

International Mennonite Health Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2011 in Winnipeg, MB

PRESENT: David Wiebe, Murray Nichol, Glen Miller, Glyn Allen, Helmut Huebert, Grace Klassen, Merrill Pauls, Doug Cressman and Ferd Pauls

ON SKYPE: John Martens, Pakisa Tshimika and Doug Snyder

REGRETS: Bob Buhr, Tom Klein, Frank Durksen, Ray Harms-Wiebe and Henry Tessmann

Chair: David Wiebe

- 1) Meeting was called to order by David Wiebe. He introduced Rev David Wiebe as Executive Director of ICOMB and asked him to present a devotional.
- 2) Rev. David Wiebe indicated that ICOMB was the home of the M.B. Conference around the world. There were 20 conferences with Thailand applying to join. He read Acts 4:32-37 and commented on the Jubilee principle has been appropriate for us. Unity of the church allows for generosity. He gave an example from his ICOMB experience and followed with prayer.
- 3) Dr. Jake Friesen was this year's honoree. David Wiebe presented a resume of Jake's activity in India. He was the first M.B. physician that established the Jadcherla Hospital in 1950. It subsequently expanded to treat many patients. In 1972 a local physician, Dr. P.B. Arnold, become responsible when all the Missionaries left India. Dr. Friesen relocated to Reedley, CA. He joined IMHA as a Board member from its beginning and continues at present in the Emeritus category. He has now retired from practice and sends his greetings to the Board.

Dr. Friesen will receive the IMHA Certificate of Recognition and a gift certificate for a book.

M/S/C That the Board minutes of May 12, 2011 be accepted

M/S/C That the Agenda be accepted

- 4) As this was the 10th Anniversary of IMHA, there followed four presentations.
 - a) David Wiebe presented the first 5 years. He indicated that prior to IMHA those interested in India had formed an India Commission to support medical activities. The same had occurred in the Congo. In 2001 the two groups met in Denver to form the Mennonite Mission Health Association with Rick Hamm as their first president. Annual meetings were held in Canada and the U.S. Peter Block followed Rick as President. Ferd Pauls replaced Peter Block in 2004
 - b) Glen Miller then presented a collage of pictures illustrating the history of the Association
 - c) Ferd Pauls continued with a description of the last 5 years. See Appendix A
 - d) Murray Nickel concluded the presentations with a look at what he thought the future of the Association could be like. See Appendix B
- 5) The India projects were then presented. Peter Nels Kroeker, representing the Kroeker Foundation had been invited to attend the meeting.
 - a) Mahbubnager Junior College has been provided with 60 Nurses Aides scholarships at \$280 each to cover all the first and second years students. Peter Nels presented a proposal from the Kroeker Foundation. Two other classes totaling 75 students in the College that were now supported at \$20,000 by the Foundation would become the

responsibility of IMHA The Foundation would provide the funds by turning over an investment that now generates \$3000 per month.

M/S/C that we accept the Kroeker Foundational proposal to administer the scholarships at the Mahbubnager Junior College in principal. The details of receiving funds from the Foundation would be accomplished thru a legal process acceptable to IMHA and the Kroeker Foundation.

- b) Medical Students – The two we have supported are completing their studies. One student is supported thru the Rick Hamm Scholarship

M/S/C that we accept two new students

- c) We are supporting a Seminary Public Health Teacher at \$2400

M/S/C that we continue to provide support for one teacher

- d) Nursing – We have accepted to support one R.N. in Nursing at \$2000.

- e) Transfer of money – There was discussion as to the sending of money to India. All except the Junior College money has gone to our representative in India Rev Menno Joel in rupees. Glyn and Ferd will determine if he can facilitate the same for the Junior College.

- 6) The meeting was adjourned

- 7) A reception followed

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Chair: Helmut Huebert

- 8) The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair. He opened the morning with scripture and prayer,

It was noted that there had been no response to Murray's presentation the day before.

M/S/C that we accept Murray's presentation The Future Of IMHA in principal

- 9) Ferd Pauls presented the Presidents report. See Appendix C. He indicated an opportunity to develop a Partnership with ICOMB. He recognized the support of the Board during his presidency and wished Murray Nickel God's blessing as president

M/S/C that the President's report be accepted

- 10) Glyn Allen provided some comments on our financial situation. See Appendix D. This was the first year we have tried fundraising by assignment. There would be more discussion when the budget will be reviewed. He indicated our looking at a change with our accountant He noted a shortfall of \$800 in Administration.

M/S/C that the report be accepted

- 11) Committee reports

- a) Executive – Ferd Pauls indicated that two Executive meetings had been held this year. See Appendix E for the July 8 minutes. On October 21 a meeting was held at 5:15. Its contents will be communicated when nominations for Board and Executive will be discussed

M/S/C that the report be accepted

- b) Communications – See Appendix F for report. Glen Miller demonstrated the new web page as well as the new format for Check Up. We will continue to provide some hardcopy as well as electronic circulation He noted the DRC had the highest number of visits.

The Board commended Glen for the excellent work he is doing to make IMHA known.

12) IMHA Relationships

- a) AMMC – John Martens reported that there is a meeting of AMMC occurring in Tshikapa at present. Gaspard is involved in the organization.
- b) Mtshabezi – A report from Doug Snyder is attached. See Appendix G
M/S/C That a Medical Education scholarship of \$2500 be established for assisting physician education in Zimbabwe
M/S/C That we continue to support a Medicine Credit Program for \$10,000
M/S/C That we explore with Friends of the Congo an involvement in a statement against abuse of resources in the DRC by multi national companies.
- c) Alto Refugio – Ferd Pauls reported on a completed major building project in Asuncion for HIV/AIDS patients. The Executive Director has family in Manitoba and as a result there is periodic contact.
- d) Jadcherla Medical Centre – David Wiebe had no new information to report. Dr. P.B. Arnold was in Winnipeg with his son in June 2011. He indicated his continuing efforts to complete the Medical School. He is hoping his son, who graduated from a Medical College in Nepal will take over the Hospital direction
- e) MMHH – Pakisa joined the meeting via Skype, Doug Snyder via telephone. Dalton Reimer, Board Chair of MMHH outlined the major focus of MMHH in the DRC. See Appendix H. He noted a major initiative MALUKU in Kinshasa, which would provide accommodations and a conference centre. He explained that MMHH was involved in the Kajiji Health Zone outside of the Hospital. MCC was involved with the Hospital only. The issue of co-ordination was being worked at as John Clarke and Anicka Fast who are co-coordinating the Kajiji Health Zone project are leaving in February 2012. See Appendix I.
- f) MCCongo – IMHA is continuing to partner with MCC to provide Medication credit for two Health Zones. As funds become available MCC plans to be involved in 7 “Menno” Health Zones.
- g) Tshikaji – John Martens and Murray Nickel reported on the Internship program in Tshikaji. A question was raised about the quality of teaching at Tshikadji. It was decided to continue to use this Medical Centre, as there was other viable place. In future Kimpese or Vanga might be considered
- h) AMED – It was agreed that BEWA should be asked to provide some mentoring to Internship physicians with a stipend of \$200.
- i) Bon Berger – Murray indicated that the Clinic is working well. This is an example of a local initiative that is providing good Health Care. Needs our continued support.

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13:00 to 16:00

Chair: Glyn Allen

- 13) The Chair invited Murray Nickel to give his power point presentation on Mungindu. This Health Zone is located south of Kikwit. It includes an area where the M.B. Church has been active. A three-year plan for funding has been developed. AMED is responsible for the Zone. Contact Glen Miller for a copy of the presentation
- 14) Administration Report – Ferd Pauls presented the Administration report. See appendix J. and K. He detailed the audit by Revenue Canada and included our response to their suggestions for change. He agreed to continue to administer the corporate office for this next year. He recognized the work Ruth Pauls had done to help organize this Annual Meeting.

M/S/C that the report be accepted

15) Budget 2012 – Glyn Allen presented the following budget for approval. With each budget item he indicated a person on the ground and an IMHA Champion

	Name	Budget	Person on the ground	Champion
India				
	Peter Kroeker Memorial Bursaries (10)	\$2,800	Menno Joel/ Abraham Prakash	Ferd Pauls
	Mahbubnagar Nurse Aide Bursaries (50)	\$14,000	Menno Joel/ Abraham Prakash	David Wiebe
	Dr Rick Hamm Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	Menno Joel	Ferd Pauls
	Medical Student Scholarships (2)	\$5,000	Menno Joel	Ferd Pauls
	Shamshabad Bible College Nurse Educator	\$2,400	Menno Joel	Ferd Pauls
	Nursing Studies Scholarship	\$2,000	Menno Joel	Grace Klassen
	Local oversight	\$1,000		
Congo		0		
	Medicine Credit Program (2 Health Zones)	\$50,000	MCC	Murray/Ferd
	Post-graduate Internship (2 candidates)	\$5,540	Maurice Matsitsa	John/Murray
	AMMC (Mennonite Medical Association)	\$5,000	Maurice Matsitsa	John/Murray
	Bon Berger Medical Centre Support	\$50,000	Maurice Matsitsa	Murray Nickel
	Mungindu Health Zone (AMED)	\$80,000	Maurice Matsitsa	Murray Nickel
	Local oversight	\$2,000		
Zimbabwe		0		
	Mtshabezi Medicine Credit Program	\$10,000	Jake Shenk	Doug Snyder
	Medical Student Scholarship	\$2,500	Jake Shenk	Doug Snyder
Paraguay		0		
	Alto Refugio	\$5,000	David Schmidt	Frank Doerksen
MMHH	Mama Makeka's House of Hope	\$10,000		Pakisa Tshimika
Administration	Administrative Support	\$16,000		IMHA Board
	Become a member (\$100 minimum)	0		
Total		\$265,740		

M/S/C That a budget of \$265,740 be approved for 2012

16) Board Resignations and Appointments – Ferd Pauls has received the resignation of the following Board members:

- a) Merrill Pauls received by the Board at their October 21 session. He was thanked for his contributions by the Vice Chair
- b) Henry Tessmann received by e-mail.
- c) Frank Duerksen received by telephone on October 21
- d) Tom Klein received by e-mail on October 22

M/S/C that we accept with regret these resignations and that we ask that they receive a letter of appreciation for their service.

It was suggested that Board members submit a short CV of potential Board members to the corporate office to be circulated for Board consideration. Up to 4 new members could be considered.

17) Election Of Officers

a) Executive Committee

President: Murray Nickel (January1, 2012 To 2014)

Vice-President David Wiebe (2012)

John Martens (2012 -2015)

Past President: Ferd Pauls (2012)

Treasurer: Glyn Allen (2012)

Secretary: Function Provided By Past President

Communications: Glen Miller (2014)

Member At Large: Bob Buhr (2013)

b) Finance Committee

Chair: Glyn Allen

David Wiebe

John Martens

Doug Snyder

Helmut Huebert

c) Communications

Chair: Glen Miller

Doug Cressman

Grace Klassen

Bob Buhr

18) Next Meeting to be determined by the Executive for 2012

19) For the installation of the new president, Glyn called for the Board to gather around Murray for prayers of blessing as he assumes his responsibilities on January1, 2012

20) The meeting was adjourned at 15:30

21) The American officers of IMHA met. They approved unanimously all the motions that had been passed at the Annual meeting of IMHA.

22) The Canadian officers of IMHA met. They approved unanimously all the motions that had been passed at the Annual meeting of IMHA.

23) The Board dinner was held that evening at Dragon Palace.