

**TMS Board Meeting
February 4, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 8:32 PM

In attendance:

Rita Barlow
Valerie Slee
Susan Manchester
Karen Curtiss
Joan Passmore
Len Levenda
Diana Coleman

Not present:

Gigi Parks – her server is down
Regina Rentz – on vacation out of the country
Denise - illness

Rita Barlow, chairman, presiding.

I. New Business:

A. Committee for Communication (Joan's SSA Committee):

Rita made a motion that we add Lynda Dooley and Tami Howard to this committee. Seconded and passed.

B. Committee for Research (chaired by Gigi Parks):

Rita made a motion we add Marti Wolfe and Jane Clark to this committee. Seconded and passed.

C. Discussion on Candace's article for the Chronicle on MCAD/IA (and her being committee chair for this). Her article will probably have to be held for the spring issue. (Rita said this current edition is going to the printer a week from today). Rita will re-send the article to everyone and we will discuss it at the next board meeting.

D. Rita and Valerie will be meeting with Rick Finnegan, from Critical Therapeutics, on February 11th, to discuss pushing the FDA to make Zylfo available for compassionate use. Val stated that we also have the support of NORD and a J. Bono from the FDA helping us with this. Anyone, on the board, that is interested, may attend this meeting. It will be at Val's house.

E. Joan said that she sent an update on the SSA committee today and as yet doesn't have any members on the drug committee. Valerie, Rita, and Len volunteered to help on that committee if Joan didn't get any volunteers. We agree that we need to let the members know what committees are formed and what is being done in them so we can generate more interest and get more volunteers. Diana was asked, as PR chair, if she could post a weekly update on what we are working on as a board, with requests for volunteers to help each committee. Diana agreed to do this.

II. Old Business:

A. Getting the Chronicle online:

Karen emailed Kristen, but has not heard back from her. She has been waiting for Kristen's response before contacting Carrie. She heard that Kristen is pretty sick so she may not be working on the project as much as was previously anticipated. As a result Karen is formulating Plan B as an alternative if necessary.

B. Dr. Miner's Tape:

Len is still waiting for a reply from Dr. Miner about the tape from the OKC conference. If he doesn't hear anything in a couple of days he is going to call.

C. Masto Store:

Cecile Dion has updated the web page for the masto store. It looks great. We need ideas for new items. Cecile has asked the members for ideas also. The ideas mentioned tonight were masto travel mug, a more traditional jacket or stadium coat with the masto emblem on it, a low-impact aerobic exercise video, and water bottles 20 ounces or larger.

D. Welcome Packets:

Valerie suggested we cross out the old board members names, on the Welcome Chronicle, so as to avoid confusion. Susan is going to do this in all new packets. Everyone agreed the articles were good so we are leaving those alone for

now. As soon as the new edition of the Chronicle is printed Susan will be putting that in the Welcome Packets instead of the very outdated Welcome Chronicle, that goes in there now. The latest addition of the Chronicle will be what is used in the welcome packets from now on. Len had an idea and we discussed including refrigerator magnets with the website in the welcome packets. We will also start enclosing a "Save The Date" sheet giving the dates and location of the next conference, per Valerie's suggestion. Susan said she could make magnets with her Xyron machine but she doesn't know how much it would cost. Susan will put something together and figure out a price. We might sell them to members also and maybe even give them out as favors at the 10th anniversary conference.

E. Diana asked Val, if she should just send Diane Dorman a thank you email as long as they were meeting with Rick Finnegan on the drug shortage issue. Val said that after Rita and her meet with Rick, they will call or email Diana and they can put together an update for Diane Dorman from the board. Diana will send her a nice thank you right away, also.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Manchester- Secretary TMS