

Board Meeting Minutes

MARCH 28, 2008

Present: Ann Sinclair, Anne Bromley, Patricia Richards, Claudia Jahn, Barbara Nehiley, Bill Buckland, Amy Moonshadow, Kasia Tota

Regrets: Wayne Desmond, Rebecca Koeller, Carol Tooton

1. Approve agenda – Under New Business add the New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association Conference Moved by Bill, Seconded by Claudia **APPROVED**

2. Approve minutes of February 28, 2008

Moved by: Kasia Seconded by: Patricia

Add discussion of the New Brunswick Housing Ass. Conference and that Amy Moonshadow expressed interest in attending. **APPROVED**

3. Reports

1) Treasurer Report

- a) Barb informed the Board that Grant Wanzel is wishing to donate about \$900 of his CMHC fee to AHANS

Motion: That the board send a thank you card to Grant along with a \$100 gift certificate to “It’s All Greek to Me” restaurant or another suitable venue. Moved by: Claudia Seconded by Bill. **APPROVED**

Patricia asked whether AHANS has a budget for the upcoming year 2008/09.

Motion: That the Treasurer along with Claudia work to prepare a budget for the fiscal year 2008/09 and present at the next meeting. Moved by: Patricia Seconded by Kasia **APPROVED**

b. Social Marketing

Kasia updated the board on planning efforts related to the symposium. Invitation went out and venue has been booked for Sat. May 3rd anticipating 30 participants. Funding from the Coastal Foundation has been confirmed. The Committee is working on researching other networks and putting more detail into recommendations.

Letter to the Minister – a draft has been circulated to the Social Marketing Committee.

ACTION: Claudia will circulate to the entire Board and pending further revisions, will send it out.

2) By-laws and policy

Patricia emphasized the need for all Board members to review the policies and procedures in detail and provide feedback. Some significant changes are suggested. They have to be read, approved and followed. Time should be set aside at the next meeting to go through the policies, especially the vision and mission. Everyone should come prepared with their own ideal vision and mission as a start.

ACTION: All Directors to review and provide comments to Patricia electronically before next meeting. Come prepared with suggestions for vision and mission.

4. New Business

- a. Membership – Barb said there is a need to maintain and expand membership and check on who has paid and who has not. **ACTION:** Anne Sinclair volunteer to assist in this effort. Kasia will check for receipt book.
- b. Request of the Community Advocates Network – Claudia received a request for AHANS to prepare a short brief on the key housing issues in Nova Scotia for Scott Bryson's visit in May. **ACTION:** Claudia will prepare the brief and circulate.
- c. New Brunswick Non-Profit Housing Association Network Conference – it was agreed that someone from AHANS should attend, preferably the Chair. Amy also expressed an interest. The cost to attend will be significant therefore once all costs are looked into and the budget prepared the Treasurer will let the Board know whether 2 people can attend on behalf of AHANS.

5. Community updates

- Claudia: CMHC has currently RFP out for Equilibrium Housing Awards up to \$60,000
- Bill: Seaton has spent \$300,000 of provincial RAP on housing upgrades
- Barb & Patricia: Metro Turning Point and St. Leonard's are looking in partnering and program expansion
- Claudia: CAH is in the process of awarding \$11.9 M in capital costs. She will circulate the final list of approved projects once approved by Service Canada.

6. Next Meeting Thursday April 24th at 4:00 pm Location TBC

7. Adjourn

Prepared by: Kasia Tota, Secretary