

BIAWE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:30 PM ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Joanne King, Marcus Niessen, Theresa Wunder, Rachel Olsen, Tala Bitar, Ian MacIsaac (left at 6:00), Meghan Fyall, Betty Penny, Kim Spirou (left at 6:00), Anna Jurak (ED)

1. Call to Order – Joanne called meeting to order at 5:33pm
2. Brain Changes Initiative – Guest – Sal Galati
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
4. Approval of Agenda. **MOTION:** Approve the Agenda with changes. Review Fundraising and PR Report first. Moved by Marcus. Seconded by Tala.
5. Consent Items:
 - (a) Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2021
MOTION: To approve the Minutes of February 24, 2021. Moved by Marcus. Seconded by Betty. Passed.
 - (b) Acceptance of the Executive Director's Report
Star program – Will be video format. Discussed posting the videos on YouTube in the future for awareness, fundraising.
OBIA Provincial Conference – Need ideas for keynote speaker and breakout rooms.
MOTION: To accept the Executive Director's Report. Moved by Marcus. Seconded by Betty. Passed.
6. Board Reports:
 - (a) Treasurer's Report – Refer to report.
MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Betty. Seconded by Tala. Passed.
 - (b) Education/Program Committee Report – Refer to Report
Medic Alert bracelets - 1 year subscriptions will be provided free of charge to 20 ABI survivors. Funds are from Brain React Program.
Helmets for Kids- Need volunteers to put packages together and hand out helmets during brain injury awareness month
- Discussed hosting June 11 & 12 Brain Injury awareness event at Optimist Park

instead of Lanspeary Park due to more parking, facilities, shelter
- Tala will add our lists of concussion symptoms for adult and children to BIAWE App
MOTION: To accept the Education/Program Committee Report. Moved by Marcus.
Seconded by Meghan. Passed.

(c) Fundraising and PR Committee Report – App Design Update. Refer to Report
Golf Tournament- Ian agreed to chair golf tournament.
MOTION: To accept the Fundraising and PR Committee Report. Moved by Kim.
Seconded by Ian. Passed.

(d) Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee Report – Update
Amended by-laws to be sent to board members for review.
Need to make a Procedure Manual.

7. Old Business:

(a) Brain Changes Initiative – discussion
Sal Galati of Brain Changes presented regarding a partnership to increase referrals
from the hospitals to BIAWE and BIAWE to provide local navigation, as per the
Memorandum of Understanding.
MOTION: To sign the Memo of Understanding. Moved by Meghan. Seconded by
Betty. Passed.

8. New Business:

(a) Resignation of Gord Hillman
MOTION: To accept Gord Hillman's resignation. Moved by Marcus. Seconded by
Meghan. Passed.
(b) New Board Members – AGM – could add board members
(c) OBIA Conference Oct 28, 29, 2021 – Need 2 volunteers for conference.

9. Other - none

10. Next Board meeting: April 28, 2021 at 5:30 via zoom following the Annual General
Meeting

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Marcus. Seconded by Meghan. Passed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:32