



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2015 ELTON COLLEGIATE, FORREST, MB
TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: 26 (list attached)

1.0 Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:00. Registration, coffee and muffins preceded the Call to Order.

Housekeeping: Curves has donated 4 - 10 Workout punch cards.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda:

The following changes and additions were made to the Agenda:

5.3 - Remove Sarasota resolution

Addition: 8.4 - Sarasota Scrapbook / Photo Book

Motion: That the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved by: Gloria P. Seconded by: Mary P. Motion: Carried

3.0 Manager's Report: Kathy Cameron

2014 was a great year for our team. Our outreach included attending the opening of Murray House, the Southview Market, Link to Pink, the CIBC Run for the Cure, as well as walking beside the boat in the Wawanesa parade! Although we miss the opportunity to showcase the team at Healthy Women, Healthy Choices, we have discovered the Wellness Day in January may be an alternate outlet for exposure for us. Kathleen had ordered work on a memorial paddle which we will have to display at festivals and events. New pins were ordered by Mary. We own beautiful new team clothing, thank to Evelyn. Both pins and clothing were ready in time for the International Festival in Sarasota. Pam created a Face book page under "Waves Hope". I think it is great for our team to utilize current avenues of social media. The team will be participating celebrating Vancouver's Abreast in a Boat's 20th Anniversary. they were the first breast cancer team established by Dr. Don McKenzie; we will add our team photo to those around the world.

We carried on with many of our annual events such as Chuck-a-Puck, Hot Dog sales, selling Dragon Wing begonias, Fashion Show and the Christmas Party.

We owe thanks to Annette for organizing our local festivals and encouraging us to "think big" with the International trip. Annette and Evelyn worked hard at their own fitness and promote physical activity for the team at practice and beyond.

Betty Stewart is an awesome secretary and knows the team inside and out. My thanks go to her even when she is out of the country, she is only an email away with assistance. Michelle, as treasurer, kept our finances on the straight and narrow, many thanks.

This is a terrific team of women! I was honored to be your manager for the past year. Let's have another great one!

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of AGM April 26, 2014

Motion: That the Minutes of last years' AGM be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Joyce J.

Seconded by: Doreen L.

Motion: Carried

5.0 Treasurer's Report:

5.1 Michelle stated: 2014 was a very busy year for our team and we had a lot of expenses. Our net loss for the year was \$34,605.00 and there are audited financial statements available for anyone who would like to review them. We budgeted for a loss last year because we fundraised in the previous two years, but all our expenses came in 2014. We knew this and planned for it. Our biggest expense was the Sarasota festival last year. I think everyone would agree that it was worth all the hard work fundraising.

We are still fortunate enough to have a fairly healthy bank balance and have budgeted for a small profit from this years' fundraising activities.

I have completed all the GST returns up to the end of 2014, and will show the new treasurer everything she needs to complete the financial statements, budgets and GST returns. I have enjoyed my time on the board but will enjoy just being a team member for a little while.

Michelle circulated the Year End Report as prepared by MNP (Myers, Norris & Penny) in Neepawa for 2014 as a statement of financial position of Waves of Hope Inc. which indicated: Our revenue for 2014 was: \$28,004.00 and our expenses were: 63,609.00 leaving an excess of revenue over expenses of: 35,605.00. Our biggest expense was Sarasota.

Our March , 2015 bank statements were:

Chequing: 13,117.49

Savings: 19,021.29

Pink tractor: 11,256.11

The GST rebate for 2014 is 1500.00 and the cheque should be coming soon.

The financial statements are a Notice to Readers and not a full audit which would cost considerable more.

Motion: That the Year End Report be accepted as circulated.

Moved by: Michelle

Seconded by: Bev R.

Motion: Carried

5.2 Appointment of the Auditors for 2015:

Motion: That Myers, Norris & Penny (MNP) of Neepawa be appointed as auditors for the year 2015.

Moved by: Evelyn

Seconded by: Susan

Motion: Carried

5.3 Approval of the Budget for 2015

Michelle presented the proposed budget for 2015. The possible purchase of a COX Box (plus wiring to allow for instructions to be easier heard by members throughout the boat) was discussed along with speakers and also as there no new paddles for anyone new joining the team we should increase Boat & Equipment to 1500.00. The team felt that we should move 500.00 from other spots as Outreach should be increased by that amount. Festivals should also be increased to 2850.00. There is also the Team Accident insurance that should be included.

Motion: That the budget be approved with the changes included.

Moved by: Michelle Seconded by: Althia Motion: Carried

5.4 Membership fees for 2015

Motion: That the membership fees for 2016 remain at \$50.00.

Moved by: Sandy Seconded by: Gloria P. Motion: Carried

5.5 Travel Reimbursement:

Motion: That the travel reimbursement for board travel and boat hauling remain the same which is: Mileage: .40 for meetings and .80 for boat hauling.

Moved by: Doreen L. Seconded by: Marg Motion: Carried

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Team Captain / Festival Report: Annette Beatty

Dry land training started March 4th/14 at the Sportsplex. Training included half hour of exercises, half hour aqua exercises and half hour paddling at side of the pool. During nice weather we walked the track outside. Late May we were out in Kindred Spirit on Lake Minnedosa practicing.

Festival at Lake Shirley - June 6/7 : We had a small crew on Friday and used 2 subs from Chemo Savvy. Sprints on Friday night (1.12.10) and Sat. regular racing times were: 3.07.01 and 2.59.29. Supper on Friday night at Tony Romas - good food and good times. There were 8 boats in flower flotilla and long paddle arch at the end. Good festival run by MPA and chance to show our neon pink hoodies. Thank you to Bev for being festival manager, efficient tent set-up and for getting beautiful roses.

Canadian Cancer Society September Challenge Mini Dragon Boat Festival at Manitoba Canoe and Kayak Club in Winnipeg. Sept. 5/6 - 10 paddlers and 200 m. sprint on Friday (1.05.87) and on Sat. were Pursuit races (2.38.05 and 2.41.57). A new experience.

FMG Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival at the Forks: Sept 13/14. Race times were: Sat. 2.05.51; 2.13.36 and Sunday 2.12.

Sarasota: Wrap-up meeting: Oct. 4, 2014 at Minnedosa with boat cleaning.

IBCP Dragon Boat Festival in Sarasota, Florida, USA : Oct. 24 - 26.

Evelyn and Annette attended 4 day Pan Am Dragon Boat Camp under direction of Pat Bradley coach of Canadian National Dragon Boat Team and his wife Liz along with Pittsburgh's Pink Steel coach Lynne FranksMeinert. We learned new paddling technique, new drills, how to critique individual techniques, race planning, team building and steering. Most of the team arrived on Oct. 22nd, registration packages and paddles handed out.

Oct. 23rd was free time and practice at 8:00 am on Oct. 24th. Workshops were attended and Congress Meeting attended by: Betty Berg and Darlene Y. No change in paddler definition. Opening ceremonies with Dr. Susan Love and 3500 people in pink. Dancing on the beach followed appetizers and dragon boats filled with ice and canned cheer and amazing fireworks. 101 Teams from 7 different countries.

Oct. 25 - races: 3.08.99 and 3.03.17. 8 boats racing down the lake in each race. Good races followed by Parade of Nations and Block Party at Lakewood Ranch - long wait for the parade.

Oct. 26 - amazing first race - 2.4.64 and we placed first in this heat, everyone excited - adrenalin rush! Picture taken on the bridge - supporter race cheered Joyce McTaggart.

Second race - 2.59.71. We gave it our best. Sandy Smith Global Race with two reps: Betty Stewart (oldest paddler on team) and Diane Harrington (oldest survivor) - very moving moment: 16 boats on the water, doves above and The River Song playing. Our composites: Bev paddled with Dam Busters from Australia and Gloria H. and Lynda with Australia Team Spirit.

Annette followed this report with tidbits from our Sarasota time.

6.2 Boat and Equipment: Gaileen Kingdon

Spring 2014 was very wet and cold leaving us wondering when we could ever get on the water. Due to those weather conditions maintenance had to be minimal. The trailer wheel bearings were greased and tire pressure were checked.

Kindred Spirit's spring launching was May 21 and she was taken off the water and thoroughly cleaned following the final season's paddle on Sept. 27th in preparation for the upcoming International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festival in October, 2014 in Sarasota, Florida. The team in July began practicing twice a week using Saturday morning, excluding long weekend Saturdays. Kindred Spirit's social calendar was:

Stream 'n' Woods' Water Day, June 1st

Wawanesa Parade, July 5th

Waves of Hope Family Night, August 6th

U.C.T. Social Night, August 20th

All pink life jackets were distributed to members and yellow life jackets were used as extras.

There are no new surplus paddles, the last one being used for the Memorial Paddle project which has been completed. One of the most recent paddles purchased has a cracked blade and an inquiry is being made as to any rebate or restitution. Several old paddles have been returned to the team from retiring members and these will be used for pool paddling or for new members until a new order can be made.

A big thank you to Dave Dmytriw for being such a faithful spotter for us and also to Wally Clegg for pinch-hitting for being boat transport for us when we were away.

In addition to her report Gaileen announced that her and Ron would be "bowing out at the end of the paddling season in 2016" as she would be turning 75. As this would necessitate a change in boat haulage and storing this was discussed. Annette has contacted Janice Maguire re: MPA storage unit at Lake Minnedosa and Bev R. will look into the possibility of the boat storage on her son's property. We appreciate the advance notice.

6.3 Fund Raising: Dianne Michaluk

All organizations require money to operate to their full potential and have a good outcome. We in Waves do exactly that. The Pink Tractor profits gave us the securities needed to function as a viable team. Now, we will require more money to attend out of town races, registration and repairs to all our equipment. I welcome all new ideas, old ideas with a new slant, or any thought you may have to help raise the coffers so we can remain accountable.

Althia brought for the Bud and Spud night, assisted by Houston's in Brandon. We are looking at this idea for the fall, around mid October. Recently completed was the

Chuck-a-Puck at the Wheat Kings game. Thank you to Jody and her crew for bringing in \$460.00 and fun for the community! The begonia sales are ongoing. This year we are paying \$19.00 per basket at Patmore's Nursery. I urge all of you to do your best and sell, sell. Last year's profit was: \$2490.00

The largest undertaking is the Fashion Show coming in early May. Thank you Darlene Y. and to Diane H. for making sure all the jobs are taken care of. Thank you to all involved with decorations, modeling and helping behind the scenes. As well for all the raffle gifts. Coming on June 13th, the annual Hot Dog Sale at the Co-Op Store in Brandon. thanks to Susan Klyne for organizing this event.

As, we are grateful to all those who have donated cash up front at all our events. Thank you everyone for all your support! Here's to a great year of fund raising and paddling.

6.4 Social: Joyce McTaggart

Practices started out at the beach in May and all participated in bringing snacks, muffins, veggies and fruit for after practices. A big thank you to everyone who brought the snacks. There were times I could not come and my thanks go to my committee of Susan, Darlene and Gloria who helped me.

We had our Family Day and many members and friends participated in boat rides and a pot luck supper. We had a very good turnout. We did not have Chemo Savvy join us this past year but I am sure the welcome mat will be out for them this year. In August we were treated to a pot luck meal by the UCT. It was delicious.

In October after working hard all summer the team went to Sarasota to compete. For all who went it will be forever in their memories. It truly was an amazing few days and all that hard work paid off with a medal.

Our final social activity was our Christmas Party at Seniors for Seniors with our theme being : Angels Among Us. Our MC was our manager, Kathy, and we had a PowerPoint presentation of Sarasota by Pam. It was great. A few games appeared to be enjoyed by all. Gloria, Susan and Darlene came to my home to prepared items for the Christmas Party. Susan was the angel maker and we are grateful for her skills. Sandy and Jim were our bartenders again. Darlene and Gloria looked after putting envelopes of tickets together and helped me with the brown bag treats. Thank you to all who helped with all the activities this past year.

6.5 Team Spirit: Betty Berg

2014 was a special year for Waves of Hope going to the Sarasota International Dragon Boat Festival in October. I didn't paddle but in my mind I paddled with them to support and encourage and enjoyed the emotional and great time we had. We welcomed one new member in 2014 - Carmen McPhee.

Numerous cards and gift certificates were sent and phone calls made to members and alumni who were going through some bad times. Betty and Edna would encourage all members who know of someone that needs a visit or phone call, please email me or Edna or phone us.

6.6 Communications: Pam Harrigan

The email forwarding really slowed down after we attended the IBCPC festival Sarasota. It has started to pick up again with the upcoming Fashion Show and the Dragon Wing Begonia Fundraiser.

I update the Face book page at least weekly and try to make sure that the Look Good, Feel Better program is updated monthly. I have been trying to share relevant information coming from Dr. Susan Love and from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

6.7 Team Attire: Evelyn Clegg

Everyone received new attire that was ordered for Sarasota. The attire was ordered from Summitt through Gail Brown who provided excellent suggestions and service. Additional orders were placed for items that members asked for as well. With a few members retiring extra attire will be available for new members. Older clothing when returned will be available for members.

6.8 Public Relations: Diane Harrington

Waves of Hope received good coverage and promotion in newspapers and from members attending various events in 2014. A thank you note was taken to Cat Walk on their store closure for all the years they participated in our Fashion Show. We participated at Chuck-a-Puck under direction of Jody and noted in the Brandon Sun. Minnedosa Tribune mentioned Waves and possibility of a Water event in the future as well as donating a two block as in the paper for the Fashion Show.

Various papers, radio stations and Access 12 were contacted regarding the 2014 Fashion Show. Some coverage and photos did appear in the Brandon Sun. Betty Stewart who was nominated by the team won the award for Power to Inspire, Healthy Brandon and was photographed at Lake Minnedosa for the Brandon Sun.

Team members attended the Grand Opening of Murray House in Brandon.

Tentative dates were set with Shoppers Mall in Brandon for April 16 -30, 2015 to set up our Display Board under the direction of Sheila Taylor. Display board was set up in June, 2014 at Treasures/Collectibles Market in Brandon. A donation of \$100.00 was received and bookmarks and info was handed out. Members participated in the Wawanesa 125th Celebrations Parade walking along side of Kindred Spirit. Later that day Gaileen Annette, Dianne M. and Diane H. attended the first Relay for Life evening in Minnedosa. Mary P. got sample drawings of new pins to be made for Sarasota and they were purchased and bagged ready for Sarasota and promotion of the team.

Aug. 6th had Wally C. taking Kindred Spirit to Minnedosa Care Home so residents could see the boat. Aug. 20th - UCT hosted Waves of hope with food and fun evening. Photos were taken.

Oct.5/14 -Waves participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure in Brandon and raised \$3,818.00, receiving the Women's Team Challenge Award. We volunteered where needed - Registration tent and Survivor's Tent and participated in the Run. The 50/50 draw (Helen) at Sandy Lake and Pampered Chef fund raiser in Basswood helps raise money for the Run.

Oct. 2014- Several local newspapers were sent a press release re: Sarasota Festival. This appeared in Dauphin Herald, Neepawa Banner and Minnedosa Tribune. Neepawa Banner also followed up with Michelle after the Sarasota event. There were other promotional events in Brandon: The Jockey Fashion Show and Hot Dog Sale at Coop.

Motion: That the Committee Reports be accepted as circulated and discussed.

Moved by: Dianne M.

Seconded by: Darlene Y. Motion: Carried

7.0 Nominating Committee: Kathleen Christensen

As Kathleen was not here, Kathy presented the following:

7.1 Positions to be filled:

Past Manager: Kathy Cameron
Manager: Sandy Robinson
Assistant Manager: Gloria Hill
Secretary: Annette Beatty
Treasurer: Althia Sigurdson

Following numerous phone calls the above members have agreed to the positions.

Motion: That the Board as presented be approved.

Moved by: Doreen L. Seconded by: Susan K. Motion: Carried

7.2 Committee Assignments:

The following Committee Chairs and Assistants are:

Team Captain: Annette Beatty
Trainer: Evelyn Clegg
Festivals: Gloria Pazuik and Sandra Drewniak
Boat & Equipment: Gaileen Kingdon (assisted by: Betty Stewart)
Social: Joyce McTaggart (assisted by: Susan Klyne, Darlene Yurchuk, Gloria Hill, Sandy Robinson)
Fund Raising: Dianne Michaluk (assisted by Gail Kartanson)
Fashion Show - Darlene Yurchuk (chairperson), Diane Harrington (stores), Doreen Lipscomb (ticket), Marg Rycroft (hair, make-up), Gloria Hill (prizes), Darlene Vickers (Power Point), Bev Roman (decorating)
Begonias - Dianne Michaluk
Hot Dog Day - Susan Klyne
Chuck-a-Puck - Jody Parsonage
Public Relations: Diane Harrington (assisted by: Mary Pearce and Diane Harrington)
Team Attire: Evelyn Clegg (assisted by: Joyce Johnson)
Team Spirit: Betty Berg (assisted by: Edna Verhelst)
Communications: Pam Harrigan (assisted by Darlene Vickers - Website)
Scrapbooking: Gloria Pazuik and Sandra Drewniak

Motion: That the Committee Assignments be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Gloria P. Seconded by: Evelyn Motion: Carried

8.0 Old Business:

8.1 Action Plan Update for 2015

The Action Plan was presented as reviewed by the Board. Annette made the following announcements regarding the Action Plan:

June 5/6 - River City Festival in Winnipeg on Lake Shirley

A possible roster sheet was circulated re: festivals in Regina (Sept. 4/5); Edmonton (August 14 - 16); FMG (already registered - Sept. 12/13); Calgary (August 22/23).

Chemo Savvy is going to Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA for July 11th and may need paddlers. We are looking at the possibility of a joint Training Camp with Brandon Blaze. Aug. 5 / 15 will be the Family Night and Potluck supper.

8.2 Manual Updates:

Kathleen has put the manual into digital format and they were passed out along with instructions and list of receiving members made.

8.3 Paddling at Festivals:

Motion: That we allow support members to paddle when we are sort paddlers in the boat for festival races that are not designated Breast Cancer Survivor Races in keeping with the rules of the festival.

Moved by: Sandy Seconded by: Althia Motion: Carried

8.4 Sarasota Scrapbook / Photo Book:

Gloria Pazuik presented the Team book re: Sarasota Festival that has been compiled - 22 pages and cost is 24.00 (soft cover).

Orders were taken, an email will be sent to the team who were unable to attend the AGM.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Fashion Show:

The Bra Dress is in the process of being sewn. Gloria Hill encouraged people to bring in silent auction prizes, Althia and Kathy Cameron have cash boxes that can be used. Hair and Make-up done at noon and only one person for make-up for evening starting at 5:00 pm. Betty Stewart will bring the Display Board. Please sell tickets.

9.2 Begonia Sales:

We have ordered 350 plants and bring money up to April 29th.

Announcements:

As we are a Prairie Team we should have a team picture taken in front of an elevator. There is one at Minnedosa and Forrest but we must be in uniform.

Lunch was served by the Forrest United Church ladies at noon.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at: 2:00 pm.

Moved by: Marg Seconded by: Joyce J. Motion: Carried

Manager:

Secretary: