

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK VANCOUVER

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE & TIME: September 7, 2017 at 1:05 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Len Gross, Frank Peabody, Mark White, Ian Edwards, Norm Dooley and Fred Crawford.

ABSENT: Bill Geiss, Jim Tate, Peter Bullen, Dale Laird, Bev Shapiro, Barry Wilkes, 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 June Meeting:**
No meeting minutes to approve.
3. **Items Arising:**
 - Bev Shapiro may be retiring from the group.
 - Mark will be away for October.
4. **Review of the General Meeting:**
 - There were 27 present including 4 women.
 - The speaker, Sarah Albrecht, made a brief presentation on the CCS Cancer Lodge and so there were quite a few questions.
 - Having only one microphone on at a time seems to have stop the other microphone from cutting out.
5. **Report from the Prostate Cancer Foundation B.C.:**
 - Len – Will be providing standardized business cards for the Support Groups.
 - Mark – The Research Grant applications will be approved at the Sept. 13th meeting.
6. **Financial Report:**
 - The income from today's meeting was \$ 29.00 from the raffle and \$ 65.00 for the coffee donations. Expenses were \$ 23.00 for the food and \$ 0.00 for the wine giving \$ 71.00. Cash is estimated to be \$ 1839.06 plus today's amount for a total of \$ 1910.06.

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.
- Norm will start working on the Communications Committee.

8. **Program for Upcoming Meetings:**

October – POG Program Speaker. Frank to Arrange)

November – Inspire Health replacement for Angela Wright Dr. Goldenberg.

December – Christmas Lunch

January – McKenzie on Advance Care Planning Research

February – Marianne Sadar

Other suggestions:

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

Maureen McGrath on Sexual Health

Naturopath/Complementary Medicine

Cardio-oncologist

Eric McCormick

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

Mindfulness – Ian will look for TED talk on the subject.

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:**

- Norm presented an update on the website. The website will have a news feed option. Need to update brochure and will consider options for that. Will need to arrange for an invoice of \$ 300/year and will wait until Len finds out who the invoice should go to.
- 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.
- 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, October 5, 2017** immediately following the General Meeting and in the Boardroom.

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.