

**Connecticut Hemophilia Society
Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2015
Telephone Conference Call**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Recorder: Kathy Woods, Secretary

Call to Order:

Maryann May, Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 8:04PM

Roll Call Attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maryann May, Executive Director
Dennis Mackey, President
Kathy Woodsy Woods, Secretary
Sharon Liss, Treasurer
Stacie Hebert
Meredith Adler,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Banks
Salley Pels

Secretary Report - Approval of Minutes:

Past secretary report was unavailable therefore no prior minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report –Sharon :

Current Balance: \$174,517.42

Sharon promised to send a written report each month before our meeting outlining expenses incurred and income received the prior month. She also agreed to send a report for this month after the meeting. (Have not received yet)

President Report – Dennis Mackey:

Dennis met with Allie Boutin and her boss from Bayer to discuss upcoming events.

Old Business

Infusion Class – September 19, 2015 from 10AM until 1:30PM at the Crowne Plaza, 1284 Strongtown Rd. in Southbury. Maryann will send out an email blast about the event to the 49 or so people on the mailing/membership list.

Newsletter: Buddy Buzz: Printer is making 200 copies for us and giving us a better price. They will also print the labels for us but we will be responsible for mailing them. It will be about 8 pages but may be more than that this issue. We are not revising but rather re-creating the Buddy Buzz. Need a graphic designer to handle this professionally and Maryann has found one who does other newsletters. He will charge us \$200 or under to do this job and it will be internet friendly after the initial setup. We need articles for this newsletter. Items can be about upcoming events, pictures and articles from past events, and self-infusion articles.

We also need a new person to handle the maintenance of our web site. There will be a rolling ad banner on the site eventually and we will be able to raise money through ads on the web site. Maryann will contact Kim Adams and see if she is interested in taking over the web site work for us.

Snowshoe Event: Kim Meeker is in the process of putting together this event. It will be March 18, 2016 at Mount Snow Resort, 39 Mt Snow Road, West Dover, VT. The contract is almost complete. Diane Bruno agreed to coordinate the event again.

Dads in Action: required to be done 3 times per year. We have not done any. The members decided to start this next year with a roundtable activity at the annual meeting on December 12, 2015. We need ideas for this activity and please keep in mind that it requires an educational component as part of it. Please give some thought to what activities we might do that will meet this need.

Woman's Retreat: Will be held November 14, 2015 at the Norwich Inn and Spa. From 11AM Saturday until 1PM Sunday. CSL Behring is sponsoring the event this year. We discussed the need to focus on getting mom's to attend this event. Activities will include relaxation programs, educational programs, history of treatments, a meet and greet and spa time. Joanne Wagner, a Dartmouth social worker, will speak Sunday morning on acceptance and how to get to it. We will be paying for her room.

Annual Meeting: December 12, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury. We discussed helping members pay for their rooms. We pay for half of your room if you are a CHS member.

Much discussion ensued around how to remind folks about their annual membership dues. Woodsy and Maryann offered to organize this. Dennis has CHS envelopes and cards that he will get to Woodsy.

Regular Chapter Meetings Schedule: We discussed our schedule of meetings for 2016. The following tentative schedule was agreed upon for meetings:

- February 6th or 7th,
- May 7th,
- September 19th – 9:30am, at a meet and greet before the infusion class.
- December 12 at the annual meeting

This meeting schedule needs to be written and set up on the web site.

Getting In The Game was brought up. It will be in September. It is a program for kids who are interested in sports. They go to Arizona for two days. Maryann will find out more information. Perhaps we can send someone or pay for them to go. We did not finalize a decision or vote on how much to contribute to this endeavor.

Stacy will work on kid's entertainment for the annual meeting after September 1st when the kids go back to school.

Tax return has to be done. It is due on August 15th. Unsure as to who was going to handle this and how???

We discussed giving away a package at symposium, the annual NHS meeting in Vegas this year.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis at 9:20PM, seconded by Sharon

The next meeting: September 19, 2015 at 9:30am at the Crowne Plaza in Southington before the infusion class.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Newsletter Update
- Website Update
- Snow Shoe Event update
- Annual Meeting
- Dads In Action – suggestions and dates for 2016

New Business:

- NHF Meeting: New contacts and community members and possible funders.
- Revision of by-laws discussion.
- Joining the CT Non Profit Council
- Possible new Board Members

Respectfully submitted by,
Woodsy Woods, Secretary