha – speaking
 - 4) Mila – putting together the dvd of pictures
 - 5) Ashley – giving out awards (handing them to people)
 - 6) DJ – giving out awards (especially Cynthia)
 - 7) Arnett – speaking
 - 8) Peter- speaking - greeting
- c. Bob Whitehead would like to attend our AIC meeting on July 31 to hear update on how the AIC answered the question “how can athletes promote fitness?” - need AIC members to prepare and give report for that meeting. Jake Casper and Mila Holcombe will work with Tom with Arnett and Peter as back-ups.
4. Need AIC member to write thank yous for Summer Games. Be aware that this is our largest event and there are about 50 thank yous to send. – Arnett and Patrick could do it together.
 5. How the AIC can thank Games Management Team members at the games themselves. Example of DJ Kopp and Jeanne buying “good” coffee for GMT members at the Indoor Sports Tournament. What other ideas to people have?
 - a. Jake suggested buying them donuts
 - b. Peter suggested he would make bracelets for the GMT members – male and female –would need to know how many of each gender to make. Could also give out vegetables. (
 - c. Martha suggested giving them a pin –a SOWI pin
 - d. Cheryl suggested AIC members make rice krispy treats with a handmade thank you cards. (Winter Games)
 - e. Tom suggested that we might be able to make a small “star” pin and could get one for each games.
 - f. DJ thought it was important to hand it to them in person.
 6. Empowered for Health Grant – update from Missy Schoenbrodt – Jeanne reported that this is postponed until next year because SOI denied the grant for this year.
 7. Wii Demonstrations – do we want to do this at future state games? Which ones? (Look at IST meeting minutes to decide which would be the best fit).
 - a. Peter suggested we should just do it for one games – IST.
 - b. Discussion followed stating that we could do it at more games than that. If you offered it at SG and IST, you would reach a bigger group of people (because not everyone qualifies for every state games).
 - c. Jake felt that athletes need things to do at Summer Games.
 - d. Ashley felt like we could change it every year. One year, offer at IST, next year offer at SG, etc.
 - e. Peter motioned that we have only offer Wii at IST, Martha seconded. Vote.
 - 1) Jake – yes
 - 2) Arnett – yes
 - 3) Mila – yes
 - 4) DJ – yes
 - 5) Ashley –yes
 - 6) Peter- yes

New Business

8. Idea from Jake Casper – AIC members serving as Young Athlete Program (YAP) mentors. – Jeanne described the Young Athletes Program and Jake shared that he thought AIC members would be good mentors. Martha agreed stating that young athletes would look up to the AIC members as mentors. Peter asked whether it was feasible? Tom clarified that if AIC members say they would be mentors, you are making a commitment to a young child, but you have to make sure you can actually do it. Tabled for July 31 meeting. Jeanne will ask Krysten to come and show YAP video along with list of current sites. If Jake wanted to go out and model this and report back.
9. Idea from Martha Hill – AIC members helping with LETR raffle at Summer Games. Table for next meeting.
10. Ideas for ALPs workshops = do any AIC members want to host a workshop in their hometowns? Table for next meeting.
11. Adjourn – NO MEETING at Outdoor Sports Tournament. Next meeting Saturday, July 31 at 6pm (pizza at 5pm) at the Holiday Inn Express in Verona the night before the awards banquet.

Mila makes motion to adjourn – all in favor. Unanimous.