

WAVES OF HOPE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

February 27, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Chair: Darlene Vickers

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order – Darlene Vickers at 7:00 pm

Attendance 21

George was able to attend for a short time so at this point reported that he is very pleased with the way the dryland training is going and he is excited about the upcoming season.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Amendment to the order of items in **4.0: 4.2** will become **4.5**, adjusting the numbers of the other items accordingly.

Considering that there are 5 committee chairs absent and that the reports will be distributed with the minutes, Darlene suggested that the reading of the reports in **8.0** be omitted.

Moved by Willa, seconded by Marg R. that we accept the committee reports as received via email and regular post. Carried

Moved by Norma Jean, seconded by Kathy that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried

3.0 Approval of Minutes from 2007 AGM

Minutes of the March 7, 2007 AGM were reviewed by acting secretary Joyce K.

Moved by Joyce, seconded by Diane that the minutes be adopted as read. Carried

4.0 Treasurer's Report – Helena Neustater

4.1 Auditor's Report

Helena presented the auditor's report, a copy of which had been distributed to each member present. She read the auditor's accompanying letter noting the recommendations. The auditor noted that improvements that have been made in our recordkeeping this year for which Darlene thanked Helena.

Moved by Helena, seconded by Marg R. that the auditor's report be adopted. Carried

4.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2008

The auditor advised at the end of a meeting yesterday afternoon that she would not be available to do our audit next year since her company is no longer doing audits. In the brief time since then, Darlene & Helena attempted to find a suitable alternative, finding that many firms have also opted not to do audits. One quote of \$3000.00 was received from Meyers Norris Penny. Darlene read a letter from BDO Dunwoody stating that their firm would be prepared to provide audit services for the 2008 fiscal year for \$2,250.00 plus taxes. She passed to the meeting the team executive's recommendation that this matter be deferred to the spring meeting to allow time for the board to investigate a solution for this problem.

Discussion centered on the possible difficulty of finding an available auditor if left until later in the year since other organizations will be in the same position as ourselves. The

necessity of further study by the board of possible options was stressed.

Moved by Sharon, seconded by Joyce J. that we accept the BDO Dunwoody offer to provide audit services for the fiscal year 2008 for \$2250.00 plus taxes. Motion carried with 12 voting for the motion, 5 against and 4 abstaining.

4.3 Membership Fee Review

Moved by Helena, seconded by Carol Fulford that the membership fees remain at \$25. The ensuing discussion included the rising costs of maintaining the team, what each member receives for this small fee and relative cost of any other activity or organization we might belong to. Motion defeated.

Moved by Joyce J, seconded by Helen L that the membership fee be raised to \$35. Carried.

4.4 Mileage Rate Review

Brief review of the present Manitoba Government and Brandon RHA rates.

Moved by Helena, seconded by Helen L. that the mileage rate be maintained at \$.38/k. Carried

4.5 Approval of the 2008 Budget

Helena went over items that perhaps needed explanation and she answered any questions. It was noted that as a result of the recent increase in auditor's fee, it will be necessary to increase item 7050 to \$3000.00. This will change the operational total expense to \$4,120.00 and the year's total expense to \$32,365.00.

Moved by Helena, seconded by Marg R that the budget for 2008 be approved as amended increasing item 7050 from \$1,130.00 to \$3,000.00. Carried

Norma Jean suggested that a larger donation to First Presbyterian Church be considered in view of their contribution to the success of the Fashion Show. She pointed out that we do take over the facilities there for several days during fashion show week.

5.0 Amendments to the Constitution – Joyce Hopper

Joyce referred to the proposed change to Article VIII, C which was circulated to members 30 days prior to the meeting. The addition of C a2 allows for the participation of Shore Team members in dryland training and demos when not enough survivors are available.

Moved by Joyce H, seconded by Sandy that the amendment to the constitution, adding a2 to Article VIII, be approved. Carried

6.0 Update on Commitments for 2008 - Darlene Vickers

Darlene went through the Action Plan listing our various activities. We will take part in three festivals, two in Brandon, FMG July 12 and MPA September 20 and one September 5-7 in Winnipeg as well as a couple of demos, perhaps one at Oak Lake. There are 4 members planning to go to the Nova Scotia festival. We will be part of the Relay for Life May 30(survivor lap only) and the Run for the Cure October 5. Fund raising as a team for this event will be investigated. A general meeting is planned for Spring and Fall, dates to be decided. Plans are underway for our regular fund raisers, Yard Sale March 29 and Fashion Show April 23 & 24. PR and Fundraising committees are planning promo items for our 10th anniversary. A celebratory evening, Pink Splash, will be held October 24. Having our display board at the Mall will be planned for September this year rather than October. There is a suggestion that jewelry prices be raised. There is not yet a reply to the

application for a CBCF grant.

George, Annette and Kathy will be going to a Chemo Savvy coach's clinic May 24 & 25 in Winnipeg. Annette and Darlene are thinking about an information session (Dragonboating 101?) focusing on festival and other organization details which can be confusing.

7.0 **Managers Report** – Darlene Vickers

Darlene presented her report. See attached.

8.0 **Committee Reports for 2007**

As per the amended agenda the reports were not presented at the meeting. See attached.

8.1	Policy/Guidelines	Joyce Hopper
8.2	Festivals & Demonstrations	Jody Parsonage
8.2.1	Team Captain	Annette Beatty
8.3	Boat & Equipment	Betty Stewart
8.4	Fund-Raising	Helen Lewandoski
8.5	Social Committee	Shelly Foster
8.6	Public Relations/Outreach	Mary Pearce
8.7	Team Spirit & Support	Edna Verhelst
8.8	Team Communication	Diane Harrington
8.9	Team Attire	Joyce Hopper

9.0 **Nominating Committee** - Kathy Cameron

Kathy presented nominations for these positions:

Fund-raising: Merle Darling & Sue Rouleau

Festivals: Brandon (2 festivals): Marg Rycroft.

Winnipeg & Demos: no nomination

Social: Rosemarie Blair

Discussion then centered on the urgent need for an assistant manager and a secretary.

Merle nominated Carol Fulford to the assistant manager position which Carol accepted.

Sandy Robinson volunteered to serve as secretary.

Moved by Kathy, seconded by Helen L. that we accept the slate of officers as presented.

Carried

Our full slate of board members for the year 2008 is as follows:

Team Manager: Darlene Vickers

Ass't Manager: Carol Fulford

Treasurer: Helena Neustater

Secretary: Sandy Robinson

Fund-Raising: Merle Darling & Sue Rouleau

Captain: Annette Beatty & Kathy Cameron- co-captain

Public Relations: Mary Pearce

Team Spirit & Support: Edna Verhelst

Team Attire: Joyce Hopper

Boat & Equipment: Betty Stewart

Festivals and Demonstrations: Marg Rycroft & ?

Team Communications: Diane Harrington

Social Committee: Rosemarie Blair

Team Membership: Helen Forsyth

The committee members as recorded from the volunteers signed up this evening are:

Fund-Raising: Helen Lewandoski, Sharon Young

Fashion Show: Sandy Robinson, Gail Bordian; Yard Sale: Carol Fulford, Arlene Wood

Social: Helen Rankin, Joyce Johnson

Team Spirit: Norma Jean Coates, Marg Stirling

Scrapbooking: Gail Bordian, Bev Schaeffer, Sheila Taylor, Sharon Young

Team Attire:

Boat & Equipment: Gaileen Kingdon

Festivals & Demos:

Team Communications: Arlene Wood, Joyce Konopski

Public Relations: Sheila Taylor, Gail Smith

I.T.: Arlene Wood, Darlene Vickers

10.0 Closing Remarks

Darlene expressed her appreciation to the retiring board members, thanking each for the talents and devotion they brought to the tasks at hand. Those leaving their positions are Joyce Hopper, Helen Lewandoski, Jennifer Gallant and Joyce Johnson.

On behalf of the team, Norma Jean thanked the board members for their work this past year.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by Sharon, seconded by Joyce J, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by Joyce Konopski
Acting Secretary