

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2017 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE & TIME: April 2, 2017 at 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Canadian Cancer Society Board Room, 565 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver

PRESENT: Len Gross, Mark White, Ian Edwards, Frank Peabody, Barry Wilkes, Norm Dooley, Dale Laird, and Bev Shapiro.

ABSENT: Bill Geiss, Jim Tate, Peter Bullen, John Christopherson, Don Stewart and Don James.

Len welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Review of the Agenda:

The Agenda was accepted.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March Meeting:

The March 2nd meeting minutes were approved.

3. Items Arising:

* None

4. Review of the General Meeting:

* There were 38 present including 5 women.

* The presentation was by Dr. Alex Broom on use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine by breast cancer patients and Dr. John Oliffe on the "If I Were Tom" website. The first topic created a lot of discussion as it was strongly felt by some audience members that Complementary and Alternate are two very different ideas and shouldn't be grouped together in this type of study.

* Microphone needs to be replaced or not used at all.

5. Report from the Prostate Cancer Foundation B.C.:

* Len – AGM is next week for Support Group and for the Foundation.

* Still need lots more volunteers for the Father's Day Run.

* Mark – Foundation Meeting coming up.

6. Financial Report:

* The income from today's meeting was \$ 66.00 from the raffle and \$ 60.75 for the coffee donations. Expenses were \$ 32.50 for the food and \$ 0.00 for the wine giving \$ 94.25. Cash is estimated to be \$ 1508.43 plus today's amount for a total of \$ 1602.68.

* Put eyes back on donation sign.

7. Communication Committee:

Many on the list enjoy receiving the updates on what the group is doing even if they are not going to the meetings.

8. Program for Upcoming Meetings:

May 4 – Dr. Michael Cox – updating PC Epidemiology in Canada

June 1 – Larry Morose - Advanced Care Planning (TBC)

July 6 – Services that the Cancer Society Provides

August – Genetics (Frank gets someone from the POG Program)

September – Dr. Nevin Murphy – Changes in cancer treatments over the last 4 decades. (Frank to confirm)

October – Inspire Health

November – Dr. Goldenberg??

December – Christmas Lunch

Other suggestions:

Barry Rich - Depression and Mental Health (Barry Wilkes)

Mark and Frank New electronic health monitoring devices – or someone else.

Maureen McGrath on Sexual Health

Naturopath/Complementary Medicine

Cardio-oncologist

Eric McCormick

Marianne Sadar?

Len wanted to step down from the leadership role but that as an interim measure, would like someone to take on the task of finding speakers which would be a big help.

9. Other/ New Business:

- * Need to make up a group to take over the arranging of the speakers for the meetings.
- * Need to check if notices of our meetings are going up in urologist's offices.
- * Norm Dooley went over a basic concept for the web site and that we need to divide it up into five or six basic sections that can have subsections.
- * See also the web site www.decisionhelp.trueth.ca

10. Next Steering Committee Meeting:

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 immediately following the General Meeting and in the Boardroom.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.