

**WAVES OF HOPE**  
EXECUTIVE MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2004  
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

**Present:** Helen Forsyth – Chair, Helen Rankin, Sharon Young, Betty Stewart, Marg Stirling, Marg Rycroft, Marilyn Dickson, Arlene Wood, Willa Fowles, Mary Pearce, Kathy Cameron, Joyce Johnson, Joyce Konopski

**1.0 Welcome** – Helen Forsyth  
Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2.0 Additions to the agenda**  
None

**3.0 Correspondence**

- 3.1** Thank you from Dolores McGregor for the use of our tents for their staff barbeque.
- 3.2** Letter October 6, 2004 from CBCN to advise us of their AGM, November 2, 2004.

**4.0 Minutes of September 20, 2004 Meeting**  
Adopted as recorded.

**5.0 Business arising from the minutes/ Committee Reports**

**5.1 Finance** – Helen Rankin

Report circulated and attached. Adopted as recorded.

**5.1.1 Honorariums:** In discussion it was felt that we should increase the amount of our donations to the institutions that have allowed our generous use of their facilities.

**Motion:** That we send an honorarium of \$1000.00 to the Y.M.C.A. to show our appreciation for the use of their facility for training for the 2004 season. Helen R./Marilyn Carried

**Motion:** That we donate a \$300.00 honorarium to Central United Church to show our appreciation for our use of the hall for meetings and the Yard Sale. Joyce J/Mary Carried

**5.1.2 Boat Spotter:** It was felt that we need to recognize the valuable service provided by our volunteer boat spotter.

**Motion:** That we buy a \$100.00 gift certificate at Canadian Tire for Irving Wood who has done most of the spotting for the past season. Marg R/Betty Carried.

**5.1.3 In Memorium donations:** Ideas brought forward included a memorium at the Botanical Garden, a contribution for a bed at the hospital, a bench at the Riverbank Discovery Center and a memorium for Phyllis Low at the memory garden in Foxwarren, Helen F will look into the cost of a bench at the Discovery Center.

## **5.2 Boat and Equipment – Willa Fowles**

**5.2.1 Boat scales:** Willa has received the new scales which the company sent by Purolater! This added considerably to the cost, about \$138.00 total. Helen has sent a letter of protest to the company.

**5.2.2 Paddle/Life jacket inventory:** Willa has the new paddles at home. The quality is not great so a sanding and varnishing would be in order for our work bee in the spring.

Before next season, Willa will update what jackets are available and who has them.

Helen R advised that there is still \$200.00 in the budget (from the Keystone Lions Club) for two new jackets.

**5.2.3 Wheel bearings:** will need to be repacked next year. It's best to have it done by Drew at Millcosteel.

## **5.3 Public Relations – Mary Pearce**

**5.3.1 Buddies for Life:** Mary will be contacting the people with this program at CKY soon to arrange for them to come out to Minnedosa to a paddling session at the end of May or early June.

**5.3.2 Access 12** equipment is available for a team PR video. Betty will put the info in the newsletter for anyone who may be interested in being involved.

**5.3.3** Mary has plans to buy a supply of small “give aways”, pens, post-it notes for example, to be part of our outreach and display.

**5.3.4 Nov 17:** Sheila will be making a presentation to the Drop- In Coffee Group in Reston

## **5.4 Outreach – Mary Pearce**

**5.4.1 Oct 3: Run for the Cure:** Good turnout of members on a very cold day. We won the community award for the most money raised by a team and Krista Greeniaus was the individual who raised the most money. Very good picture of Dawn Williams & Marg Rycroft on the front page of the Sun.

**5.4.2 Oct 5: Presentation to Brandon Fire Flies** by Mary, Kathy & Darlene. Mary commended Darlene for her moving talk.

**5.4.3 Oct 15: Mall Display** The video was especially enjoyed.

**5.4.4 Oct 17: Church Parade** at Central United with 21 members present. The display board and materials were set up in the foyer. Well received by the congregation.

**5.4.5 Oct 19: Presentation to a Minnedosa sorority** by Gaileen.

**5.4.6 Oct 20: P.E.O. Fashion show:** Team represented by 8 members.

**5.4.7 Oct 22: Link to Pink** Many of our members volunteered in this random handing out of pink carnations and shower cards.

**5.4.8 Oct 29: Rivers Health & Wellness Fair** Marilyn had a good day with lots of interest in our display materials and scrapbooks.

**5.5 Festivals – Arlene Wood, Diane Harrington – not here tonight**

**5.5.1 Vancouver Breast cancer festival June 24-26, 2005**

Arlene reports that there are now 21 paddlers and some support members registered to go. She has a block of rooms reserved for us at the Rosedale on Robson and is working on allocating them.

**Motion:** That for the Vancouver 2005 trip, the team cover transportation and accomodation costs for trainer George McLeod. Helen R/ Willa Carried

There are a series of workshops offered on the Friday afternoon of the festival. We have a choice of three sessions which three members may attend. They would be expected to share what they have learned by presenting a workshop when we get home.

**Motion:** That we register for the three sessions chosen by the executive, members attending to be decided closer to the date. Marg R./Betty Carried

Helen will register our team for the three sessions we have chosen which are: Sponsorship, Dealing with Grief, Team Dynamics.

**5.5.2 Wheat City Festival** is tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2005.

Helen will advise the MPA that we will not be available on that date as we will be in Vancouver.

**5.5.3 Winnipeg F.M.G. Festival August 12 – 14, 2005:** Discussion re safety concerns with the MPA Winnipeg festival, the professional nature of the F.M.G. festival and where we would have the most exposure for breast cancer awareness.

**Motion:** That we register for the Winnipeg F.M.G. festival, August 12-14, 2005. Betty/Mary Carried

**5.6 Fundraising- Debbie Wright Nantel & Mary Gobeil – not here tonight**

**5.6.1 Safeway partnership:** Sharon outlined a proposal from the 18<sup>th</sup> street Safeway. They have selected our group as partner in their “Because We Care” charity fundraising activities for 2004-05. This would involve our being ready to assist in any project they may decide upon for the coming year. For this we would receive a portion of the funds raised (\$7900.00 to ALS last year), 50% of which would be required to be spent on local initiatives.

**Motion:** That the team accept the partnership arrangement with the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Safeway for the coming year. Helen R./Joyce J. Carried

**5.6.2 Oct 6, Vancouver Fundraising Meeting:** Well attended meeting with many good ideas and a clear sense of what sort of fundraising members feel comfortable with ie not selling tickets or calendars so much as providing some sort of service.

**5.6.3 Poinsettia sales:** coordinated by Sylvia, as this was her well received suggestion at the above meeting. To date over 400 plants have been sold with \$5 made on each sale.

- 5.7 **Team Attire** – Joyce Johnson
  - 5.7.1 **Team Shorts:** Joyce will be sending a sample of the shorts we would like to a company in Winnipeg and will advise re ordering when she has more information. There are now 2 jackets, 1 large, 1 ex-large and one pair of med. windpants left in stock.
- 5.8 **Social** – Marg Rycroft
  - 5.8.1 **Christmas party**, Dec 4 at Seniors for Seniors is being worked on by Marg and committee. Marg will have the phoning committee contact members with details; Betty will include this item in the newsletter.
- 5.9 **Team Spirit** – Marilyn Dickson

Marilyn has 12 new manuals ready for new members. She is especially grateful to Marg S for her assistance.
- 5.10 **Phone committee** – Sheila Taylor, not here tonight  
No report
- 5.11 **Captains** – Kathy Cameron/Annette Beatty (not here tonight)  
Nothing to report at this time
- 5.12 **Trainer-** George McLeod, not here tonight  
No report
- 6.0 **New Business**
  - 6.1 **Phyllis Low Scholarship:** A memorial scholarship in Phyllis' memory is being set up at Birtle Collegiate for a graduating student entering the field of nursing. Donations may be made to the Birdtail River School Division.
  - 6.2 **New members:** A committee of three has interviewed and accepted new member Merle Darling. In the process Helen felt that a couple of items on the membership application should be changed so she will redo the form.
  - 6.3 **Nominating committee:** A committee is needed to find replacements for executive members planning to step down. Helen will check with Marie to see if she wishes to continue in this position.  
Helen advised that she will not be continuing as co-manager due to work pressures. Helen R expressed the feelings of the executive and indeed the entire team when she asked that it be recorded that we have been thrilled with Helen's tenure at our helm.
- 7.0 **Next meeting**  
Monday, January 10, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Central United Church

Meeting adjourned at 9:35

Recorded by Joyce Konopski