

Board meeting minutes February 7, 2016

Meeting opened at 9:30

Attendance

Dennis Mackey President
Maryann May Executive Director
Kathy woods Secretary
Stacy Hebert Member at large
Sharon liss Treasurer
Jennifer Banks Advocacy Chair

Meredith Adler has stepped down from board sitting conflicts in time.

Jong Bruno phoned in to take notes for Diane Bruno, Alpine Walk coordinator.
Guest visitor via phone Eric Bosworth

2015 Treasurer report attached.

E.D. Report:

Maryann has been busy updating the website and working on the next edition of the Buddy Buzz. We'll cover those as we go over old business.

Would the board consider moving the September meeting from the 10th to the 17th? MM has a conflict in time. *change ok'd by vote* The September meeting will take place before our infusion class that will be held on that day.

Presidents report:

Dennis has been working on the jacket give away for the Alpine Walk. He presented ideas for design and style option. We're going to get fleece vests this year. We'll email until we find the final choice for logo and color.

Old Business:

Alpine Walk.

Registrations are coming in on track. Industry is starting to send sponsorships. Mt Snow says rooms are getting booked. Auction items are coming in. Diane has sent out requests to sports teams for donations of gear. Jennifer and Ray Banks will provide bingo and prizes and movies for after dinner both evening. Thank you again for taking care of this another year!

Website:

Webmastery has been doing a great job keeping up with changes. We can set up a registration link for all our events for \$90 a month. This will include whatever information we need depending on the event. We should try to keep updates to once a month to save on cost. It will take a bit before we get everything set up but then keeping things updated will be simple. We need to include past minutes somewhere on the site also. The links for industry ads are set up, we just need to get the word out.

Buddy Buzz:

There are people writing up articles on the Annual Meeting and woman's retreat. Jennifer will do an article after Washington Days. Maryann is gathering pictures. There are advertisers on board already. After the HFA Symposium we'll go into full steam getting it ready for printing in late May. Maryann would like to find someone to act as "reporter" for the Alpine Walk, take pictures, get people impressions etc. Still working on that!

New Business:

It would be good for us to have a spring time event. Jennifer is going to look into the Discovery Center in Bridgeport on May 7th. It would be an afternoon with exhibits and sessions. Once the date is set Maryann will start getting exhibitors. There will be 2 sessions, Baxalta being one. From the list they provided joint health is the topic the board chose. There will be one other session, presenter still to be decided. This is the day after the Comedy Show. We are also scheduled to have our next in person board meeting that day so we'll meet before the event.

Maryann has contacted Powering Through, to see if they will do a show in the CT area. Powering Through is an interview type of program that highlights and interviews people that have overcome adversity in spite of chronic illness and pain. The program was formed by a member of the bleeding disorders community who also produces "Stop The Bleeding" a series of you tube programs that highlight the issues involved with have a bleeding disorder.

Washington Days is coming up. Jennifer and family will be attending again. Also the Cammarro family will be going this year to lobby on Capitol Hill!

Upcoming 2016 CHS Board Meetings:

May 7, September 17, December 10

Meeting closed at 11:15

