

**Special Olympics Wisconsin
AMC and AIC meetings
Saturday, July 31, 2010
Minutes**

Present: Adam Domino, Pauline Ho, April Vander Velden, Autumn Vander Velden, Judy Story, Deb Moore-Gruenloh, Lynn Nelson, Jan Davis, Mila Holcombe, Michelle Schmidt, Tom Pezzi, Martha Hill, Jake Casper, Rita Stelpflug, Leanne Richter, DJ Kopp, Gordon Hodge, Ashley Kobel, Carolyn Voelker, Karen Voelker and Jeanne Hrovat (special guest Krysten Kirsch – Director of Youth Initiatives)

Absent: Peter Chumas, Jean Paulson, Hannah Grable, Patrick Lynch and Arnett Williams

Note: Since this meeting was a combination of committees and discussions were free-flowing, the minutes are a brief synopsis of major points.

1. Centralized Accounting – Leanne commented that bringing her Agency in-house was working well, it simply took longer than she thought because they had to wait for a “break” between seasons when they could close the account (because they wouldn’t have financial activity).
2. Accreditation – There were no changes to the Agency minimum standards
3. Awards 2011 – There was a discussion about including getting nominations at the 2010 fall meetings and a possible sites being Lambeau again. (Since that time, SOWI has decided to bring back the fall conference which will again include the awards banquet).
4. Fall meeting topics /thoughts
 - a. Advancement Policy – AMC would welcome 1-3 place being drawn out of a hat.
 - b. Honest Effort – keep as fall meeting topic every few years to keep people honest and bring awareness (not enforce).
 - c. Multi- Agency competition grants – SOWI hoping to have more money available, but restrictions keep some Agencies from using it. Food is the big issue because you can’t use grant funding for food. Concession idea – use concession sales (food/lunch) to raise money to break even on invitational costs. **TO DO: AMC share their invitational budgets and best practices on website.**
 - d. Healthy Athletes – get message beyond Agencies to parents.
 - e. ALPs – Area 8 council is stagnant – create term limits and bring it closer to home (travel issue)
 - f. Family Buttons – Lynn and Jan – ask state vendor to make and sell
 - g. New address labels – make and share at fall meetings
5. Project UNIFY – AMC and AIC combined
 - a. where is PU In the SOWI mission?
 - 1) Young Athletes Program (YAP)
 - 2) Youth Activation Committee (YAC)
 - 3) Youth volunteers at local/area/state level serving all age athletes
 - 4) Youth on existing GMTs, AIC, etc
 - b. Concerns
 - 1) Might limit existing athletes opportunities
 - 2) That change in government administration might mean end to PU grant monies
 - 3) Might loose focus on original SOWI mission
 - 4) Concern for older athletes for whom SOWI is there only choice
 - c. Three Worlds Exercise – all found it valuable and helped explain why PU is necessary in changing school climate.
6. Wii Demonstration reports – Jake and Mila shared their reports. Since Bob Whitehead couldn’t be at the meeting, Jake will meet him for lunch to share results.
7. AIC members serving as Young Athlete Program (YAP) mentors – Discussed what it meant to be a YAP mentor
 - a. AIC member would be an adult Class A volunteer

- b. YAP is 6-8 weeks so you would come once a week for entire session
 - c. We decided that if any AIC member wanted to become a mentor, they would work with Krysten directly/individually.
8. Martha brought up topic of AIC helping with state LETR raffle at Summer Games – points of discussion
- a. AIC can donate raffle items to local LETR
 - b. AIC members may be future LETR Committee members
 - c. Selling raffle tickets at Summer Games may be too challenging since athletes are there to compete.
 - d. Martha was generous in offering this option to the AIC.
9. ALPs workshop discussion
- a. Mila explained how their 7-02 Agency AIC hosted the governance and leadership conference in Janesville last year.
 - b. Suggested that we might want to use ALPs workshops like Global Messenger for the Youth Activation Committee (YAC) members
 - c. Ozaukee is hosting an Athletes-As-Coaches workshop on December 11, 2011
 - d. Spooner Agency 3-31 has a local AIC starting and Tom and Jeanne attending their Oct. 21 meeting.
10. Future agenda item – should we add youth member(s) to our AIC?