



Edmonton Keyano Swim Club

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Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday, December 19, 2022

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Via Google Meet

Presiding: Cian O’Kelly

Recorder: Kristi Williams

Attendance: Cian O’Kelly, Shannon Loughran , Jill Edwards , Chris Nelson , Paul Birmingham, Kristi Williams and Sara Pretzlaff

Regrets: Ian Boreyko, Cathy Shepherd-Finlin , Erica Solomon , Ryan Mo

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Cian O’Kelly welcomed the board members. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Agenda

There was no formal agenda circulated for this meeting. The meeting was called in order to discuss the planned “Launchpad” activity and to approve the finalized financial statement. We have a quorum, so we are able to go ahead with the meeting.

3. Discussion of the proposed Launchpad activity

- Cian O’Kelly started off the discussion by outlining his concerns with the proposed activity at the Launchpad Trampoline Park. His concern is with the dangers associated with trampoline parks and possible catastrophic injuries with which he is familiar. In addition, he informed the group that the Pediatrics Society does not support trampoline parks due to safety concerns and the high risk of injury to children.
- There was considerable discussion regarding the risk to Keyano (club risk) with activities which take place outside of group swims; as the Launchpad activity is an optional activity, parents sign a waiver associated with the trampoline park and therefore the risk to our club is low.
- Chris Nelson described the liability insurance which Keyano carries (for team travel activities, for example). He emphasized that while the Launchpad activity had a low “club risk” of liability if an injury occurred (more of the risk would be to Launchpad), it had a high “individual risk” in that the trampoline park is known to be a cause of injuries in children. He agreed that while no activity is without risk, the club does not want to expose athletes to high risk activities. However, the club will still participate in activities

(dinners, movies, and outings for groups doing “team travel”) which could have more “club risk” but are not high “individual risk”.

- Members agreed that they were not opposed to team building activities/outings in general, and all acknowledged that no activity is without risk. It is just this activity in particular (which carried a high individual risk of injury) was deemed too unsafe to the board members, as trampoline parks have been singled out as unsafe by numerous medical associations as they are often the cause of very serious injuries.
- There was further discussion regarding the level of permission the club needs from parents for future activities.
- The Launchpad activity has been rescheduled to a skate and fire at Victoria Park.

4. Approval of Finalized Financial Statements

- Deferred until January meeting

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Before scheduling a meeting, we will check with our president, Ian Boreyko for dates when he is available.

8. Adjournment

- Kristi Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.