

Hemophilia Foundation of Minnesota/Dakotas
HFMD Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Mark Wiener, Aaron Reeves, Dan Tinklenberg, Kris Klein, Bob Stone, Bill Kallberg, Judith Campbell, and Kathy Wussow.

Staff: Jim Paist, Executive Director, and Pam Leathart, HFMD Office Manager

Jim welcomed and introduced Kathy Wussow as a special guest to the meeting.

Minutes: The Board reviewed the February 21, 2006 minutes. Since there were no additions or corrections, Bill Kallberg made a motion to approve the February minutes and Kris Klein seconded. Motion carried.

Financials: Jim Paist reported that we have had little growth in the Dreyfus Account and marginal growth in our Money Market Account. Our Savings Account stands at \$152,854. This has increased with the gala funds plus a large part was due to the MeritCare yearly contribution. The Scholarship Fund is at \$8,900, Camp Fund is \$1,009 however, we still need to transfer camp donations from the gala into this account and this should be done by the next Board Meeting. Total assets for checking and savings amount to \$288,829.

Kris Klein questioned the status of the liabilities and Jim reported that we are still working with our Accountant on this issue. Kris did report that the February financials look good and are on schedule with the budget. Kris did ask about account 6100, credit card fees, and why it was so high. Pam reported that we are paying close to a 4% fee due to the gala which is our peak time of the year for credit card charges. By the next Board Meeting, Pam did say she would try and negotiate a lower percentage for these charges. Account 8200, professional fees, was paid this month but will have a budgeted amount next month. This is a timing issue. Account 6000, computer/web site, is up by \$200. This is due to the office lap top repair and changes to the web site.

Bob Stone made a motion to approve the February financials and Kris Klein seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Jim Paist introduced the newest member to the Fargo HTC, Kathy Wussow. Kathy has been a Physicians Assistant for the past 10+ year. Prior to that, her nursing career spanned over 25 years at MeritCare and 10 years in internal medicine working with Dr. Kobrinsky. This is a new field for her and she is excited about the opportunity that has been given to her. Kathy will be joining us for the Medora Retreat.

HFA Conference: This year, the HFA Conference will be attended by both Dan Tinklenberg and Jeff Kallberg. Dan reported that the programming looked good and he also noticed that other chapters have recently joined HFA as well. Jeff Kallberg will be presenting at that conference.

Scholarships Committee: The committee consists of Bob Stone, Judith Campbell, Sharold Friedrich, Aaron Reeves and Jim Paist. We will feature an article in the next *Veinline*, March issue.

Women's Outreach: Jim reported that at last months meeting, we have two additional people on the committee and we have received the second installment from NHF Project Red Flag. Beth Andersen will be tabling at the Women's Expo in Walker this month. This is an outreach in the rural area that is extremely important. A media list has been compiled to include television, newspapers, and radio. Jim and Pam will be getting out a press release very soon.

Family Fitness: Jim reported that the grant funding for this one year project has run out. We held three events and they were:

Swimming

Hiking

Biking

Snow Shoeing was cancelled due to warm weather

As a chapter, Jim would like to make this a permanent program. It is not expensive and costs \$200-\$300 to host which is manageable. We could do an event monthly or quarterly and rotate between the 3 states. Aaron felt that this is a good event and we should do it quarterly. Dan was in favor of continuing. Bob and Judith were also in favor of this activity. Bob Stone made a motion to continue with the Family Fitness Activity on a quarterly basis. Dan Tinklenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Board Nominations for April Meeting: Jim reported that we have a unique situation and 2 years ago everyone was re-elected in 2004. However, in 2005 our By-laws were updated and officially adopted to reflect officers had a 2 year term and could serve for 3 terms which would make 6 years in total. At the last meeting, Bob Stone brought up the limitations for officers, not Board Members. Jim suggested that it would be wise to set up Board terms that are staggered. Bill Kallberg suggested that there should be an automatic succession, i.e. VP to President. Jim suggested that we form a sub-committee to do the following:

- Stagger Board terms
- Stagger Officer terms

Jim agreed to send out a survey to Board members to see if they are interested in serving another term. It was a general consensus of the Board to continue another year with 2 year terms and look at clarifying the policy and re-elect officers in 2007.

Aaron made a motion to move forward with the Board's 2 year terms as outlined in 2004 and vote at the Annual Meeting. Then, we can move forward with plans to stagger Board terms. Bill Kallberg seconded. Motion carried.

NHF Merger Updates: Jim introduced Eileen Bostwick, the recently elected NHF Board member. Eileen reported that this new merger plan is a hot topic for everyone. She would like to get comments from us and then report back to NHF. Aaron asked if NHF has given us any options? We have not received enough details on the process. Eileen reported that the

current plan in not cast in cement. She is looking to make recommendations to National. Aaron reported that this chapter would like to use NHF as a reliable resource.

Eileen would like open communications and as a Board Member to National, this is something she will strive for. Jim agreed to pass along her e-mail address to our Board Members.

Annual Meeting: Jim asked for volunteers to help at the Annual Meeting. We have Judith, Bob Stone and Dan T. Everything is coming together and we should have a great program.

Camp SuperFly: Aaron reported that there are a number of chapters who are participating in this event and it seems like a good opportunity to get some funding for HFMD. After some discussion regarding a privacy issue and our mailing list, Aaron made a motion to proceed with this opportunity. Bob Stone seconded and Motion carried.

Advocacy Updates: Jim reported nothing at the state level. At the national level, there are a few issues about reimbursement. Jim will be meeting with Senator Berglund.

Bill Kallberg reported on Washington Days. He and Brenda attended from the Board. Bill met with Senator Dayton and Representative Kline. Three issues that they discussed were:

- Genetic non-discrimination bill for genetic diseases
- Increase funding to HTC
- Access to medicade coverage for disabled people under 65.

A more extensive report will be in the next issue of the *Veinline*.

Jim agreed to schedule advocacy meeting in the evening for the upcoming session.

Old/New Business: Jim reported that we will have two Board Meetings in April, one at the Annual Meeting on April 8th and the other on April 18th.

Aaron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Kallberg seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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