



Waves of Hope

**Western Manitoba's
Dragon Boat Team
for Breast Cancer**

Notes of Team Meeting: February 28, 2001 at Central United Church

Chair: Charlotte Potyondy
Recorder: Helena Neustater
Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm

1. **Welcome to new member**
2. **Minutes of January 10, 2001 AGM Meeting**
MOTION: Marg S./Harlene to adopt as circulated. Carried
3. **Business arising from minutes:** will be covered on agenda
4. **Training Information and Planning**
 - a. Colleen will be in Brandon approximately mid April
 - b. Willa has volunteered to act as trainer until Colleen arrives, Harlene says she will assist when necessary
 - c. YMCA pool not available until March 28, 8:30 to 9:30 pm, Blue Fins will use one lane during our time slot. We could use half of the gym for dry land training or join the regular aerobics class.
 - d. Oval room at the Sportsplex is available every Wednesday for a fee of \$12.03. Would the City of Brandon provide this space to our team at no cost? Charlotte will explore possible use of pool until March 28.
 - e. Central United Church is not available every Wednesday
 - f. Should Fitness Quest be approached?
 - g. ACC gym is very busy and would likely not be available
 - h. **NEXT TRAINING MEETING:** at YMCA at 7pm, meet at the coke machine in lower level. Charlotte will arrange for activities until we can use the pool.
 - i. Fitness assessment necessary only for new members and those members who have not kept up their fitness during the off season
 - j. Use of sleeves when exercising – Shelley Foster has advised sleeves have been made available to us through the pharmacy in Rivers where she is employed at a cost of \$35. A sheet was passed around for signing up for a sleeve. Wearing the sleeve while paddling or exercising will be at each member's discretion. Some members may be able to obtain sleeves through their medical coverage
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Helen Rankin
- a detailed report was read by Helen
Motion: Helen/Harlene to adopt report as read. carried

6. **Fundraising**

a. Wind suits – Helena

Bev, Marie and myself have requested sponsorships from a number of out of town corporations. So far we have received approximately \$1775. We have contacted only one local firm, Ayerst Organics. It is hoped that there will be sufficient funds to purchase the wind suits for the boat launch, either from the funds in our account, from further fund raising in the community, or by each member paying a part of the suit

b. General Fundraising – Sharon

- Charitable registration number has not been applied for
- One Lion's Club is providing funds for 5 life jackets and is asking the other 4 clubs to each provide us with 5 jackets
- Brugger Insurance has been approached for funding for wind suits or boat launch
- Boat launch – plan to raise corporate sponsorship in the sum of \$7000.
- City of Brandon Grants Commission – application for \$2500. has been submitted, any funds received will go towards printing costs for letterhead or for web site
- Shoppers Mall has offered to provide us with one month's proceeds from the UCT fountain, October would be a good month as it is Breast Cancer Awareness month

7. **PR**

a. Launch Event – at Riverbank, Knowlton Drive. A committee of 8 people are planning this event. Need volunteers

b. CIBC Run for the Cure – September 30

Rich Little has contacted Sharon to see if there would be any interest from our team if there was a run in Brandon. The first run in Brandon would be run as a satellite of Winnipeg. We could help by serving on committees, taking part and getting pledges, etc. It would be an opportunity to promote our team and its goals. Fitness Quest, CIBC Ford and others would be a part of the sponsors. Suggestion that perhaps the local Air cadets would be volunteers.

MOTION: Norma Jean/Harlene "Let's Do It" carried

c. Demonstration at Royal Oak – very well received. Edna gave an excellent outline of our mission and Harlene led us in a demonstration. After the session, a number of ladies came to speak to Joyce K. and Helena as we were packing up the display and gave positive comments and purchased some pins

8. **Team Spirit – Edna**

- 18 profiles have been handed in, Edna read her profile and gave cards to those who have not yet written their profile
- SW Manitoba Steering Committee is doing 9 training sessions, our display and pins go to these sessions.

9. **Social Committee** - no report

10. **Outreach** – Marg Stirling arranged a meeting for last Thursday to discuss making a quilt, no knowledge of quilting is required. Pat Davis has volunteered to lead the group in the project. For those who do not wish to sew, they can cut, bring their own project or

just visit. Coffee and tea will be provided, if anyone wishes to have other beverages or snacks they should provide their own

11. **Phoning Committee** – a new membership list will be provided asap by Helena
12. **T-Shirts, pins and scrapbook**
 - a. Kathy Cameron has done 3 more pages for the scrapbook
 - b. The same pink we had for our shirts in 2000 is available, suggested that since this is the year we get our boat, perhaps our shirts should have a picture of a boat on them. Suggestions that our support people should have the colors reversed on their shirts. Polo shirts are not available in pink.
13. **Other**
 - a. our trailer is being made
 - b. thank you cards and sympathy cards were read
 - c. 3 new members were introduced
 - Betty Cox, just going into treatment
 - Mary Pierce – finished treatment and wishing to paddle
 - Diane Harrington – 21 year survivor, wishing to paddle
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Thursday evening Support Group is doing a quilt with the help of an experienced quilter.

Wanda has suggested that each member of the team donate .5 meter of fabric, 100% cotton, plain or print. If you are interested in donating a piece of fabric, contact Marg Stirling at 725-1897

