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Annual General Meeting Plaza 500 Hotel, Ballroom 16:30 – 17:30 MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order *Ted Bruce (President)*

2.0 Approval of Agenda *Motion to approve the agenda:* *1ST – Patricia O’Hagan* *2nd – Irv Rootman*

3.0 Approval of 2008 Minutes *Approved – all in favor*

4.0 Introduction of New Board and Recognition of Outgoing Board Members *Ted Bruce presented the new members to the board and thanked outgoing members: Barbara Crocker, Ron Dovell, Paulette Lacroix, Debbie Leach, Katrina Ludwig, Maureen Rowlands, and Michael Pennock.*

5.0 Reports

5.1 President’s Report

Ted talked about the highlights of the last year including:

- *Development of committees and increased participation in all of them.*
- *Project Management – additional income to support the association’s infrastructure. Over the last few years the association has received more income through different projects.*
- *Web page – has grown from 80,000 page views to over 190,000 page views a month. It is a platform for other forums to spread their message. PHABC is still working on improving the site to make it the “go to place” for public health.*
- *Bylaws – PHABC has approved new bylaws which are already in use.*
- *Goals for next year are to develop a new communications committee and continue the momentum for public health development. The goal is to put Public Health back on the top of all agendas.*

No questions from membership about the President’s report.

5.2 Governance

Sandy McKenzie was not present to comment on this report

5.3 Finance

Ted chairs highlighted the Financial Statements for 2008 were audited and 2009 will be too. He highlighted according to policies the PHABC is in good financial shape for the next two years.

Michael gave a quick update on the Finances to today. He stressed that the figures presented were a draft and the numbers would change a little bit, but that everything is moving in the right direction.

No questions from the membership.

5.4 Policy Advocacy and Research

Darryl Quantz (Chair) highlighted that there was no resolution on health inequities last year and that he was looking forward to have a resolution at the next meeting.

No questions from the membership

5.5 Capacity Development

Irv Rootman (Chair) talked about the high number of members on the committee and invited interested members to join them. He mentioned his intention to involve more people outside of Vancouver. He also spoke of some of the highlights of the work the committee undertook in the last year including workshops on health inequities and the conference.

No questions from the membership.

5.6 Membership

Barbara Crocker was not able to attend but Michael provided an update that membership has remained constant over the last year. There has been a considerable increase of visitors to the webpage in the last year.

Kimberley Laing (new member) asked about the way to engage more students to PHABC, she highlighted the energy and enthusiasm students can bring to the association.

Ted agreed that indeed there should be done more to engage students to PHABC

Motion to approve reports

1st. Richard Stanwick

2nd Shannon Turner

6.0 Resolutions

6.1 200901

Alcohol Pricing and Act Now BC Platform

Debbie Leach and Anne George presented the resolution

HST will result in a reduction on pricing of alcohol in restaurants.

Question posed regarding if HST can be used to fund health care? Not feasible in the way they manage taxes in Canada, but can be suggested to the government.

*The increase of alcohol price is the best way to prevent alcohol misuse.
-amendment of the use of MISUSE and the addition of the definition of MISUSE was suggested to the resolution.*

Resolution votes – passed, all in favour.

7.0 New Business

Strategic and Financial Plan

Ted Bruce (chair) highlighted the Priority topics showed on the chart and mentioned the 4 goals PHABC for the next year.

Shannon Turner emphasized that the PHABC webpage is a template for other countries platforms.

8.0 Awards Announcement

Ted Bruce announced the awards recipients and gave them a present for their hard work and passion to public health.

Sharon Martin Community Development award: Rose Soneff

President's award: Nancy Hall

Award of Merit: Stephen Andrew (will be handed out at the Community Forum event later tonight).

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned.