**Athlete Input Council**

**July 15, 2019 – Conference Call MINUTES**

**6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Present**: Missy Baldwin, Cole Cleworth, Danny Cox, Edward Kastern, Zachary Reetz, Lora Behr, Lucas Smith, Jonathon Baker, Eresi Yarnery, Marquis Garner, Tom Pezzi, Deb Moore-Gruenloh and Jeanne Hrovat.

**Absent**: Christiana Coakley, David Thompson, Jake Casper, Steve Woodard and Zechariah Tietz.

1. Welcome and Sharing
2. Cole – Been asked to speak at the Rotary regarding the Polar Plunge
3. Danny – Asked to become an Athlete coach for track next year
4. Edward – Wanting to take the AAC training on September 14 in order to coach bocce next year.
5. Zachary – still feeling good about helping at the SG reunion
6. Lora – Did the LETR for SG – biked the Sheboygan and Kohler portions – last leg Kwik Trip station.
7. Lucas – Raising funds locally through the Run Affair. Waiting for the AAC. Helped in July at the SOWI Madison office for onboarding and intern projects.
8. Jonathon – Helping Jon and Jan Davis with Softball. Team took first place. Jonathon going as a player, but he covers first 15 minutes of practice before Jon and Jan get there.
9. Eresi – Helped Hailey in Region 8 office with thank you notes. Waiting for school to start to help at Grafton (her alma mater) and getting them involved in UCS.
10. Marquis – Interview today with TMJ4 with Tommy Jaime regarding the SOWI Cross Country meet on July 27. Also, took some theater classes at the Pink Umbrella.
11. Summer Games Reunion Follow up
12. What went well?
13. Marquis – I liked the different stations (games, interviews, etc) and how it was set up so leaders moved from station to station and interacted the whole time. He met people he normally wouldn’t interact witt.
14. Missy – liked the dance flash mob
15. Lucas – like the Hawiian theme and how that made it unique and tied to the SG dance. Felt this made people more likely to come.
16. Danny – it went very, very well. Liked the theme and everyone had a good time. I had a very good time and wouldn’t change anything.
17. Edward – well organized, people were interacting, enjoyed helping with registration as people came in.
18. Cole – photo booth was fun. People had a good time.
19. Zachary – favorite part was meeting all the athlete leaders and helping with internet registration.
20. What could we do better?
21. Edward – it was really hot – try and get a cooler place.
22. Zachary – need more people to help at internet table. Recommend that when we have AL workshops, we have athletes go on right then and learn how to report their activity.
23. Jonathon – bigger plate for the food
24. Tom – I talked with a Board member and they said it was one of the best opportunities for a board member to talk to athlete leaders
25. Cole – Make sure that all people stay and help clean up
26. Jonathon – everybody should stay until the end to clean up
27. Edward – why not have one in the fall or another time of year so people could come to either.
28. What do we want for the reunion in the future?
29. Missy – could do it in the winter at bowling or basketball
30. Marquis – asked for clarification on the rank in size of the tournaments. It goes Summer Games, Indoor Sports Tournament, Outdoor Sports Tournament and then Winter Games. Marquis suggested we offer it at one that we haven’t done (IST makes sense) and then switch it every year.
31. Many agree IST would be a good goal for the next one.
32. Danny – bowling would be hard because more than one state competition. Danny also liked the time period for dinner before the dance and after competition. Continue to offer the formal stations and he was proud of the parents of AIC members that helped. We couldn’t have done it without the parents help.
33. Regarding Attendance – continue to offer (limit) the reunion to athletes who have attended recent Athlete Leadership workshop and who continue to report on webpage that they are active leaders.
34. Zachary – Agrees with the format and dinner. Wondering about changing up the planning committee. Regarding attendance, feels the AIC should always be invited.
35. Regarding the orange “card” that you checked off by attending the station and then put it in the drawing for the prize. AIC members like this process and Jeanne shared that Kathleen would like to continue taking the winner to breakfast.
36. Marquis suggested that this concept of socializing with other athlete leaders is so important that we should have some type of end of year/holiday/celebration party for the AIC each year for this same purpose.
37. Team Captain Sportsmanship award for Outdoor Sports Tournament (OST) – Who is available to help? Jeanne will follow up with those interested.
38. Marquis – no – playing bocce
39. Eresi – interested – will talk to her sister
40. Jonathon – no – playing softball
41. Lucas – don’t know
42. Lora – interested – not playing SB or Bocce
43. Zachary – no – not attending
44. Edward – interested - Oshkosh doesn’t send SB or Bocce teams so he is not attending.
45. Danny – no – too far to travel and he will not be attending already
46. Cole – no
47. Missy – no
48. AIC members coming to SOWI Madison office first Monday of each month to help with onboarding new staff and interning to help with Athlete Leadership and other work projects.
49. Monday, August 5. Steve will attend this month. No others needed that day because Jeanne will be out of the office.
50. Monday, September 2 – Labor Day - not sure if this will be rescheduled.
51. Ongoing – AIC members are interested in this so Jeanne will continue to offer opportunity until it stops working.
52. Self- Determination Conference – Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17 at the Kahlahari, Wisconsin Dells. Who is interested in attending Wed night for mixer and/or hosting the exhibit table all day on Thursday?
53. Missy – interested
54. Marquis – interested if had a ride
55. Edward – interested and will check calendar
56. Cole - interested
57. Jeanne noted that she had emailed a survey designed for Agency managers, but it was adapted to give to other groups such as athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, etc. The survey has a lot of large words and not going to be easy for athletes to fill out. Therefore, Jeanne may be asking AIC members to help us get athlete answers to these questions.
58. Jeanne shared the idea of the Polar Plunge Ambassador (PPA) workshop scheduled for October 12, in Neenah. She stated that athletes would be hand selected for this opportunity for both the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) pairs and adult pairs.
59. 7:15pm Adjourn (started 15 minutes late due to technical difficulties)
60. Next meeting – September 9, conference call 6-7 pm – Zachary encouraged us to use utilize the Facebook video chat at least for his use so he can hear. Deb Moore-Gruenloh agree to facilitate this.

Please put the following dates on your calendar for the remainder of the year.

1. September 9, Call
2. November 16, Meeting – Madison office
3. Upcoming workshops
4. Sept 14 – Athletes-As-Coaches – site TBD
5. October 12 – Polar Plunge Ambassador - Neenah
6. November 3 – Athletes as Table Officials Basketball – Neenah
7. December 7 – Global Messenger – Milwaukee OASIS
8. January 25, 2020 (Region 7 only) – UW Whitewater Athlete Leadership Academy