

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2017 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE & TIME: May 4, 2017 at 1:50 p.m.

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

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

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

Len welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Review of the Agenda:**

The Agenda was accepted as circulated.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of April Meeting:**

The April 6th meeting minutes were approved.

3. **Items Arising:**

- None

4. **Review of the General Meeting:**

- There were 32 present including 4 women.
- The presentation was by Dr. Michael Cox - Sr. Scientist Van. Prostate Cancer Research Centre
- Subject – A Review of the Research for Prostate Cancer
- Excellent presentation – a good question period followed
- The Microphones continue to be a problem .

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

- Len – The Foundation and the Support Group Council held their AGM on April 12. The Foundation a paper on some new ideas for the Support Groups to consider going forward. This included agreeing on a common name approach to help with identity and marketing or promoting our groups. The Support Groups will be given an opportunity to have input to the proposal over the next couple of months.
- Still need lots more volunteers for the Father's Day Run.

- **Financial Report:**

- The income from today's meeting was \$59.00 from the raffle and \$54.00 for the coffee donations. Expenses were \$35.00 for the food and \$ 0.00

for the wine giving \$78.00 net for the meeting. Cash is estimated to be \$ 1602.68 plus today's amount for a total of \$1680.68.

6. **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.

7. **Program for Upcoming Meetings:**

June 1 – Larry Morose – To be rescheduled as Larry had his father die.

June 1 – Marcy Dayan - Speaking on Incontinence.

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 has come up with the draft website and shared it at the meeting. He will be sending it out asking for feedback on the design (layout), information etc. Norm mentioned that the maintenance cost for the web site will be \$25.00 per month or \$300.00 per year. The website can be viewed at www.vancouverprostate.com
- 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, June 1, 2017** immediately following the General Meeting and in the Boardroom.

11. **Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.