

**Mennonite Mission Health Association**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**First MB Church**  
**October 15-16, 2004**

**Members present: Peter Block (chair), David Wiebe, Rick Hamm, Nzash Lumeya (for Saji Oommen), Deen Gaddam, Tom Klein, Jake Friesen, Ferd Pauls, Murray Nickel**  
**Guest: Glen Miller**  
**Regrets: Bob Buhr, Helmut Huebert**

1) Devotions: P.B. referred to John 13: 12-17. He read a devotional from Calvin Miller referring to our role as servants. Group prayer included items of request and praise.

2) Minutes of the last annual meeting of October 24-25, 2003 were reviewed and accepted as circulated.

3) Business Arising:

3.1 New board members

Pakisa Tshimika resigned from the Board

3.2 Incorporation

In the U.S. the MB Conference rejected a relationship with MMHA to facilitate incorporation. It is possible to issue tax reports at present.

M.N. was asked to obtain information from the Mennonite Mission Network that might be helpful to MMHA and convey this to the Chair. **Action: M.N.**

3.3 India Commission: It was noted that almost half of the India budget had been raised thru Doug Cressman's efforts.

3.4 Congo Commission: N.L. met with the Congo church leadership in June, 2004 to explain the relationship between MBMSI and MMHA. They indicated that a Congo Medical Commission was being revived after two years and anticipated that this would be the Congo church branch that would relate to MMHA and its mandate from MBMSI in Medical matters. Any MBMSI personnel in Congo would be part of the Congo Commission and thus assure MMHA, local church input into any requests. It is anticipated that there be further clarification in the MMHA Congo Commission Minutes.

4) Ratification of Executive Minutes

March, 2004

All motions were reviewed with explanations provided as necessary

It was moved, seconded and passed:

**That all motions be ratified**

July, 2004

All motions were reviewed with explanations provided as needed.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That all motions be ratified**

5) Presidents Report

P.B. presented the Chairman's report. He outlined the history of MMHA, reviewed what had been accomplished this past year and concluded that MMHA was at a crucial stage in its development. He noted that we need to move forward to become an effective and efficient

organization. Refer to Presidents report.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That the Chairman's report be accepted**

6) Financial Statements for 2003

R.H. presented the Financial Statements for 2003. He noted that as of the end of the year we had \$290 in the Canadian account. T.K. indicated that there was \$3000 in the American account. R.H. also referred to two letters that had been sent out by P.B. in 2004 to fund raise. The first brought in \$900 and the second \$200. Refer to Financial Statement.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That the Financial Report be accepted**

7) Relations between MBMSI and MMHA.

P.B. had referred to the role MBMSI had played in the formation of MMHA. N.L. was replacing Saji Oommen at this meeting as the MBMSI Board was meeting in Abbotsford to determine their future direction with a new Executive Director. P.B. was asked to communicate with Randy Friesen (MBMSI) to determine what the strategic plan of MBMSI was going to be. This would then help MMHA to clarify their future role with MBMSI. **Action: P.B.**

8) Constitution: Governance document

P.B. referred the Board to the Governance document that had been passed at an Executive meeting on March 20, 2004 and ratified at this meeting. He divided the discussion into two parts: Governance and Administration. F.P. commented on the fact that this document was an expansion to the original Constitution of November , 2003

GOVERNANCE:

In paragraph 1 it was determined that shall is to be replaced by **should**. In the second paragraph "for 2004" will be removed. Under Objectives 2b will read **participation in**

The question was raised if there were other organizations similar to MMHA that we could amalgamate with instead of duplicating . R.H. and D.W. are members of MMA . They indicated that there is no duplication.

ADMINISTRATION

P.B. pointed out that a job description for an Executive Director and Admini Asst had been developed. They had not been advertised as there was no budget for these positions. At last years Annual meeting these positions were approved and to be implemented if a budget became available. F.P. informed the meeting that discussion had taken place with the MBMSI office in Winnipeg re space but none was available. Construction of an office building for MB Ministries has begun and space will be available by April, 2005. Discussion confirmed the need for an Executive Director and an office as part of a priority to advance MMHA.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That we continue to explore the possibility of developing administration that would include an Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant located if possible in the new MB**

**office complex in Winnipeg  
F.P.**

**Action:**

It was then moved, seconded and passed

**That the Governance document be accepted as amended.**

## **COMMISSIONS**

With the acceptance of the Governance document it was recognized that Commissions were now replaced by Committees.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That Article V of the Constitution of November, 2002 outlining Commissions be rescinded**

## **ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES**

Following the acceptance of the Board Committee structure members were asked what Committees they would like to participate in. Prior to proceeding, the Chair asked what the maximum number of members be on each committee.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That each committee consist of four members with a minimum of two being Board members one of who will chair the Committee**

**FINANCE: the Treasurer, Rick Hamm- chair; Tom Klein; Peter Block**

**PROJECT: David Wiebe-chair; Murray Nickel; Ferd Pauls**

**PERSONNEL: Helmut Huebert-chair; Deen Gaddam; Bob Buhr**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jake Friesen-chair; Rick Hamm; Glen Miller**

Each Committee was encouraged to recruit members and have a telephone conference to establish their terms of reference. These should be sent to the chairperson of the Board. Any new members to Committees need to be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for ratification.

**Action: R.H.; D.W.; H.H.; J.F.**

## **9) Membership in MMHA**

A motion that was tabled at the 2003 annual meeting was put back on the table by P.B. The discussion distinguished individual membership with fees and members cards and a Board concept where all who were committed to involvement in MMHA could be part of the decision making process. It was decided that until we had an administrative structure in place we should not pursue the individual membership concept. But clearly define Board membership and expand the Board to include non Physicians. **Action: Executive**

## 10) ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

P.B. indicated that the following were at the end of a three year term. They were Jake Friesen, Peter Block, Rick Hamm, David Wiebe, Tom Klein and Deen Gaddam. All were eligible for re-appointment. All were asked and they agreed that they would be open for re-election. . It was moved, seconded and passed

**That the following be re-appointed for a three year term; Peter Block, Rick Hamm, Tom Klein and Deen Gaddam**

**That the following, at their request, be appointed to a one year term; David Wiebe, Jake Friesen**

There then was a discussion about appointment to the Executive Committee

**Chair: Peter Block has one more year. Indicated that this had been a tough past year because of health issues. Many expressions of appreciation to Peter for the work done as Chair. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and passed**

**That Ferd Pauls be asked to become Chair.**

**He indicated that he could not give a response until November 6.**

**Vice Chair: Deen Gaddam did not want to continue in this position**

**It was moved, seconded and passed**

**That David Wiebe be appointed Vice Chair**

**Treasurer: Rick Hamm**

**Secretary: Ferd Pauls**

## 11) COMMISSIONS MEET

The India and Congo Commissions met separately

## 12) COMMISSIONS REPORT

### CONGO

M.N. reviewed the Recommendations from the Congo Commission. He divided the projects into

- a) Complete Projects that have been started
- b) Projects that support local initiatives
- c) Training
- d) Projects that assist the church in managing their health responsibilities
- e) Carefully placed aid

After some discussion, M.N. prioritized nine projects

- 1) AMMC meeting \$2,570

2) Supervisor physicians	\$11,680
3) Kinshasa teaching clinic	\$27,560
4) Medicine credit line	\$100,000
5) Post graduate training	\$40,800
6) AMMC medical project	\$166,000
7) Good Shepherd	\$80,300
8) Container	\$26,000
9) Missionary ministry support	\$54,000
TOTAL	\$508,910

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That we accept the recommendations as described with priorities as listed. Any undesignated funds to be directed to the projects as prioritized.**

There was further discussion about the Medicine Credit Line. F.P. explained that he had conversation with a Foundation who was interested in contributing to a Medicine Credit Line for MB Health Centres in the Congo. This was explored with Ernie Dyck from MBMSI who is developing this as a CIDA project.

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That MMHA be involved in developing a \$300,000 CIDA project over 3 years, thru MBMSI to initiate a Medication Credit Line for the Congo. \$100,000 would be raised from Foundation contributions.**

**That Peter Kroeker (Kroeker Foundation, Winnipeg) be asked to be a consultant to this project. Action: F.P. and R.H.**

#### INDIA COMMISSION

D.W. presented the India report. He reviewed the report that Doug Cressman had submitted highlighting Progress made, Challenges, Future Goals Budget and Recommendations for the MB Medical Centre at Jadcherla.

Recommendations:

- 1) Encourage Doug Cressman to complete the Strategic plan including the portion on capital or campus development.
- 2) That MMHA not support with any finances the development of a medical school project
- 3) Rick Hamm to speak with Doug Cressman and Dale Regier regarding management issues beyond Doug's term ending in January, 2007.
- 4) Budget for 2005 approved as presented for US \$85,222 with encouragement to complete the laundry project as a high priority

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That the India Commission Report and Recommendations be accepted.**

A discussion followed about the final outcome anticipated at Jadcherla with MMHA's involvement. The question of the relation of the India Church to MMHA was briefly discussed

### 13) BUDGET 2005

R.H. presented a budget that consisted of:

1) Administrative Costs	
a) Web site	\$4000
b) Office	\$1000
c) Unfunded executive travel	\$3000
d) Professional Fees	\$3000
Total	\$11,000
2) India Jadcherla	\$85,222
3) Congo	\$488,910
TOTAL for 2005.	\$585,132

It was moved, seconded and passed

**That a budget of \$585,132 be accepted.**

### 14) FUND RAISING

One of the identified areas that require emphasis was fund raising if MMHA wants to move forward. The Finance Committee with the Publicity Committee will take a major role once Projects are approved in Fund raising. In identifying resources to do this it was noted that:

- 1) Ernie Dyck has been appointed by MBMSI to identify CIDA funding for projects. We have the Medicine Credit Line in the process of being developed as a CIDA project.
- 2) T.K. noted that he has access to a Grant writer
- 3) Glen Miller has had some experience as well in Grant writing

15) The Canadian and American divisions of the Board met separately to fulfill the legal requirements of Incorporation

16) Next Meeting October 14- 15, 2005 in Winnipeg

17) Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Nzash Lumeya