

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO - AURORA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 18th, 2012, 7:15 pm  
Magna Room, Aurora Public Library**

**Present:** Executive committee members: Heather Brookes, Nancy Black, Lloyd Brown, Dorothy Hall, Janet Mitchell, Nancy Shaw, Rhonda Wood

**Absent with Regrets:** Stefanie Lee

**In Attendance:** Total of 38 in attendance (including members of the Community Council Executive and Community Council Positions). Total attendance up from 2011 (28).

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**– The Annual SOO-Aurora AGM was called to order by Nancy Black at 7:15 pm. Nancy called forward Meredith Allan, SOO-Aurora athlete. Meredith introduced herself. Nancy and Meredith welcomed guests (Rob Fairs, President of the Aurora Men’s Slo-Pitch League; Wendy Emery, Aurora Xmas Craft Sale Coordinator; Taude Plexman, District Developer, SOO Central Region; Karen Richards, General Manger of the 2013 York Region SO Summer Games. Thank yous to Cheryl Duckworth, SOO-Aurora Event Coordinator and Nancy Shaw, SOO-Aurora Public Relations Coordinator for their assistance re AGM planning; SOO-Aurora partners and sponsors (as listed in the pre package previously distributed), and Colin Simpkin, SOO-Aurora Webmaster.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Amendments to Agenda as follows:

- 1) Chief Joliffe (York Regional Police) unable to attend to do presentation
- 2) Addition of SOO-Aurora video from Nancy Shaw following AGM portion of the evening

Modified agenda approved by Sally Haberer, seconded by Andy Brookes.

3. **Minutes of last year’s meeting**– Approved by Sue Deacon, seconded by Casey Jacob.
4. **Business arising out of the minutes** – Nothing noted

**5 Reports** - Nancy noted that as detailed reports were circulated ahead of time, we would not be going over those in details. Questions would be taken, and highlights noted.  
Highlights:

- i. Rhonda Wood assumed the position of Volunteer Coordinator late in the year when the position became vacant
- ii. Focus last year was on offering competitive opportunities for the athletes, and on promoting SOO-Aurora within the community. To that end, a tent was purchased which is being used at events
- iii. Moving forward – we will add another sport next year, and increase our presence in the community through partnership with the York Regional Police
- iv. Success of our fundraisers, and the tie in to our efforts to increase our profile in the community
- v. Special note – golf tournament fundraiser (co-chairs: Cheryl Duckworth, Nicola McGovern, Def Finniear); also recipient of funds from a golf tournament thanks to Andy Brookes

- vi. Introduced each executive member
- vii. Introduced Team Managers, Head Coaches
- viii. Introduced Head Athlete Representative (and Swim team athlete rep), Meredith Allan; noted that 3 SOO-Aurora Ducks swim team members qualified for Provincials (Meredith, Mary, Cindy)
- ix. Welcome Casey Jacob, incoming Special Ducks Head Coach; noted that an extra weekly swim practice has been added for some swimmers
- x. Basketball (Special Dunks) headed by Team Manager Jaclyn Black and Head Coach Wendee Beach; Mary Haberer, Athlete Rep the Dunks attended 2 tournaments last season
- xi. Golf (Special Eagles) headed by Team Manager Katie Vickers, Head Coach Nicola McGovern; Ian McKie, Athlete Rep: Golf is a great sport to play
- xii. Softball (new) (Special Grand Slams) headed by Team Manager/Head Coach Rhonda Wood; Gary Freeman, Athlete Rep: Loves playing and is having fun with the kids
- xiii. Event Coordinator – Cheryl Duckworth. Nancy noted the many events that Cheryl has organized this past fiscal year

**6. Acceptance of 2012/2013 Budget**

- a. Motion by Nancy Black “to accept the 2012/1013 budget as in the package”. Seconded by Heather Brookes. Discussion – no questions/issues. Motion carried.

**7. Election of new officers to the SOO-Aurora Community Council** – Nancy Black noted that there are no elections as no additional nominations were received, so returning members were acclaimed.

**9. New Business – Nancy Black**

- 1. Floor was opened to questions. Request for minutes to be posted on the website. Nancy Black – said they can’t be put up this year until they are approved next year.

**10. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Hall. Adjourned at 7:50 pm, followed by Special Presentation (guest speaker Karen Richards), booth visits, and breakout sessions (*Coaching Athletes with Down Syndrome* for volunteers, or *How we Select our Next Sport* for families/athletes)

*Minutes submitted by Janet Mitchell*