

MFRC-NCR BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, 6 September 2007

Attendees:

Thomas Allgoewer
Shaune Jonasson
Ilektra Devereux
Christine Enta
Crystal Gallinger
Kenneth Piercey
Cecilia Pita
Monique Arsenault
Sylvie Nadeau-Janelle
Cissy Wang
Mary Neilans

Regrets of members :

None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Approx. 6:35

INTRODUCTIONS:

Round table introductions
Notes: comments on deployment services and military discounts

CHAIR S COMMENTS:

Welcome from Louise
Brief overview of last year
Comments on financial info – Louise states that we are now working from a business level
Cissy has been working as Treasurer since Alain left
2 members have left the Board since the AGM in June – Alain Miclette and Elaine Boles

EXECUTIVE ELECTION:

Overview of positions
Discussion of Secretary position

- 1. Nominations:** Chair – Ilektra Devereux
Vice-Chair – Monique Arsenault

Treasurer – Cissy Wang
Secretary – Mary Neilans

Nominations closed, positions acclaimed.

Louise turns meeting over to Ilektra.

HOUSEKEEPING:

When and where are we going to meet? Agreement, first Wednesday of every month at 1830 hr with alternating site locations between Uplands and Rockcliffe

Board Orientation:

- discussion re: staff meeting with the Board and orientation timings;
- suggestion to time limits on staff presentations during this meeting;
- Proposal of holding Staff Meet and Greet in January 2008;
- Monique suggested holding Board orientation on a weekend;
- Ilektra discussed the possibility of Linda Graff coming to speak with us;
- Questions on Linda Graff – time and budget
- **Motion: Ilektra to contact Linda Graff re: Board Orientation -- Carried**

Committee Review:

- Next month
- Mary asked a question about where to find information on the Committees (answered by Louise – the orientation binder)
- Question on whether Committee information is on the website

ED S REPORT (T. ALLGOEWER)

Thomas comments that we had a positive summer;

Discusses pay increases to staff, staff enrolling in benefits program

2 PT employees hired – 1 to help Lynn w/ deployment issues and 1 to fill in plus is available Wednesday evenings and conducts couples counseling;

\$18,828 –United Way allows us to pay for these positions (not DMFS funded);

United Way wishes to contribute again this year; Thomas is participating in United Way kick-off next week;

Hylands Golf Club had a tournament in August where \$6000 was raised for the MFRC;

Lynn sold Red merchandise at the Hylands event, which was a successful venture;

Insurance – previously, the teen centre couldn't participate in activities such as rock climbing b/c we weren't covered for "high-risk" activities – All MFRC's now have full coverage policies (yay! The kids can go to La Ronde now);

Military Family discount program – goal is to have program up and running by January 2008 (Thomas is investigating possibilities through the Chamber of Commerce);
We received a \$10,000 donation from Ottawa Community Foundation;
Outreach BBQ in Gatineau was a success w/ a turn-out of approx. 60 people;
Emergency Housing –discussion on units available, our responsibilities and update on the Family Crisis team contacting the Base Commander (who agreed 1 unit would be available through Self-Help and the MFRC would be involved in oversight); Thomas states that we asked for three, received approval on one but will likely receive units in the end; (Board comments and questions); Thomas states he will review policies relating to Emergency Housing

Ilektra – raises issue of Padres and having a padre as an *ex-officio* member of the Board;

Louise – currently we can have padres as guests, but we'd need to change the by-laws to add an *ex-officio* position;

Motion Raised by Ilektra: to contact chaplain services and see if we can get padre to attend as a guest until we can amend our by-laws to add an *ex-officio* position for a permanent padre (seconded by Cecilia) Carried.

Thomas – summary of reports ending with positive conclusion
(new things happening; nominal roll allows us to do targeted advertising which is having a positive effect)

Thomas – met with rep from XX re: exploring the possibility of the MFRC having a FT liaison out at XX (we want to be more involved there) – Thomas hopes to have approval to hire a staff member for this liaison position (Thomas to follow up and bring proposal to the Board)

Rudolpho – staying until October

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Staff Reports – Mary had questions on a # of the reports, what actions are taken from them; Thomas responded that management tries to develop an action plan from the reports; Ilektra gives an overview of the utilization of staff reports

Issue Raised Medical Centre/Clinic

Round-table discussion

Ilektra tables issue for discussion at a later Board meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT (C. WANG)

Cissy gives summary; MFRC has done well over the last fiscal year

Shortfall indicated in report (management & admin) is a result of large up-front expenditures which will balance out at the end of the year;

Thomas gives brief comment on donations in and discussion re: rolling surplus funds into our GIC (our surplus is more than just fundraising – we need to consider what to do with our surplus funds)

Signing Authority Louise states that we need to investigate new signatories

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Standing – discussion

NEW BUSINESS

What happened this summer?

Shaune discusses documentary on military spouses and Janice Kennedy's editorial Parade of Lights – committee formed (discussion on requirements; Thomas to investigate required insurance) date – last Saturday in November

Halifax Conference – discussion; let Ilektra know who is interested and available to attend

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Overview of committee business

OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. Piercey raised issue re: family packages and ship deployment

T. Allgoewer responded to this issue: we need to develop a solution; Thomas undertakes to investigate this issue

Ilektra raised issue of military discounts and the family military dependent card;

Col. Rochette needs to be approached about the MFRC NCR issuing these cards

Thomas undertook to investigate this issue

Business cards – should we have them? Develop a template so that we can print our own

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 3 October 2007 at 6:30 pm (Uplands)

ADJOURNMENT: Not noted