

## **Minutes for Special Olympics Maryland-St. Mary's County Athlete Input Council (AIC)**

**Date:** June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10am-11am

**Present:** Bailey Mewhinney (SOMD AIC Rep), Adam Hays (SOMD AIC Chairperson), Shelby Beall, Jeffery Hagen Jr., Kegan Zimmerman, Jim Downs, Michael van Noordt.

**Scribe:** Jason Schriml (SOMD Staff)

The AIC was divided into three parts...What do you like about SOMD-St. Mary's County? What do you not like about SOMD-St. Mary's County?, and How can SOMD- St. Mary's County improve to serve you better?

### **What do you like about SOMD-St. Mary's County?**

- I like to make friends (x3)
- like where I practice
- like to move and staying healthy
- doing the fundraising

SUBQUESTION: Who is your favorite coach?

-Jason Zimmerman, Jim Russell, Don Bewick, Scott Mewhinney.

### **What do you not like about SOMD- St. Mary's County?**

- don't like doing a lot of standing
- no regrets. Nothing I dislike.
- getting suspended last year
- not being allowed to coach
- don't feel wanted
- Coach Annette Hartz tearing me down and being mean to me.

### **How can SOMD- St. Mary's County improve to serve you better?**

- help get some state competitions closer to SM county x2.
- more special events closer to SM county.
- I like it the way it is.
- more fundraisers X2.
- more 5K's.
- more advertising.
- if someone does something wrong don't punish the athlete. I feel like I am grounded.

### **ADDED QUESTION AS TIME ALLOWED**

#### **What are your dreams/hopes for St. Mary's County?**

- better competition.
- bowling comes back X2.
- more swimming.
- like to see more pictures of athletes
- more coaches and athletes
- look at new sports
- more and more athletes have an opportunity to train in different sports