



Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2014 Elton Collegiate, Forrest, MB
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Members Present: 26 (list attached)

1.0 Call to Order: Kathleen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

2.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Mary Seconded by: Sandy Motion: Carried

3.0 Manager's Report:

I am proud to say that I challenged no one on this team and accomplished very little during the 2013-14 year that I was team manager. It was the team itself that through its own hard efforts over the last three years challenged itself and its members that accomplished much towards growing and strengthening together as a team. We challenged ourselves when we set ourselves the goal of our participation in this year's Sarasota International Dragon Boat Festival of Breast Cancer Survivors. We grew our team in numbers and financially in moving towards this goal. We also strengthened our team through tougher and more focused training on and off the water. We came together at a tremendous wonderful and beautiful Fall Retreat where we realistically focused our team goals, objectives and activities in an atmosphere of mutual friendship, respect and laughter that bonded us together as a team. Individually we have our challenges, we have moments of impatience, frustration and doubt, but these are reflections of our own individual challenges, impatience, frustration and doubts and it is in the team that these are being worked through, faced up to and as a team overcome. We have done a lot of reflecting and growing as a team and we know that we are all proud of what we have, are and will accomplish in the coming year as a team.

4.0 Adoption of the Minutes of AGM April 17, 2013

Motion: That the minutes be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Darlene Y Seconded by: Joyce J. Motion: Carried

5.0 Treasurer's Report:

5.1 Year End Report: Michelle circulated the Year End Report as prepared by MNP (Myers, Norris & Penny) in Neepawa for 2013 which indicated an excess of revenue over expenses of \$22,616.00. This was a result of our Pink Tractor fund raiser. 2014 will actually have a negative budget and we will be spending our profit from 2013. Major purchase was new life jackets.

Donations increased last year as well. Total revenue: 71,506.00 while total expenses were: 48,890.00

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

Moved by: Marg Seconded by: Michelle Motion: Carried

The GST rebate for the past year has not been calculated but Michelle will do this later.

Our accounts at the present time are:

Pink Tractor: 24,526.34

Plan 24 (savings): 18,998.54

General: 23,837.90

5.2 Appointment of the Auditors for 2014:

Motion: That Myers, Norris, Penny (MNP) of Neepawa be appointed as auditors for the year 2014

Moved by: Michelle Seconded by: Sandy Motion: Carried

5.3 Approval of the Budget for 2014

The reimbursement to members for Sarasota was discussed. We have budgeted 25,600.00 for this.

Motion: That the team subsidizes each member attending the World's Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festival in Sarasota, Florida in October 2014 the amount of \$800.00 for travel expenses.

Moved by: Susan Seconded by: Evelyn Motion: Carried

As the hotel rooms have been put on Kathleen's credit card, the amount will be paid by the team to Kathleen and then the board will figure out the amount charged to each person attending.

Michelle presented the budget overview for 2014. Although it is a negative budget we do have a cushion of accounts from last year's fund-raising efforts. We have purchased a new computer.

Motion: That the budget for 2014 be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Michelle Seconded by: Marg R. Motion: Carried

5.4 Membership fees for 2015

Motion: That the membership fees for 2015 remain at \$50.00

Moved by: Evelyn C. Seconded by: Kathy C. Motion: Carried

5.5 Travel Reimbursement:

Motion: That the regular travel reimbursement be increased to .40 per km. and travel reimbursement for boat haulage would be .80 per km.

Moved by: Annette B. Seconded by: Doreen L. Motion: Carried

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Team Captain / Festival Report: Annette Beatty

Last year we had 8 practices at the Sportsplex in Brandon with aqua-size and poolside paddling. We had 17 trips on Lake Minnedosa with no weather cancellations. Annette and Evelyn completed the Dragon Boat Canada Certification Level 1 in Winnipeg. We attended 2 festivals in Winnipeg: June 7/8 - CCS River City Festival on Lake Shirley during which Darlene Y. broke her arm while loading the boats. Sept. 14/15 - FMG Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival at The Forks. Our Fall meeting was held at Elkhorn Resort and was a two day retreat. At the Board level it was decided that for the Flower / Rose ceremony at festivals we will carry one white rose in memory of our deceased team members and the rest will be pink. We have 32 members registered for Sarasota, Florida Oct. 24 -26th, 2014.

At this time we are exploring the idea of a memorial paddle with the names of all deceased members on it. Kathleen is looking after this.

6.2 Boat and Equipment: Gaileen Kingdon

At the beginning of 2013 a few housekeeping tasks were done: tie-downs had been replaced on the boat tarp, gunnels of the boat sanded and 2 coats of spar varnish applied, steering oar sanded and varnished. Our season on the lake started on May 22 and final paddle was Sept. 11th. New pink life jackets were purchased (\$4,102.56). We have 37 pink life jackets and at this time we have 2 extra jackets. Donations were received from: Wheat City Lions Club and Keystone Lions Club. Yellow life jackets were collected, 15 were retained and are stored in the storage room while the remainder were offered to members for \$10.00. Five new wooden paddles were purchased. We participated in the Dauphin Ukrainian Festival parade in Aug. Thank you to Dave Dmytriw for volunteering as boat spotter when we are on the lake.

6.3 Fundraising: Dianne Michaluk

The Pink Tractor Raffle profits were carried into 2013. Our Annual Fashion Show was held in May with a profit of 9,624.46. Our begonia sales brought a profit of 1,490.00. We are selling the begonias again this year. The Annual Chuck-a-Puck was held in early March. We are looking for new fund-raising ideas.

6.4 Social: Joyce McTaggart

Snacks were brought by team members to the practices at Lake Minnedosa. Aug. 7th was our Family Fun day which concluded with a Pot-luck supper. Aug. 11th was the day we hosted Chemo Savvy from Winnipeg and had a pot-luck picnic. On Aug. 21 we were treated by the UCT Minnedosa to a Pot-luck. The Retreat in October at Elkhorn Ranch featured laughter and good food. Our Christmas Party was held at Seniors early Dec.

6.5 Team Spirit & Support: Betty Berg

We welcomed 5 new members and 1 support member this past year. 2 members joined our alumni group. Numerous cards, flowers and gift certificates were sent to members. The manual is being put together onto a hard drive by Kathleen and members will have the option of a digital or hard copy.

6.6 Communications: Pam Harrigan

E-mail communication is going well. Darlene V. has been looking after the website. The domain has been transferred to the Waves of Hope. Darlene is willing to help others learn how to manage the website. Arlene had looked after the email messages for part of the year and Kathy C. often assisted.

6.7 Team Attire: Evelyn Clegg

New members received team attire when they joined Waves if suitable sizes were available. Decision was made to purchase new attire for Sarasota which included jacket, hoodie and t-shirts. Members are responsible for their own black shorts / capris/ pants. Order was placed with Summitt in Dec. and new attire is available now.

6.8 Public Relations: Diane Harrington

Waves of Hope received a lot of promotion and awareness write ups plus photos in various papers throughout 2013. Team members manned the Waves of Hope display at Physical Activity Expo at the Keystone Centre. Members and some family members took part in the CIBC Run for the Cure as well as some members took part in the Relay for Life walk. Waves of Hope members took part in the Healthy Women, Healthy Choices in Feb. 2013. This conference did not take place in Feb. 2014.

Motion: The Committee Reports be accepted as presented and circulated.

Moved by: Betty B

Seconded by: Sheila T.

Motion: Carried

7.0 Nominating Committee: Sandy Robinson

7.1 Positions to be filled:

Motion: That Joyce McTaggart be the Social Committee Chairperson for a 2 year term.

Moved by: Sandy Seconded by: Diane H. Motion: Carried

Sandy called for nominations for the position of Assistant Manager and none were put forward. The question was asked "what is the next step"? Members were asked to consider the position and please contact Sandy ASAP as this is a very important position.

7.2 Committee Assignments:

The Board are as follows:

Past Manager: Kathleen Christensen

Manager: Kathy Cameron

Assistant Manager:

Secretary: Betty Stewart (assisted by: Sandy Robinson)

Treasurer: Michelle Gerrard

Committees:

Team Captain / Festivals: Annette Beatty

Trainer: Evelyn Clegg (assisted by: Doreen Lipscomb)

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 (tickets), Marg Rycroft (hair, makeup), Gloria Hill (prizes)

Begonias: Dianne Michaluk & Gail Kartanson

Hot Dog Day: Susan Klyne

Chuck-a-Puck: Jody Parsonage

Public Relations: Diane Harrington (assistants: Mary Pearce, Darlene Yurchuk)

Team Attire: Evelyn Clegg (assisted by: Joyce Johnson)

Team Spirit: Betty Berg (assistants: Edna Verhelst, Sheila Taylor)

Membership: Helen Lewandowski

Communications: Pam Harrigan (assisted by: Darlene Vickers - website)

Newsletter: Willa Fowles

Scrapbooking: Gloria Pazuik and Sandra Drewniak

Motion: That the nominating report be accepted as presented:

Moved by: Sandy Seconded by: Mary P Motion: Carried

Various members spoke regarding the working together of the team members, sharing the load and supporting one another. We do need to have an Assistant Manager. Board meetings are always open to anyone. It was suggested to add to the membership application: date of birth. It was suggested that we do need to update the committee guidelines.

8.0 Old Business:

8.1 Action Plan Updates for 2014:

The Action Plan which was updated following the Fall Meeting was examined. A few items were changed: #1 : 1.1 Dragon Boating: Annette and Evelyn are attending sessions in Sarasota before the races begin on coaching. 1.6: Water day at Lake Minnedosa on June 1st in conjunction with Stream & Wood. #2: 2.5 Nobody knows what is happening regarding Link to Pink. There also has been a change in personnel regarding Healthy Choices, Healthy Women. In order to hold it a great deal of work would have to be put in place to apply for grants so at this time we know that it did not take place in Feb. 2014 and with the amalgamation we do not have a network. 2.6: A new banner is being considered. #3: 3.3: A committee has been set up to review and explore the website. 3.6: Christmas Party date is: Dec. 6/14 and also working at Rosanne's in Dec. 2014 has been added.

Annette B. reported that for River City festival (June) - we have 24 people. May 21st is the last day that we are slated for the Sportsplex. Hopefully we will be on the lake after that. In the fall we will decide if we need a few practices at the Sportsplex before Sarasota. Regarding a demo: Shawna from Stream & Wood is proposing a "water day" at Lake Minnedosa on Sunday, June 1st at which time kayak reps will be there and Brandon Blaze team is also interested in participating. Waves of Hope thought it would be a good opportunity to promote dragon boating and our mandate.

Since we did not have an Open House opportunity it was mentioned that we could write RHA and ask what is happening regarding Women's Health issues. In the past we have also spoken to different groups but at this time we have had no requests. How can we meet our mandate of promoting early detection and Breast Cancer information?

Relay for Life 2014 - will take place at Minnedosa in July, 2014 and Dianne Michaluk is very involved with the organization. Oct. 5th / 14 is the CIBC Run for the Cure and Diane Harrington has registered our team.

As the banner is missing an email will be sent to everyone requesting if they have the banner and aprons that were last used at the Coop Hot Dog Day, Sept. 2013.

Mary requested: What do we want on a new banner?

8.2 Manual Updates in Progress:

Kathleen reported that the manual updates are progressing. A few more pictures need to be in place. She will be sending out an email re: do you want a digital copy or a "real binder".

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Fashion Show: Darlene Y.

Darlene will check with the Keystone re: Can we bring in any food to the modeling area? Please bring any prizes to Gloria H. or Betty S. as the committee will be organizing the prizes on Monday morning. Re: Photos - Diane would like to have a photo of everyone in their outfits so she could send pictures to the stores. There is also someone else who would like to take photos of the models and Marg. will check into that.

9.2 Begonia Sales:

Everything is under control according to Gail K. who is helping Dianne. The final count will be on Wed.

9.3 Sarasota, Florida:

Annette reported that we have 3 Composite paddlers and 4 extra on the roster. Arlene has offered to steer for us in Sarasota. A request has come from Chemo Savvy if anyone would like to not sit out they could join them as they are short. However the team decided we were a team and it did not matter if someone was sitting out. We would take turns. The Flower Race in Sarasota - Sandy Smith Global Race - is to have 2 representatives from our team. The representatives would be: Betty Stewart (the oldest) and Diane Harrington (The longest survivor) with Sandy Robinson as an alternative. This is indeed a great honour!

Motion: That we entertain the motion to allow support members to paddle when we are short paddlers in the boat in festival races that are not designated Breast Cancer survivor races in keeping with the rules of the festival.

Moved by: Sandy R. Seconded by Michelle Motion: Carried

Regarding team attire: the supporter shirts will be pink with the word supporter on the sleeves. We are a team.

The question was asked regarding the \$100.00 cheque that we submitted to the Waves of Hope indicating our commitment to go to Sarasota, Florida - Where are they and what happens to them?

Marg has them under lock and key and they will be returned at the Fall meeting.

10 Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 2:45

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

Manager

Secretary