

Minutes from the Fall BCPWSA Meeting 2007

B.C. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

General Meeting - minutes

3:30 – 5:00

Location: Century Plaza Hotel and Spa, Vancouver, B.C.

Chaired by: Joanne Taylor, President

Present: Gerry Sillers, Marg Sillers, Dayle Sillers, Brett Sillers, Terrence James, Matt Thompson, Lindy Thompson, Gina Griffiths, Parise Yun, Trudie Jamieson, Debra Munroe, Betty McKay, Susan McKay, Jeff Bumstead, Alan Price, Leah Price, Gordon Taylor, Joanne Taylor, Marc-André Gagné, John Wiens, Vera Wiens, Kathleen Schloessinger, Heather Beach, Rod Robinson, Bev Baldwin, Carroll Baldwin, Ray Baldwin, Catherine Nickerson, and Cheryl Gagné.

1. Introductions
2. Spring 2007 Minutes approved by Gerry Sillers, seconded by Carroll Baldwin.
3. Treasurer's Report: Catherine Nickerson.
Balance forwarded: \$12,900.
Conference estimated to cost \$5000.
Written report provided to members.
4. Richard Brodeur Celebrity Golf Tournament: Bev Baldwin
This year we again had the opportunity to participate as one of the recipient charities for the Richard Brodeur Celebrity Golf Tournament.
The tournament was held August 9th, 2007 at the Meadow Gardens Golf Course. Some of the BCPWSA members volunteered gathering donations for the silent auction and as prizes. Other members volunteered their time at the tournament. \$8000.00 was donated to the BCPWSA from this tournament. Special thanks to Bev Baldwin for representing our association at the monthly meetings.
5. Upcoming Potential Fundraisers: Joanne Taylor
Richard Brodeur
 - unlikely we will be selected againKamloops Mark Recchi Chairty Golf Tournament
 - Application completed
 - awaiting responseGarth Brooks – Teammates for kids
 - Application in progress -send pictures to Joanne
 - Proposed: use funds to create a camp for families with PWS.
 - Motion approved by Bev Baldwin, Seconded by Lindy Thompson.

Other Ideas: Gaming Commission
– Bev Baldwin will look into this
Larger Financial Institutions (Royal Bank?) are seeking potential scholarship recipients for funds or grants
– Parise Yun will look into this
Banking fees – should be waved (Community service act)
- Catherine Nickerson will look into this

6. Membership renewal: Cheryl Gagné
 - 2008 membership fee of \$25 due by March 15th
 - Membership fees include 2 annual conferences at membership rate, summer gathering and all communications

7. Communications: Joanne Taylor
 - WEB page
 - needs some changes, more visual, engaging
 - add more links to other associations
 - technical support needed, preferably through members to start
 - potentially work with a designer
 - potentially add a BLOG page (for members only)
(Brett and Jeff will look into)
(Alan will see about adding pictures)
 - Carroll Baldwin motioned to use some of money from Golf Tournament to improve the site. Seconded by Marc-André Gagné.
 - Letterhead – new letterhead shown to members.

8. I.E.P. Creation
 - showed to members by Joanne Taylor.
 - if help needed in creation of I.E.P., contact Joanne for help.

9. Quality of Living Research Update – Terrence James
 - see website for information
 - spoke about different models: no group home PWS, listening to individuals with PWS for input, parental and individual choices
 - more participants welcome in study, contact Terrence James directly.

10. 2008 Spring Conference and meeting
 - March 15th, same location
 - Potential for Burnaby location – Mike Thompson will look into this.
 - conference deadlines with early bird pricing will be in effect
 - Keynote speaker will be: Janalee Heinemann
 - Research presentation by: Dr. J.P. Chanoine
 - Other potential speakers:
 - PLAN, financial planning, wills, estates, trusts,etc.
(Kathleen Schoessinger will look into)
 - Community Living, future hopes...

- Douglas College Retail-business programs / jobs for the adult with PWS (Gerry Sillers will look into)
- Centre for Disability (Cheryl Gagne will look into)
- Behaviour Work shop
- Information sessions for teachers, parents of friends, therapists, etc.
- Bring a friend, support worker
- Advertise to doctors
- Workshop for youth/adults with PWS
- Sibling workshop

Executive will organize and make final decisions. Information sent to the executive as soon as possible for planning.

Motioned by Alan Price. Seconded by Parise Yun.

11. Growth Hormone Coverage – Alan Price

-interested in advocating for GH coverage.

Meeting adjourned.

Motioned by Carroll Baldwin.

Seconded by Parise Yun.

Social Family Potluck Followed at the Price home in Vancouver.

Next meeting: March 15, 2008 Vancouver B.C.