



Area P: Quarterly Public Meeting

Special Olympics
Pennsylvania



Agenda:



- Welcome
- Review Zoom Meeting Protocols
- State Updates
- Program Updates
- New Business?
- Questions?



Next Meeting:

July 8th - Milford, location TBD



Zoom Meeting Protocols



- Please **MUTE** your phone or device when you enter the call
 - This will allow for clear communication
 - This will minimize background noise
- This meeting is being recorded and will be posted on website
- There is a chat box at the bottom for you to ask questions
 - The chat box will be monitored throughout the meeting. type in your question
 - Questions will be addressed during the call as they arise or at the end of the meeting





Updates

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State Updates:

Gina Reid



- COVID - 19: Statewide suspension through 5/31
- [Virtual Beaver Stadium Run](#)
- [Commit to Fit](#)
- [School of Strength](#): WWE + SO Athletes
- 50th Anniversary - continue to promote



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Program Updates:

Gina Reid



- Focus on Athlete & Family Engagement
 - This is a challenging time for all
 - Stay in Touch
- YMCA Partnerships:
 - Official March 1
 - Membership discount for athletes & families
 - YMCAs temporarily closed due to COVID 19
- Backpacks for Competition Events & State Games
- Computers/Scanner for MT to complete tasks



Program Updates:

Kim Emmet & Megan Pitino



Communication:

- **Area P Website:** www.soareap.org (Kim Emmet)
 - Program Contacts
 - Athlete & Volunteer Registration
 - Program Information: Minutes, Newsletters, Events
 - Sport Information
 - *THANK YOU Mike Ford!!*
- **Facebook:** (Megan Pitino)
 - Special Olympics Pennsylvania - Area P
 - Photos, events, fundraisers, program updates
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Special-Olympics-Pennsylvania-Area-P-106158137717756/>
 - Spread the word....share the page.

Treasurer Report:

Mike O'Hara



- **Current Operating Balance:** \$4107.60
- **CDs/Savings:** \$108,450
- **Revenue YTD 2020:** \$1241
- **Expenses YTD 2020:** \$7259

Expenses: Training, Competition, Storage Rental, Meals, Fuel

Revenue: Donations, Grants, Fundraisers

Working to align revenue/expenses with Area P budget.



Fundraising Updates:

Megan Pitino



- **Swim-a-thon:** to Raise Money for Swim Team (Postponed)
- **Open Mic Night:** Scheduled for 4/19/20 (Postponed)
- **Vacation Bingo...**not happening this year
- **Ticket Raffle:** Approved to Sell at Dunmore's Night Out
- **Exploring New Fundraiser Possibilities...**
 - Lottery Calendar
 - Letter Writing Campaign
 - Grants

Lots of other ideas...we just need Corona to go away!



Competition Updates:

Sue Ann Jacobs

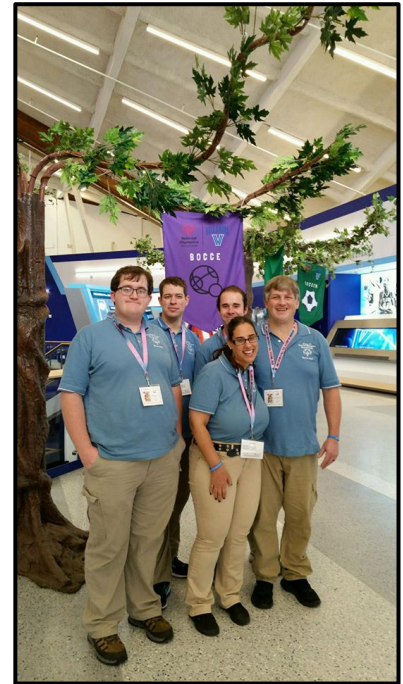


Winter/Spring/Summer:

- Indoor Winter Games - Cancelled
- School Based Track & Field Events - Cancelled
 - Tunkhannock
 - Delaware Valley
- Spring Sectional - Cancelled
- Summer Games - TBD

Fall:

- Fall Coach Trg: July Program Meeting - Milford
- Fall Sectional: DeSales - October 4th
- Fall Fest: Villanova - November 4-6



Athlete/Volunteer Update:

Shannon Guinard, Kim Emmet



- **New Athletes:** Working on updating medicals and identifying accurate program numbers.
- **New Volunteers:** Following up on registrations and ensuring they are getting through registration to connect them to volunteer roles

Athletes and Volunteers can now access registration forms on the Area P website....



Outreach Update:

Roseann Polishan/Rachel Morganstern



- **Outreach Opportunities:** Working to identify opportunities to promote our program and recruit athletes & volunteers
- **Updating & Creating Flyers**
- **Newsletter**

Area P Fact Sheet 
(Serving Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties)

Let me win. But, if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

Mission – Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round athletic training and competition in 23 Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities and provides them with continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness skills, express courage, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Athletes – Nearly 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities or closely related developmental disabilities participate in over 260 local, sectional and state events. Athletes range in age from 8 to 80 and are of all ability levels. **Participation is FREE!**

Volunteers – More than 30,000 volunteers provided the manpower for Special Olympics Pennsylvania last year. Volunteers of all ages serve as coaches, escorts, organizers, fund-raisers, entertainers, or sports officials. Volunteers are always needed!

Competitions – Special Olympics Pennsylvania competitions are offered year-round in 54 local programs across Pennsylvania. Special Olympics Pennsylvania conducts four statewide competitions – Fall Festival, Summer Games, Winter Games, and Indoor Winter Games.

Current Sports – Special Olympics Pennsylvania offers training and competition in the following events:

SPRING/SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Athletics (Track & Field)	Baseball	Alpine Skiing
Basketball	Flag Football	Bowling
Equestrian	Long Distance Running/Walking	Cross Country Skiing
Golf	Powerlifting*	Speed Skating
Gymnastics	Roller Skating	Figure Skating
Softball	Soccer	Floor Hockey
Swimming (Aquatics)	Volleyball	Snow Boarding
Tennis		Snow Shoeing

RED highlighted sports above are CURRENTLY offered in Area P. We hope to start Powerlifting Fall 2020. If there is a sport you are interested in coaching that is not highlighted, please reach out to aresptrainings@gmail.com. We are working to add new sports; we just need volunteers like YOU!

Benefits – A 1995 study by Yale University confirmed that Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social and psychological development of people with intellectual disabilities. Through successful experiences in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image that carries over into the classroom, the home, the job, and the community.

Funding – Special Olympics Pennsylvania is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that raises the funds through the generosity of individuals, companies, and foundations.

CONTACT US: Special Olympics Pennsylvania – Area P
(Serving Wayne, Lackawanna, Pike, Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties)

Email - To Register an Athlete: arespmaterials@gmail.com
Email - To Volunteer: areapvolunteers@gmail.com
Email - General Program Information: arespmessenger@gmail.com

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Training Updates:

Jean Sandberg



- **Certified Coach Requirements:**

- All teams must have 1 certified coach
- Non-team sports must have 1 certified coach in that sport for every 25 athletes

- **Current Medicals Required to Train:**

- Coaches are submit rosters to Training Coordinator prior to start of season
- Identifying who is missing current medical or has one that is expiring
- Athletes CAN NOT participate without an active medical.

Are you interested in getting certified in a sport?

- Contact Area P Training Coordinator: Jean Sandberg
- areaptraining@gmail.com



Unified Champion Schools



- **Staff Liaison: Pete Shivock**
 - Joined Area P Management Team
 - pshivock@specialolympicspa.org
- **Number of Schools served: 8**
 - **Wayne:** Honesdale, Western Wayne
 - **Lackawanna:** Abington Hts, North Pocono, Carbondale, Valley View, West Scranton
 - **Pike:** Wallenpaupack
- **Competition in Bocce & Track & Field**
- **Carbondale HS was Regional Bocce Champion**
- **Goal: Better transition between UCS and Community Programs**



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QUESTIONS??



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