

Minutes from the Spring BCPWSA Meeting 2007

B.C. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association

General Meeting - minutes

2:30 – 4:30

Location: B.C.C.H. Vancouver, B.C.

Chaired by: Joanne Taylor, President

Present: Bev Baldwin, Carroll Baldwin, Ray Baldwin, Heather Beach, Jeff Bumstead, Rupert Gadd, Cheryl Gagné, Gina Griffiths, Bill Griffiths, Terrence James, Susan McKay, Betty McKay, Debra Munroe, Allan Price, Leah Price, Sue Robinson, Lindy Thompson, John Wiens, Vera Wiens, Parise Yun, and Catherine Nickerson.

1. Introductions
2. Fall 2006 Minutes approved by Bev Baldwin, seconded by Sue Robinson.
3. Treasurer's Report: Lindy Thomson
Over \$12,000 earned this year through membership fees and fundraising.
Balance at this point is \$13, 172.
4. Executive positions. 2007 Executive positions are filled by:
President – Joanne Taylor
Secretary – Cheryl Gagné
Treasurer – Catherine Nickerson
The president and secretary were sworn in for the 2007 year by Bev Baldwin.
The treasurer position was filled by acclamation.
Thank you to Lindy Thomson for several years of volunteer services as treasurer.
5. Research Project
Terrence James presented a summary of a Prader-Willi Syndrome research project he conducted in the 1980s. Terrence James will be starting a follow-up study of the participants from his original study. Most participants of the original study were from the Western provinces. Any information or contact information about the participants would be greatly appreciated. Information will be posted on the BCPWSA web site.
6. Fundraising & Golf Tournament
2006 was a successful year for fundraising for the BCPWSA.
This year we again have the opportunity to participate as one of the recipient charities for the Richard Brodeur Celebrity Golf Tournament.
The tournament will be held August 9th, 2007 at the Meadow Gardens Golf Course.

Bev Baldwin has again agreed participate in the organization on behalf of our associaton and to attend the monthly meetings.

Another member is needed to attend meetings when Bev is unavailable.

Members of the association are encouraged to seek donations for use at the live and silent auctions and for use as prizes for the golfers. Any donation would be helpful. Larger items work nicely for the auction items and smaller items in groups of four smaller prizes work well as prizes for a foursome of golfers. Donations must be sent to Bev Baldwin as soon as possible. Active members will receive a letter that can be used when approaching businesses about this golf tournament.

Some association members will volunteer their time during the tournament on August 9th, 2007. Our association will purchase golf balls with our website to hand out to the golfers.

7. Use of funds and association goals

One of our primary goals continues to be education of our members and the communities where we live.

- All active members for 2007 will receive a DVD of choice:
Food, Behaviour and Beyond
Or
Understanding the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome: Strategies for Success
- Purchase of golf balls for the tournament with our web site.
- Discussion on considering a media consultant. Jeff Bumstead has agreed to look into some names and potential prices for this. To be discussed at the fall meeting.
- Executive travel and accommodation costs to attend meetings was proposed by Carroll Baldwin. By population, most of the members live in the Vancouver area, and thus it was decided that all meetings should be held on the coast. Executive members traveling from other areas can submit travel and accommodation costs to the association. Discussion continued on creating a travel subsidy allowance for provincial members wishing to attend an association conference from another region in the province. A \$2000 annual travel allowance fund was proposed by Catherine Nickerson to be made available for out of region members wishing to attend a BCPWSA meeting and/or conference. If interested in applying for part of the travel subsidy, please contact the association treasurer. Allowance is awarded based on availability of funds and amount of applicants applying. Motioned by Debra Munroe. Seconded by Carroll Baldwin.

8. 2007 Fall Conference Organization

October 20th at a Hotel in the lower mainland.

Discussion of topics of interest for the conference:

- Ministry of Children and families (services available)
- legal implications at onset of adulthood
- financial planning, disability tax credit
- Physio or occupational workshop
- massage therapist workshop
- Janalee Heinemann
- Speech workshop
- Pschy Ed behaviour specialist
- Adult/transitional Endocrinology
- Dental health
- Transition from B.C. Children's hospital to adult services

As planning continues more information will be posted on web site.

9. Summer Gathering

The summer gathering will take place in Kelowna this year at Joanne Taylor's house. More information to follow on web site once a date is confirmed.

10. Other

- a) Joanne Taylor will have letterhead for our association made up for sending letters to thank people for donations.
- b) Catherine Nickerson will draft a thank you letter for donations.
- c) Any members with low calorie recipes for the site, please forward them to any of the executive.
- d) Any members with a photo or inspirational story for the website, please forward them to any of the executive.

Meeting adjourned.

Social Family Potluck Followed at the Baldwin home in West Vancouver.

Next meeting: October 20, 2007 Vancouver B.C.