

**SSCOPE Incorporated
Annual General Meeting
June 20, 2008**

Minutes

Present: Michael G, Gina Y, Jade M, Margaret B, Cynthia V, Darlene G, Marc M, Robert Z, Kumaran R, Ashley G, Ryan Ledd, Chris Dale, Trude Shastal, Bob Rempel, David Newman, George Pasieka, Donna-Lynne Guagliardo, Monique Levesque-Pharoah

Call to order at 12:00 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept Agenda (Kumaran R / 2nd David Newman)

Review and approval of the November 2007 AGM Minutes

Motion to accept (Cynthia V / 2nd Ashley G)

Reports

Board Chair's Report (George Pasieka)

George introduced Clayton Carriere and Ashley G as in-coming chair. In the past year, WHRA gave a one-time grant of \$25,000 for another Support Worker; SSCOPE now has a part-time Executive Directive for the next year (Bob Rempel); a new moving truck has been purchased by our fundraising efforts. A thank you to Lisa Lewis who did the research and proposal for the moving truck, to Chris Dale for "stick handling" it, and to all the officers, their families and friends, workers and friends of SSCOPE who worked on the Bingo.

Grants were received by the Thomas Sill Foundation (\$15,000), The Winnipeg Foundation (\$22,000), the Manitoba Community Service Council (\$21,000), three Bingo sessions (\$9,000)

No report by Executive director Bob Rempel

No report by Program Co-ordinator Chris Dale

Motion to accept report (David Newman / 2nd Kumaran R)

Bylaw change

The motion to reduce the minimum number of board members from nine to seven and that the maximum number of officers be eleven was introduced. George Pasioka spoke about the difficulty of recruiting new members with diverse backgrounds to make a commitment.

Motion to approve Bylaw change (Kumaran R / 2nd Robert Z)

Review and approval of the 2007 – 2008 accountant report

David Newman reviewed the report and says overall SSCOPE had a good year; the balance sheet looks healthy at this point, and funds have been set aside for a 2nd Support Worker.

Motion to accept report (Cynthia V / 2nd Robert Z)

Selection of accountant for 2009

David Newman says that Allan Whicker’s accountant’s fee of \$1,500 is good value and we should pursue his services for the next year. Monique Levesque-Pharoah asked what is required for a “review”; she may know of an accountant who can provide the same service for a lesser fee, perhaps \$1,000. George Pasioka responded by stating the “review” is acceptable by the WRHA. He agreed that other options for having the review done could be explored.

No Motion: Deferred to Board of Directors

New business

Marc M, Margaret B, and Michael G inquired if more hours are possible for workers. Chris Dale responded that an additional Support Worker will provide more shifts. Kumaran R says he has a friend in the moving business who may be interested in sub-contracting the SSCOPE moving van – this could produce revenue for the agency.

Should SSCOPE bring back housekeeping services or similar services? Chris Dale and Trude Shastal replied that this service never made money for us and a support worker who is willing to go out on housekeeping jobs is essential. David Newman commented that not all business units have to be highly or equally profitable. Vending is one example of one activity that is more profitable than others and could support other activities to a certain extent, he said. An activity like housecleaning might serve additional needs for the organization, such as us being able to hire additional workers who prefer this kind of work, over the more physically intensive work we also have.

Donna-Lynne Guagliardo asked for an update on the Support Worker position. Bob Rempel says that 15 responses have been received so far – the bulletin will be posted until the end of June and hopefully the new staff member will begin sometime next month.

Bob Rempel noted that Board Member David Newman has been newly selected to the current Board of Canadian Mental Health Association and George Pasieka, current Board Chair, is continuing to serve on the CMHA Board.

Motion to adjourn (Kumaran R / 2nd Ashley G)

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm