

**Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2006**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Joni Osip, Bill Kallberg, Dan Tinklenberg, Steph Miller, Nancy Golden, Jim Brown, Sharold Friedrich and Brenda Neubauer

Absent: Jim Langworthy, Aaron Reeves, Liz Myers, Judith Campbell, and John Schulte.

Staff: Jim Paist, Executive Director, and Pam Cella, Office Manager.

**Welcome:** Jim Paist welcomed three new additions to the HFMD Board. They are Jim Brown, Nancy Golden, and Joni Osip.

Jim Paist reported that we do not have a quorum therefore, we will proceed without reviewing the May 16<sup>th</sup> Board minutes and the May 2006 Financials.

**Committee Updates:**

**Family Fitness:** A Bike, Hike, and In-Line Skating Family Event will be held Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., at the Big Rivers Regional Park in Mendota. Follow up and phone calls will be made by Jim and Pam. This is an exciting program however, we are not expecting a huge attendance.

August 5<sup>th</sup> is the day of the Sioux Falls Family Activity which will include a Hike and Bufferfly House Event. This event will be followed with a lunch. Julie Wetering sent out flyers and this Family Fitness Event will replace the South Dakota Retreat this year.

Mayo Clinic is still planning on having a Family Fitness Event this year but details have not been defined as of yet.

**Advocacy:** Jim Paist will be leaving for Washington Days on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will be part of the Hemophilia Federation of America. Their issue includes MediGap Coverage. See the attachment from the Board packet that was sent out earlier by Jim Paist. The target contact person will be Congressman Jim Ramstad who sits on the Ways and Means Committee and who also has a rich history in advocating health care issues. Our goal is to ask for his help. Board Members are encouraged to contact Jim Ramstad via phone or e-mail no later than Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bill Kallberg is still active on the Federal level. Currently, there is a new bill on the floor that would provide for insurers to offer small businesses a joint program that would allow businesses to be able to pick which state rules they are interested in following. Options are available. More information will follow.

**Golf:** The first Golf meeting was June 6<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Kandt, again this year, agreed to Chair our tournament. The only thing we will change is having more games beyond 18 holes. This would include a package call the Passport. For only \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door, the Passport would include a putting contest, the longest drive and the longest putt.

Sponsor's letters have been sent out and the cost will remain the same as last year. Save the Date Cards were mailed June 20<sup>th</sup>. It seems that more eating space would be nice, however, the committee voted against putting up a tent outside. This year, sponsor signs on the table will be removed allowing for more seating at the tables.

Gala: Nancy Golden reported that the date for the 2007 Hearts of Hope Gala will be Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis. She reported that they gave us a good price as compared to the 2006 Gala. She has blocked 50 rooms with a cut off date of February 1<sup>st</sup> at a price of \$99. Jim Paist reported that Lisa Kallberg will be this year's Co-Chair and additional Co-Chair's have not been named as of yet. We will anticipate 320 people in attendance and Jim has been in contact with Joe Schmit to see if Joe and his wife Laura would be our Co-Masters of Ceremony. The committee agreed to move the date from January to February and this would be a good segue into a Valentines Theme. Bill Kallberg suggested that Save the Date Cards go out earlier this year.

Women's Outreach: Beth Andersen has been working with Dr. Margaret Heisel from the Fairview HTC to record audio PSA's for Project Red Flag at the local and national levels. HFMD should have tapes as early as next week for distribution to radio stations in Minnesota and the Dakotas. This was the final piece that we needed for this NHF Project.

NHF New York Caucus: Brenda Neubauer, Bill Kallberg and Jim Paist attended the New York Leadership Caucus. Brenda felt that we were well represented with three people in attendance from HFMD. She was interested in seeing final results from National regarding the merger. Brenda felt that the various models National was interested in were not well defined for the audience. This will be a long process and National seems to be interested in a process that will work for everyone. However, Bill Kallberg stated that the Consultant, Dan McCormick, did describe the 7 – 8 models during one of the meetings. Jim Paist had a positive feeling about the meeting although National discussed the corporate model in depth and not so much on the others. Attendees did not get a chance to weigh in on which model would be best for NHF and its chapters to reorganize.

Some of the issues that needed some discussion included:

- HTC Relationship
- Industry – how to define the relationship
- Should We take on Thrombosis
- New name and logo
- Will there be a National Spokesperson
- Will we have a National Fundraising Day

National should be sending out a report on the above sometime in July or August.

Post-Secondary Scholarships: This year, we have 7 applicants who have met all of our criteria. Jim and the Committee need to determine the dollar amount for the scholarship funding as checks will be mailed to the schools mid-July.

**Women's Day Spa:** Jim Paist reported that he is looking into whether or not HFMD could be a fiscal agent for the event. Sue Curoe has been discussing this event that encourages women's projects and could possibly be a sole sponsorship. Jim Paist reported that HFMD's current policy is that we cannot hold an event with only one sponsor and since we do not have a quorum, this will be tabled.

**Old/New Business:** Bill Kallberg reported that Board Members are not being notified of committee meetings and we are eligible for this. Bill suggested that Board Members should be notified of all committee meetings as an F.Y.I. Nancy Golden suggested that we could publish these meetings in the *Veinline*. Jim responded by saying that is possible as long as meetings are announced in advance since this is a quarterly newsletter. Jim said it would be no problem to cc the board on all committee meetings.

Joni Osip reported that University of Minnesota-Fairview HTC will be donating an additional \$21,000 to HFMD. The breakdown is \$7,000 for the Annual Meeting/Washington Days, \$7,000 for the 2007 MN Retreat, and \$7,000 for the Emergency Fund. The total amount of Fairview's giving this year now stands at \$41,000.

NHF's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held October 12-14<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia, PA. Deadline for registration, at a reduced rate, is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Paist reported that last year, our priority was to families who have not attended. He is interested in hearing from people from within our community who would like to go but have not participated in the past.

Joni Osip reported Fairview is supporting Patients Services Incorporated (PSI) with two \$5,000 payments designated for insurance payments i.e.; cobra premiums.

Sharold asked if Camp Courage has notified families, via a letter, of the extended trip that is being offered to the boys through Camp Courage? Joni will check with Tom and Mimi Fogarty.

The meeting was concluded at 8:25 p.m. The next HFMD Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The conference call number is 1-866-482-6958, pass code will be 933311#.

Respectfully submitted,

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