

**WAVES OF HOPE**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING – MARCH 26, 2003**  
**Central United Church**

**PRESENT:** Helen Forsyth- Chair, Marie Greeniaus, Helen Rankin, Sharon Young, Diane Harrington, Sheila Taylor, Marg Rycroft, Mary Pearce, Kathy Cameron, Joyce Konopski

**1. Welcome: Helen Forsyth**  
Meeting Called to Order at 6:45

**2.0 Additions to the Agenda**  
7.4 Request for Guardian Angel Volunteers  
7.5 Orientation Guidelines For New Members  
7.6 Training Attendance  
7.7 Floating Docks

**3.0 Correspondence**  
**3.1** Thank you email from Sue Low of Moncton, N.B. for the brochures sent as information for them as they set up a new team, called 'tit bateau.

**4.0 Minutes of January 13, 2003 meeting**  
Adopted as circulated

**5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes by Committee**

**5.1 Public Relations – Mary Pearce**

**5.1.1 Report on Open House – February 8 – Sharon Young**  
Feed back has been very positive re both content and timing. Plans are underway for next year. It will be necessary to have a sponsor to help defray expenses.

**5.1.2 Requests for Presentations:**  
Central Park Lodge  
Nancy Shanks from Dept. of Highways  
Karen Barteau of I.O.D.E.– November 19

**5.1.3 Traveller's Day Parade –** will not be possible this year due to the date June 14, conflicting with the Vancouver trip.

**5.1.4 Booth at the Mall –** Mary will book a Saturday in May and October.

**5.1.5 Rural Forum –** at the Keystone Center, April 25 +26. Mary will contact the phoning committee to find volunteers for our display.

**5.1.6 Yard Sale –** Mary will put ads in the churches etc.

**5.2 Boat and Equipment**

**5.2.1 Boat –** Kingdons will be away in May so the suggestion is that the boat be moved into Brandon, possibly to Harlenes, for cleaning etc.

**5.2.2 Paddles –** Discussion re paddles for the new members. Simplot has been contacted but feel they do not wish to continue to donate paddles. It was pointed out that there are enough paddles among members who no longer paddle to cover those needing a paddle.

**Motion –** That paddles be considered part of team equipment and should be returned to the team when a member is no longer paddling. A member may have the option to purchase the paddle for \$15.00. Sharon/Helen R. – carried  
Marg Stirling will be asked to include this info in the newsletter.

**5.3 Fund Raising - Sharon Young**

**5.3.1** There is still no chair for this committee. Phyllis Low, Mary Gobeil and Shelley Foster have expressed an interest but are not available just now.

**5.3.2 Houstons** – The next dates for meat draws are April 5 and May 24. Sharon hopes to raise \$1000.00 from these events. A possible future fund raiser could be to host a Friday evening there with our own theme. It would need a committee to organize it and is something to think about for the fall.

**5.3.3** Sharon has applied to the City of Brandon Grants Commission for \$3000.00

**5.4 Social Committee – Marg Rycroft**

**5.4.1** Committee will plan an event for May since April will be so busy.

**5.4.2** Secret pal gifts should be kept to a reasonable amount, \$5 to \$15 being ample.

**5.5 Team Spirit – Kathy Cameron**

**5.5.1** Binders have been given to new members Merle Robinson, Linda Baker, Donna Zimmerman and Linda Goletz.

**5.5.2** Flowers have been sent to the McNeelys.

**5.5.3** Yard sale is coming along. Volunteers still needed for Saturday. Will contact Marg S. to get it in the news letter.

**5.6 Phone Committee – Edna Verhelst away this week. No report.**

**5.7 Team Attire – Sheila Taylor**

**5.7.1 T-shirts** There is no problem obtaining shirts in our colour – azalea – Sheila needs to get sizes for the new members and changes in size for “old” members. She will contact Sharon re this year’s sponsors and hopes to get the order in soon so that we will have the shirts for the Vancouver festival. Support team will have white with pink lettering.

**5.7.2 Jackets** Discussion re how much to charge new members for their jacket. We don’t yet know our cost for this year. Decision is to ask the member to pay one half of our retail cost.

**5.7.3** Do we need a dress code for the Vancouver trip?

**5.8 Festivals & Demonstrations – Diane Harrington**

**5.8.1** Diane informed us of the many festivals going on this season but no real discussion as our focus is on Vancouver. Our demonstrations should probably be in communities where we have members.

**5.9 Finance – Helen Rankin**

Report distributed and attached.

**5.9.1** Registration for the Vancouver festival has been paid.

**5.10 Outreach No report.**

**6.0 Old Business**

**6.1 Dragon North Training Conference**

Very positive comments about Gail’s report. We look forward to learning new “techniques” from her.

**6.2 Relay for Life May 30**

Mary Gobeil will be our co-ordinator and will have information at the gym.

**6.3 Yard Sale**

As reported in 5.5, volunteers are needed for Saturday a.m. Kathy will Have posters ready for distribution.

**6.4 Brandon Dragon Boat Festival**

Nothing further has been heard about the proposed festival.

**6.5 Vancouver Festival – Diane Harrington**

**6.5.1 Accomodations:** Diane has booked rooms at the Rosedale on Robson and will give the information to Sharon for her report on the projected expenses which she will prepare for Monday's practice. I will see that all members are informed that we will meet at 7:15 at the Y. for communication purposes!

**6.5.2 Transportation:** Air fares were quoted for Air Canada-Zip \$411.00 and West Jet \$429.00. It was decided to go with West Jet as the departure time ( 10:15 a.m.) is more reasonable for us. It is imperative that the flight be booked A.S.A.P. A \$50.00 per Person deposit is necessary.

**Motion:** That those going to Vancouver by air bring a \$50.00 deposit (cheque payable to Waves of Hope) to Diane at practice Monday night to enable her to book the flight. Mary/Sheila carried

**6.5.3** The amount of money raised for the trip will be divided equally Among those flying and those driving, taking into account the \$50.00 deposit paid by those flying.

**6.5.4** Marie will be the manager for the races.

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Rural Forum – Mary Pearce**

Our display will be set up at the forum at the Keystone Center April 25 & 26. Mary will look after volunteers to "man" the booth.

**7.2 Postal Code**

Our postal code is **R7B 3W8**. We are still getting our mail so the wrong one is working.

**7.3 Trainer's Travel Expense**

Colleen will be on course in Winnipeg this summer so will be driving to our practices.

**Motion:** That we reimburse Colleen for travel expenses from Winnipeg to practices @ \$35.00 per trip. Marie/Marg R. Carried

**7.4 Guardian Angel Breast Cancer Benefit – Sharon Young**

Volunteers are needed for the booth for Wednesday, April 2.

**7.5 Orientation Guidelines for New Members**

There is a need to review the binders and requirements for membership. Kathy will check with Edna about previous procedures and take a look at the guidelines. Membership list needs to be updated.

**Motion:** That our trainer be exempt from membership fees. Sharon/Diane carried.

**7.6 Training Attendance - Marie**

Attendance at practice sessions will be taken by the drummer in order to be fair should there be a question of who gets to paddle at a festival. Marie will get this info into the newsletter.

**7.7 Floating Dock**

Lois Crawley at the Riverbank Center advises that there is a plan for a ferry to be on the river this summer running from the Discovery Center so there will be a dock which we too could use. Something to consider.

**8.0 Next meeting – April 24, 2003** at the Public Health Conference Room at 6:30

**9.0** Meeting adjourned: 10:10

Recorded by Joyce Konopski