

**WAVES OF HOPE**  
EXECUTIVE MEETING – MAY 10, 2004  
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

**Present:** Helen Forsyth – Chair, Helen Rankin, Marg Rycroft, Mary Pearce, Sheila Taylor, Willa Fowles, Marilyn Dickson, Joyce Johnson, Kathy Cameron, Marg Stirling, Joyce Konopski

- 1.0 Welcome** – Helen Forsyth  
Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2.0 Additions to the agenda**
  - 6.3 Letterhead
- 3.0 Correspondence**
  - 3.1** Thank you card from Marg Rycroft for flowers and messages received upon the death of her father-in-law.
- 4.0 Minutes of April 5, 2004 Meeting**  
Adopted as recorded.
- 5.0 Business arising from the minutes/ Committee Reports**
  - 5.1 Finance** – Helen Rankin  
Report circulated and attached. Discussion ensued with appreciation expressed to Helen for her expertise and diligence.
  - 5.2 Boat and Equipment** – Willa Fowles
    - 5.2.1. Life Jackets:** Nothing further from the Lions Club.
    - 5.2.2. Paddles:** Willa has purchased 10 paddles from Wave Track Ltd. in Winnipeg for \$341.88
    - 5.2.3. Boat cleaning bee/pot luck supper** is scheduled for May 26 at the Kindon's. Willa will look after cleaning and painting supplies. Some one from the social committee could go early to help get the meal organized. The trailer will be painted too. Wheel packing is not necessary every year.
  - 5.3 Public Relations** – Mary Pearce
    - 5.3.1** Invitation has been received to participate in the Traveller's Day Parade, June 12, 2004. Decision is to go ahead provided that there is enough interest and someone to haul the boat. Survey of interest can be done at the social, May 19.
  - 5.4 Outreach** – Mary Pearce
    - 5.4.1** April 15- An interview with Norma Jean appeared in the Wheat City Journal to promote the Fashion Show.
    - 5.4.2** April 17- Gail made a presentation to the Ladies First group in Minto.
    - 5.4.3** April 25- Eunice made a presentation to a Ladies Retreat event at Elkhorn Resort in Onanole

- 5.4.4 April 28- A display including brochures and scrapbooks was set up at the Harris Pharmacy in Neepawa.
- 5.4.5 April 28- Fashion Show. Two shows with 160 tickets sold for each. Very enthusiastic response. Standing ovation at the end!
- 5.4.6 April 29- Sandy Allen's picture on the front page of the Brandon Sun as she modeled an outfit at the Fashion Show.
- 5.4.7 May 2- Church Parade at First Presbyterian Church to show our appreciation for their support. Fifteen members present.
- 5.4.8 May 4- A display was set up at Pennington's store as part of an in-store show. Monique and Darlene were models.
- 5.4.9 May 5- Our display board, outreach materials and 4 of our members were part of Ladies Night at Mark's Work Warehouse in support of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. Very positive reception from the manager.
- 5.4.10 May 6- Front page of the Wheat City Journal featured a colourful photo of Mary leading the rap at the Fashion Show in front of a background of smiling Waves members.
- 5.4.11 May 8- Our display board with scrap books and outreach materials was set up at the Manitoba W.I. convention in Minnedosa. Gaileen "manned" it for the day.
- 5.5 **Festivals** – Diane Harrington – not here tonight
  - 5.5.1 **Regina Festival:** In view of our dwindling number of paddlers, Diane is wondering whether we should register for Regina. Will do a survey at the social on May 19.
  - 5.5.2 **Ninette regatta:** Still no further information.
- 5.6 **Fundraising**
  - 5.6.1 **New Committee Chairperson:** Helen reports that Debbie Wright Nantel is considering taking on this position with Mary Gobeil as a possible co-chair.
  - 5.6.2 **Fashion Show:** A very successful event raising over \$4600.00 though not all expenses have been paid yet. Marg S reported on the Fashion Show committee windup meeting with ideas for changes for next year. The date for the next show is Wednesday, April 27, 2005! The invitation is out for new committee members.
  - Motion:** That honorariums of \$100 for Michael Gye Pawlychyn and \$50 for Charlene Abrahams be presented to them in appreciation for their contribution to the success of the Fashion Show. Joyce K / Marg S Carried
  - 5.6.3 **Six in the City:** The winner of the draw made at the Fashion Show is Sybil Dressler. The winner's name must be published; Helen will check with Iris about getting this done.
  - 5.6.4 **Dragon Wing Begonias:** There are still a few to be picked up.
- 5.7 **Team Attire** – Joyce Johnson
  - 5.7.1 **Team Shirts:** Thank you to Marg S for getting our Logo to the firm in Vancouver. Sample shirts should be here this week for us to try on for size. It is felt wise to order extra shirts: 4 extra

support and 10 extra paddlers. Discussion re costs will be taken under advisement until next meeting when more information will be available.

Ruth Webber would be interested in making a dress shirt for the team if suitable fabric and style can be found.

Jennifer is needing a medium jacket but since we don't have one in stock Marg S would like to trade hers (a medium).

**5.8 Social – Marg Rycroft**

**5.8.1 Social evening, May 19** is planned for 6 p.m. at Trails West. Dinner is chicken schnitzel for \$10.98. Last year's secret pals will be revealed and new ones chosen. Phoning committee will call to make sure those who wish to have a secret pal are included. Approval given to the committee to pay for dinner for guests Kyla Duncan, George and Peggy McLeod.

**5.8.2 Boat cleaning, May 26** at the Kingdon's farm along with a pot luck supper. Everyone should also bring their own meat for a barbeque. Should it rain, we will be practicing at the Y.

**5.9 Team Spirit – Marilyn Dickson**

Marilyn is about to start on binders for new members. Will work on a dozen to make it worthwhile.

**5.10 Phone committee – Sheila Taylor**

Good committee, now well organized.

**5.11 Captains – Kathy Cameron/Annette Beatty (not here tonight)**

**5.11.1 Team Goals** – Most commonly mentioned goals from the recent survey include: physical fitness, improving endurance level, support / companionship, winning(not being last), getting ready for Vancouver next year.

**5.12 Together Conference Financial Assistance**

Subsidies, coming from the CBCF grant, will be paid to those attending the conference to cover registration, accommodation and travel. Those attending should keep receipts. This will be tabled until next meeting when we will have an accurate count of members involved.

**5.13 Review of Membership Requirements**

Copies of the proposed amendment circulated and attached. If no changes are suggested by the executive, the amendment will be forwarded to the membership with the vote for acceptance or rejection scheduled for our practice June 23, 2004.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Wheat City Dragonboat Festival**

On May 5, Marg S. and Sharon met with Jeff Dzikowicz and Jerome Saramac of the Manitoba Paddling Association in response to our letter of March 1, 2004. It was a good discussion with attention being given to addressing the problems outlined in our letter. September 18, 2004 is the date for this year's Wheat City Festival. There will be a local committee to look after promotion and training. Distribution of posters will be all that is expected of Waves of Hope this year. With regard to sponsorship of local

charities, the MPA has a 3 year contract with the agencies presently sponsored so there will be no change this year.

**6.2 FMG Festival's Rose Ceremony:**

There has been an invitation received to a meeting June 14, 2004 in Winnipeg to discuss concerns arising from the rose ceremony at last year's FMG Festival. The ceremony, initiated to honour breast cancer victims and survivors, was opened to include anyone associated with cancer including support agencies. The result was that there were paddlers taking part in the ceremony who have never had the disease while a Chemo Savy team remained on shore. Someone from Waves of Hope will be at the meeting.

**6.3 Letterhead:**

In the course of preparing thank you letters for the many contributors to the Fashion Show, Marg S. has redesigned the letterhead. Suggestions were made for further changes and approval given for her to have 100 printed immediately for these thank yous which number more than 80. Consideration will be given at a later date to having 500 printed—much less costly.

**7.0 Next meeting**

Monday, June 14, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Central United Church

Meeting adjourned at 9:42

Recorded by Joyce Konopski