

# OWA EB Meeting Minutes - Draft

## Meeting Details

Date and Time: July 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location: Video conference via Google Meet

## **Attendees**

Board members: Mike Miller, Linda Rosario-Earnshaw, Dave Earle, and Eva Martens

Contractors: Dimitrije Mancic, Alison Manning (minutes)

Regrets: George Vlahos

Mike Miller calls meeting to order 7:02

## **Agenda**

1. Approval of June Minutes  
Motion to approve: Mike Miller  
Second: Linda Rosario-Earnshaw
2. Gender Equity Committee  
Discussion around changing the name to Equity and Inclusion Committee.  
Can't just change the name and ToR so a motion to make the change will be formally presented at a later meeting.
3. AGM Planner  
A document for internal use was created and shared that will allow for easier planning and clarity around key dates for the current and future AGMs.  
Suggested that we pick a date for the next AGM during the upcoming meeting.
4. Quest for Gold  
Funding is in place but have encountered an issue with out-of-province athletes which needs to be resolved. Text in the documentation now being reviewed.
5. Hiring a new Administrator  
There are 5 applicants. The goal is to interview and extend an offer of employment within two weeks (by August 13)
6. Donate Button on the Website  
There is a need to raise \$10,000 for the Ontario Winter games so a suggestion was made to add a 'Donate' button to the website.  
Need to ensure funds are deposited to the correct account.  
Discussion with Interpodia required to determine next steps.

7. Sport Hosting Grant  
An application was submitted with a goal of acquiring a large competition platform. This will assist in proving OWA has the capability to host international events. A response is expected by the end of September or early October.
8. Resilient Communities  
Grants to support organizations who need funding to help recover and adapt to changing needs post-Covid.  
Applications open in late September.  
The initial committee will require Terms of Reference and will be for a term of one year.
9. Ontario Classics  
Registration costs will rise from \$90 to \$125. This is to cover the expanded range of perks and services present at elite competitions that aren't included with other competitions (i.e. physio and massage). Will create a document to explain the price increases to ensure messaging is consistent.
10. 365 Day Membership  
There is a proposal to consider moving from the current membership model where all memberships expire on March 30 to a 365 day model where memberships will be valid for 365 days from date of purchase. This will give a more even flow of membership funds to OWA and remove the issue of people renewing memberships at the end of the year only to discover that their membership had expired shortly after purchase.  
This is still in very early stages of discussion and will not be implemented before the next membership season.
11. Culture of Getting Clubs to Renew  
A large number of clubs are slow to renew their memberships and OWA wants to know why. Need to message the benefits of membership including insurance, legal protection and clean sport awareness.
12. Budget Review  
Growing the membership is the main focus
13. Next meeting - August 27, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15