

Manager's Report 2015

Wow what a year we had. Our best ever as far as paddling success is measured. Many, many thanks to Evelyn and Annette for volunteering to attend the clinic in Sarasota and for being brave enough to come back and teach us a new paddling method. Sore butts and all it was all worth it and we are so looking forward to 2016 paddling.

Last year was an ordinary year for Team engagements. We did the Healthy Living expo with our Waves manning the booth, good crowd so lots of exposure. We successfully sold all the pucks at Chuck A Puck. Begonias Sales were also a solid fund raiser and I believe we sold 280. Our Hot Dog sale went very well with lots of Wave members in attendance to make this event fun. Our Fashion Show was very well received and is still our major fund raiser for the team. We also participated in Run for The Cure and maintained the Survivor Tent area for this event. Many Waves walked in this event and others manned the tent. Next was a Breast Cancer Awareness weekend which had our members attending with the Bra Dress front and centre. These events do not include individual members going out in the communities and speaking to different groups so I would just like to take a minute and say thank you to these people on behalf of our Team.

We started our training at the Sportsplex in March, May had us out at Lake Minnedosa, first night the water was really cold and we just about lost our fingers to hypothermia. June we were off to River City festival however it ended up being rained out. We spent approximately 45 minutes on the water with rain coming down waiting for the flower ceremony. July 1st brought us to the Portage Festival with 10 man boats(enough members attended to fill 2 boats). We had a wonderful time even though we had lots of weeds to deal with in the lake. Just another challenge to overcome. All summer we continued to practice our new stroke and this was not an easy task for us as we had a tendency to revert back.

We held our Family night and this too was well attended and the food is always so worth going for. Then it was time for the UCT ladies of Minnedosa to host us for supper. The pulled pork on a bun is incredible and we appreciate this gift so much.

Then we had the boat capsizing incident. A good learning lesson for everyone, no one was injured and we followed our protocol in looking for our paddling partners. The water was warm, the night was beautiful and the lake was busy. We now know we need a ladder to get into the spotter boat and a couple of other small items which will be in the boat going forward. It was a lovely night for a swim. But like the soldiers we are, it was back in the boat and over to the dock. (Amazing speed going back to the dock on the other side.) September brought us to FMG Festival in Winnipeg. We were all so surprised by the results of the Festival where we won a trophy for our second place finish. This was the most amazing results we have ever had. Our hard work and tenacity paid off big time.

Fall came and it is time to rest and reflect on our year and think about what we need to do for the coming season. We had the good fortune of being the recipients of MW Electrical Pink Hat

campaign and received a donation of \$4,000.00. This was truly a wonderful gesture on their part. Then Althia encouraged us to have a Bud and Spud night and again it was a very successful endeavour. Now we are up the December and it is time for our Xmas Party. Joyce and her crew did a wonderful job of decorating and supper was delicious. Food products were donated to Samaritan House along with a cash donation.

We also had a sponsor from Gilbert Plains who donated funds towards our new composite paddles and for this we are thankful.

I guess we did have a fairly busy year when you lay it all out.

I want to take a minute to say a special thank you to our Board, Annette as our Secretary, Althia as our Treasurer and Gloria as our Assistant Manager. Another big thank you goes out to our Board Members, Diane M, Dianne H, Betty B, Gaileen, Joyce, and Kathy. Pam, thank you for being our communications person and sending out our e-mails and posting to our Facebook page. A thank you goes out to Doreen for attending our Board Meetings this past year just because I cannot forget Sandra and Gloria for being our festival managers and having us all organized and on time for the events. Thanks to Darlene and crew for a successful Fashion Show and to everyone who contributes in their own way to make this Team Our Team.

My term has now come to an end and I will move on to the position of Past Manager. I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your manager this past year. I look forward to serving this Team in different capacities going forward. Thankyou one and all for your support. Respectfully submitted by Sandy Robinson

Committee Reports –AGM

1. Festival/Demos/ Gloria Pazuik/Sandra Drewniak Captain Annette Beatty

The team participated in three festivals in 2015. **Canadian Cancer Society Riverview Dragon Boat Festival, June 5 to the 7.**

We had a crew of 22 participate in the festival. Sprints on Friday night and Sat. regular racing. Then due to a misunderstanding on my part and the not so pleasant weather the team packed up and left. Supper on Friday night at Tony Romas - good food and good times. There was a long discussion about the Flower Ceremony and who should be in it. Discussion carried on thru out the summer.

Canadian Cancer Society Canada Day Dragon Boat Festival PCU Park - Portage La Prairie July 1st

It was a pretty good experience at a new event. The 500 metre race featured the 11-person dragon boats. We fielded two teams for the event and despite the reeds and weeds those attending thought it was a pretty good event. Some members set up camp and enjoyed all the festivities of Canada.

FMG Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival at the Forks: Sept 12 -13 was a great event, we fielded a team of 22 members. I do not think our team will ever forget the race where we seemed to come out of nowhere and just take over the race. The crowd on the shore was just as amazed as we were.

Sat first race 2:02.34, Sat 2nd race 1:58.8, for an average of 2:00.57 which gave us first place on Sunday morning

Sun. race 2:01.95 which gave us an overall average time 2:01.03 which was good enough for 2nd place and a trophy.

It was great to see the team members remain to pick up the trophy.

Respectfully submitted by: Gloria Pazuik

Captain Report- We started dryland March 4 at the Sportsplex. We were on the lake May 20 to Sept 9. Most committed team members were Sandy and Doreen whom only missed 1 practice all year. 17 on water practices- 3 of those were not regular practice which included 1 thunderstorm cancel, July 1 Portage festival and family night. So only 14 nights were real practices but also factor in a boat flip night Aug 12. So few practices but great results thanks to our amazing coach Evelyn. A toast to the support people- we can't do it without you.

We gained 2 new drummers- Althia and Doreen and 3 new steers- Mary, Jody and Pam.

We enjoyed having our 3 new members April, Judith and Sheri Lyn on board.

We are a team. We all hold each other up in a cooperative and happy spirit.

Respectfully submitted by: Annette Beatty

2 Boat and Equipment - Gaileen Kingdon

"Kindred Spirit" launched her 2015 season on May 20. An ongoing challenge this season was keeping the trailer lights functioning properly. This may be due to years of 'in-and-out-of-the-water' use. "Kindred Spirit's biggest adventure to date was being swamped and overturned one fine night in August. Several boats, sea-dos in close proximity created high swells and with a low free-board, paddlers found themselves in the water. All were safe and many thanks must go to Bob Graham and Larry Clark who responded so quickly with their boats. This situation was an ideal time and a stern reminder to always practise safety and caution.

"Kindred Spirit" hosted Family Night on Aug. 5 with team and family persevering through the rain though it didn't bother "Kindred Spirit" at all. U.C.T. group hosted us on Aug. 26 with a wonderful meal and much comradeship.

The last paddle of the season was Sept. 9th when an over-all clean-up followed the paddling. At this time the plugs were pulled and were surprised to see the volume of water that drained from bow and stern cavities. It is thought that this volume resulted from being towed to shore in an upside-down position after being swamped. This reinforced the importance of pulling plugs to drain any water before winter

Ron Kingdon gave notice that he will continue to 'haul the boat' until the end of the 2016 season.

Waves of Hope own 37 pink life jackets with the yellow lifejackets kept as spares. Two pink life jackets are on hand, both size med/lge'.

Thirty carbon paddles were purchased, total cost \$6343.50. Waves of Hope were very grateful

to Central Manitoba Interiors Ltd., owner Dean Coma, for a donation of \$2000 towards purchase of these paddles. During the season one paddle was accidentally broken and 2 were bought out by members, leaving the team inventory at 27.

Thank you to Wally and Evelyn Clegg for pinch-hitting for Kingdons and also to Dave Dmytriw, our faithful volunteer spotter.

Respectfully submitted by: Gaileen Kingdon

3. Fundraising – Dianne Michaluk

Wow...what a Terrific year of fundraising projects!

First, I want to thank those that chaired these events: planned and organized, and with the help of their team helpers, made these events fun and profitable.

February Chuck A Puck Jody Parsonage

May Fashion Show Darlene Yurchuk

June Hot Dog Sale Susan Klyne

Oct Suds/Spuds Houstons Althia Sigurdson

Secondly, I would like to thank ALL of you for your ongoing support of these events, and your ongoing support of the Begonia Plant Sales, orders, and deliveries. This year(2016) there are 300 plants on order.

Profit Margins for the past year 2015:

Chuck a Puck	\$460.00
Fashion Show	\$10,644.35
Begonia Plants	\$1,760.00
Hot Dog Sale	\$403.34
Suds/Spud	\$4,404.50
Total Profit:	\$17,672.19

This year 2016, the Chuck A Puck was once again a success. Thank you to Jody and everyone who volunteered their time. Profit from this endeavor was: \$637.25

Susan Klyne is unable to do the hot dog sale this year. A thank you to Susan for coordinating the hotdog sales over the years. Gloria Hill and Althia have volunteered to spearhead this fundraiser at the Heritage Coop in Brandon. Thank you for your spirit!

Sandy Robinson has sent out a possible fundraiser idea for an RTV- which stands for a rugged terrain vehicle. Tickets would sell for 3 for \$20.00 . We would once again attend the fairs and parades to promote the ticket sales. More news on that idea at the AGM.

Our plan is to travel to Florence Italy, in 2018 for the International Breast Cancer Races. We have two years to continue to fundraise, and make this dream a reality!

The best of luck to all of you as you continue to promote and sell tickets to the fashion show, begonia pots, and soon hopefully, an RTV.

Respectfully submitted by: Dianne Michaluk

4. Social Report – Joyce McTaggart

Our year began at Minnedosa Beach with a small snack after practicing beginning in May and concluded in September. A thank you to all who took over my job on the times I was not able to go to practices.

We hosted our Family Day on Aug 5 at the beach with family and friends enjoying boat rides followed by a sumptuous potluck provided by all the great Waves cooks. Unfortunately the weather was not to cooperative but the great food and comradeship made up for it. It was great to have such a good turnout.

The "Waves" were treated to a potluck by the Minnedosa UCT. It was great to have such a great treat and not have to prepare it.

Our Christmas party was held on Dec 5 , 2015 at Seniors for Seniors this year. Our theme this year was "The Nutcrackers" with all tables decorated by different size Nutcrackers. The evening started with cocktail hour and snacks followed by a scrumptious pork loin dinner, meatballs, creamed potatoes, vegetables and salads. The final treat was a dessert table with many mouth watering choices.

After dinner our president Sandi spoke. We continued our festivities by playing two table games and then completed the games by forming a circle and passing two gifts. There was a pretty arrangement donated by the Bloombox and two dainty trays donated by Althia that were drawn for door prizes. Our evening was completed by all singing Silent Night lead by Edna. Before leaving all received a wrapped gift with an appropriate verse to take home. They were done up and donated by Darlene Y and Sheri Lyn. Cheryl donated all the small nutcrackers and several took them home as a remembrance. I donated the homemade nuts and bolts, nutcrackers, and prizes. The hamper items that were brought were taken to Samaritan House by Sandy. Our president Sandy and husband Jim were our super bartenders as well as our liquor pickeruppers, and general helpers were required.

A huge thank you to all who helped in set up, take down, picking up and delivering money and hamper donations. My sincere thank you to everyone who has made this year successful.

Respectfully submitted by: Joyce McTaggart

Team Spirit and Support - Betty Berg

There was 1 welcome granddaughter card sent but there has been many new grannies on the team. Congratulations to all. Enjoy. Sent sympathy cards to members on the passing of loved ones. Gail Smith (mother) Marilyn Dickson (husband) Ron and Gaileen Kingdon (brother in law and sister in law) Peter Bordian (Gail Bordian-past member) Annette and Bob (Bob's Dad) Willa Fowles (Husband)

Tim Horton cards were sent to Gail K and April Toews.

A Thinking Of You card to Lorette Sillen (past member) whom had cancer reoccur.

Congratulations to the achievements of the team in 2015. Adding a trophy is a plus to the great job that everyone does on and off the water. You are the BEST! Paddles Up!

Balance left as of Dec 31 - \$66.00

Respectfully submitted by: Betty Berg

Public Relations - Diane Harrington

Waves of Hope received good coverage/promotion in newspapers from members attending various events in 2015.

The team was at Westman Wellness Show Jan 17 2015 at Victoria Inn Brandon.

Chuck a Puck in March at the Keystone raised awareness with Waves of Hope members at the event out on the ice.

Sheila Taylor and Darlene Vickers set up a display for our team at the Shoppers Mall April 16 - 30. They did a fantastic job of displaying photos, etc to raise awareness of the team.

Minnedosa Tribune - May 29 edition put a photo of Evelyn in the Bra Dress with Karen Chrest at our 2015 Fashion Show. A photo of Carmen in the same dress was sent to the Banner but didn't get in that paper with Grad photos at that time.

Gloria Hill's interview with the RBC was great for Waves of Hope awareness.

Gaileen K and Diane H did a presentation for the Basswood Women's Institute June 3.

They wanted to hear all about our Sarasota Festival. We took photo books Gloria made.

Our annual hot dog sale also was another event to promote the team.

Thanks to Susan and crew.

Betty Stewart did a great write up for the Brandon Sun after the FMG Festival with our win. It was also submitted to Minnedosa Tribune, Neepawa Banner, and Baldur Gazette.

Gloria Paziuk put a write up in the Dauphin Herald as well.

Waves of Hope had lots of area coverage for the team win at FMG Festival.

Bud and Spud at Houstons was a huge success and certainly promoted the team. Althia spearhead the event so all the businesses who donated prizes will certainly be aware of the Waves of Hope team now.

The CIBC Run was a success. Our team raised \$ 4,183. Sandy Lake meat draw raised \$329. Annette's friend Laverne from Erickson brought in \$1600 pledges on her own plus she walks with the Waves of Hope. Team members were visible in the tent and beside the big pink bus for photos. The Brandon Sun had a photo Annette, Laverne and Joyce McTaggart on the front page so good coverage of the event.

The team was at Breast Cancer and Mastectomy Resource Show October 17,18 at Keystone. The Pink Hat campaign by MW Construction in Brandon raised \$4000 for Waves of Hope as well as a photo in the Brandon Sun thanks to Althia with Waves of Hope vision mentioned under the photo to raise awareness.

Sandra Drewniak's article in October/November Our Canada Magazine Cause for Applause section brought awareness to Waves of Hope right across Canada. This magazine has a lot of readers.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Harrington

Communications - Pam Harrigan

I continue to forward the team e-mails on a daily basis. If I plan to be away for any length of time I have been able to find someone to take on this responsibility.

The e-mails have started to pick up again with the upcoming Fashion Show and the Dragon Wing Begonia Fundraiser.

I continue to update the Facebook page at least weekly and have been trying to recreate some of our events in photo albums on this page. I try to make sure that the Look Good, Feel Better program is updated monthly and have Marg Rycroft to thank for the reminders.

I feel that our Facebook page has become a great public relations and educational tool for Waves of Hope and our page is a public page, which anyone can view.

I have been trying to share relevant information coming from Dr. Susan Love, Rethink Breast Cancer, Chemo Savvy, and from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Harrigan