

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)**

**September 7, 2006
15 Holland Avenue, Ottawa**

In Attendance:

Wilma Findlay (GSU) (MDAC Chair)
Angelo Gavillucci (SDC)
Claudette Guibord (UCTE)
Denise Camus (CEIU)
John Jedrasik (GSU)
Pat McGrath (UNDE)
Peter Hyduk (UNDE)
Ron Lichtenwald (GSU)
Rick Taylor (PSAC Rgn Rep)

Absent

Ed Cashman (REVP)-EX Officio
James Infantino (PSAC) (DI Advisor)
Lee Shapiro (AGR)
Rachelle Halpenny (CRA)
Ruhyne Remtulla

Sending Regrets

Jaclyne Campeau
Michel Tondreau (GSU)
Soo Samler (UNDE)

Guests

None

Via Telecon

none

Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 1800 hrs. As there were no guests, no introductions were made.

Agenda:

The agenda was provided via email and reviewed by all in attendance. Other Business amended to include Ron's work on the Website for PWDs; Fundraiser proposal; and, election activities for the upcoming municipal elections. Motion to adopt.

M – Peter Hyduk; 2nd - John Jedrasik; Carried.

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes from June were not available. Also, since this was the first meeting after the summer break, no action will be taken on the minutes.

Reports:

Update for 3 December event –

Some of our members have been very busy this summer working on the Dec 3 event. Update as follows:

Approach – Two (2) day event versus one (1) day event. On Dec 2 MDAC will host a dance. Dec 3 will be a repeat of the craft show and panel discussion (Spirituality reps, Health Care coalition rep).

Dec 2 Dance – Musical group “The Diplomats” have been booked. Spot dances / door prizes will be given out.

Dec 3 Craft Show/Panel Discussion – Three tables have been reserved. Centre 451 may be interested in participating, as well as artists in a special class. Pat has spoken with Maria Hawkins (blues singer) who may be interested in supporting our event; awaiting return call. Pat has also contacted Ron Stark (United Church) to discuss what support they may be able to offer. Awaiting response for the Jewish faith / Iman of Member of Islamic faith.

Communications

Advertisement - “Access Now” is running our advertisement, as well as radio and papers. John is looking for some kind of poster/info to provide during his visits to other buildings during September and with the Men’s Committee.

Letters to Components – A letter has been sent to components and four responses have been received (UNDE; UTE; NEU; and, GSU).

Location – Gilmour Street – Rick Taylor has booked the rooms at PSAC for Saturday (Dec 2) and Sunday (Dec 3).

Jamday and Garage Sale – Both events went well. There will be a line item on the budget report reflecting the costs of transportation and meals at these events

Special Joint NCR Equity Committee Work – In collaboration with RVAC, a NCR survey tool has been developed, and subsequently tested at the Jamday event. The survey consists of questions that cover both equity groups. In addition, either group can remove questions related to the other group so that the survey is focused on only one group. Twenty-five (25) volunteers took the survey at Jamday and the responses will be compiled in the near future.

New Business:

Dec 2 Dance – Discussions were had to determine the ticket price for the dance. Also, what would be included in the price of admission (door prize ticket, wine, etc). This is somewhat dependant on the capacity of the room. Rick to check capacity of J.K. Wylie room for dance. Motion put forward for the cost of tickets set at \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00

M – Peter Hyduk; 2nd – Pat McGrath; Carried.
Recorded as abstaining - John Jedrasik and Angelo Gavillucci

Other Business:

Project on Human Rights Day (10 Dec) – Wilma will ask for more details regarding our involvement and financial impact.

Website – Ron has stated up a website as a resource tool for PWDs during the summer. As their world is impacted by their disability, the initial focus was on computer related problems. Currently they have 111 members worldwide and are continuing to grow quite quickly. As PWDs wish to be self-sufficient, there seems to be a large positive reaction to the website. Should this website be a link available from MDAC and/or PSAC? MDAC – Yes; PSAC – No.

Fundraising (Warriors for Anthony) – Pat is participating in a campaign to raise funds for Anthony (Handout provided) and this will be forwarded as a worthwhile cause to the National EOC rep. Pat will be the MDAC rep.

Election Activity – Members can be involved with campaigns during elections through their own activities. Accommodation issues that need to be addressed (and which are still outstanding) can be brought to the forefront during any candidate meetings.

Information Sharing

Wilma and Peter have both announced that they will not be seeking re-election to positions within MDAC for 2007.

Handouts provided for Warriors For Anthony and Ron's Website

End of Discussion points, no further business.

Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be Oct 5, 2006

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Pat McGrath 2nd - John Jedrasik
moved and carried at 2040 hrs.

Minutes prepared and accepted as indicated below:

Peter Hyduk, Secretary

Wilma Findlay, MDAC Chair

Date

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