

**Special Olympics Wisconsin
Athlete Input Council Conference Call
Monday, February 15, 2010 5:30-7:00 pm**

Minutes

Present: Adam Domino, Carolyn Voelker, Hannah Grable, Ashley Kobel, Martha Hill, Jake Casper, Dalla Kopp, Mila Holcombe, Gordon Hodge, Patrick Lynch, Arnett Williams, Tom Pezzi, Jeanne Hrovat and guest Rebecca Masephol.

Absent: Peter Chumas

Agenda – start 5:30 pm

1. Welcome – Introduction of new members
 - a. Martha covered conference call etiquette – one person talk at a time, say your name before you talk.
 - b. New members introduced themselves – Adam shared that he was from Wausau and participates in bowling, basketball and swimming and manager of a soccer team. He is taking the plunge this Saturday live on TV with the anchorman. Hannah is sick, her mom shared that she will help Rebecca with the R-word on Saturday and also plunging with her dance team. Hannah is in bowling, swimming and helps coach track and basketball skills and athlete of the year in 2007 and active in recruiting athletes for Oshkosh schools. Ashley shared she is from Manitowoc. She is in basketball, volleyball, track and t-ball and coach for basketball skills. She is She is a recent graduate from high school. Jake shared that he participates in bowling, basketball, track, bocce and golf. He is a GM and he helping with the Madison polar plunger. He attends MATC. Dallas shared he is from Platteville and he works at Country Kitchen. He participates in bowling basketball, track and swimming. Arnett shared he does basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball and been involved for 10 years. He would like to learn more about the state AIC.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes – Ashley made motion to approve last meeting minutes Patrick seconded the motion. All approved - unanimous
3. All received their r-word t-shirt and button. Rebecca shared her role and how she is involved with overseeing the R-word campaign. Jeanne explained about the resources and Plunge, Pledge, Play and shared that after everyone reports what they are doing for the r-word campaign we will divide the resources.
 - a. Adam – Agency is going to buy t-shirts for the athletes. His group home will be buying some as well.
 - b. Carolyn – Talking to more than 400 people at different schools – Catholic school in Thorp, Colby Middle School, Colby Elementary school which is 348 (all school assembly). Carolyn's niece who is a second grader will be helping. Also, ordering t-shirts for her family.
 - c. Martha – meeting with Superintendent of Sheboygan school on Tues, Feb. 23, taking him a t-shirt and a button and asking him to make it a district-wide effort. She also spoke to people in her church.
 - d. Ashley – works at a pantry in her community and sharing this with her work and also go to schools in Two Rivers. At least go to middle schools where my sister goes and says it is a problem. Parents ordering more t-shirts for family.
 - e. Jake – would like to go to Oregon community schools and asked Tom for her help.
 - f. Dallas – gave t-shirt order form to his Agency Manager. Rebecca reported that she hadn't heard back from Jessica a high school student who had wanted to get involved.
 - g. Mila – going to Washington elementary to get 5th graders involved. Talking to principal when he is feeling better. Hoping to have a school assembly. Also, using the r-word as a theme for their county fair and 4th of July float.

- h. Gordon – last year went to Union Grove high school because they have a lot of special needs kids. This year, concentrate on middle school and hope they will order t-shirts for their kids. Also have plans at Wed. prayer meeting to talk about March as disability month and remember everyone.
 - i. Arnett – talked with Jodie Theis and they will give high school students a chance to buy t-shirts. Marshall high school is helping, too.
 - j. PJ – will talk with Jodie again
 - k. Jake suggested we do a fund raiser in the name of EKS regarding the R-word. Tom asked him to write down on paper what his ideas are and then give it to Martha. Jeanne clarified that the r-word t-shirts are available to Agencies and they can sell them, but there are a lot of t-shirts sales out there for Agencies. Tom clarified that this is more about spreading the word to as many as possible.
 - l. Martha relayed an experience in a restaurant where people were using the r-word and it was hurtful. She looks forward to a time when people don't use this word anymore.
4. Wii Demonstrations
- a. Martha confirmed attendance according to the table in the agenda. All listed (except Peter) confirmed their role.
 - b. Gordon mentioned that Tracy Lackey has a system and will check with other residents. Potential of two.
 - c. Mila and Jake will bring their Wii's.
 - d. Dallas, Arnett, Adam, Hannah and Ashley will help demonstrate.
 - e. Carolyn can't make it that weekend.
- 5. ALPs trainings in 2009 – Tom commented that it was good for his soul to offer ALPs workshops again. Ashley thought the Athletes-As-Coaches and Global Messenger were awesome. Gordon shared about the Governance workshop in Janesville. Jake, Mila and Dallas were also in attendance at Governance. Gordon would like to see if we can offer an Athletes-As-Coaches in the Union Grove area.
 - 6. Healthy Messengers – Martha reported that she had talked with Melissa Schoenbrodt and we will hear if the grant is approved in May.
 - 7. Tom explained that there will be an evaluation of AIC members on how we're working as individuals and as a team at our face-to-face meeting in April.
 - 8. Carolyn mentioned that she had not received her prize from the fitness challenge. Mila said she went to Best Buy and got a gift card for Carolyn and she will mail it.
 - 9. Adjourn – next meeting Friday, April 9, UW-Oshkosh Library Room, Gruenhagen Hall 5:30 – 9:30pm including Wii demonstrations. Everyone should RSVP to me by March 22 with their IST plans.