



Therapeutic Touch® Networks of Canada
Réseaux Toucher Thérapeutique du Canada

Minutes for the TTNC AGM on Nov. 24, 2019 at 3 p.m. MST

Attendees: Judy Donovan Whitty, Michelle Greenwell & Birdie Fiddes from ATTN; Cecilia Csima TTNQ; Mariann Canning TTNO; Tanya Sabourin MTTN; Chery Ann Hoffmeyer, Sheila Camp, Betty Whitney, Sherry Crann-Adair, TTNA; Jacqui Saran, Susan Rutherford & Heather McCurdy BCTTNS.

Regrets: Mary Jane Cowtan TTNO

- 1. Welcome and call to order at 3:05 :** Marion
- 2. Meditation:** Tanya; The Tree by Crystal Hawk
- 3. Approval of agenda** Approved by consensus
- 4. Approval of minutes of Nov. 18, 2018** Judy moved the approval of last years AGM minutes. They were approved by consensus.

5. Voting delegates from the Member Networks -

Judy ATTN, Cecilia TTNQ, Mariann TTNO, Tanya MTTN, Sherry TTNA, Jacqui BCTTNS.

6. Reports:

President: Marion - review of 2018-2019 as submitted by email prior to the meeting.

FYI: Karen Mosuk is the new TTNQ president; karenmosuk@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Birdie - Financial Report Sept.1,2018-Aug.31,2019 and Budget for 2019-2020.

Gina Freeman reviewed the 2018-2019 finances.

Reports as sent via email prior to the meeting. Finances are minimal but such that we can operate in 2019/2020.

Judy had a question regarding the insurance costs doubling. The amount in the 2018—2019 budget was an estimate. Broken down to the \$281 board insurance and annual fee for Volunteer Canada \$125.

Vast Conference calling, costs discussed. Other options may be;

- Clarity- is 2c per person a minute (phone based)
- Zoom is a flat fee (internet based)

We also cover the committee meetings in these costs. This will be reviewed at the next regular board meeting.

Birdie moved for approval of the financial statements and budget as submitted and it was seconded by Tanya; approved by consensus.

Committee Reports: As submitted via email prior to the meeting.

TTNC Newsletter as we still do not have an editor Marion has been making submissions to existing network newsletters. Judy asked that the submissions also be placed on the TTNC website. This was agreed as a good idea.

TTNC brochures – no changes

TTNC website is being monitored more frequently.

Trademark for Therapeutic Touch® : please encourage all your practitioners to use the trademark especially when written material is for the public. Guidelines on TTNC website.

Extended Health Benefits for Therapeutic Touch sessions: committee not active at this moment. We will have to review in the new year.

Marion introduced Michelle Greenwell, President of canbewell.org, Canadian Association of Bioenergetic Wellness, which originally was the specialized kinesiology association CanAsk and had to rebrand and restructure due to the word Kinesiology. The association is an umbrella organization that encompasses anyone doing the bioenergy field assessment, this includes TT. Since we have a curriculum and strong standards of Practice, can we get TT under the umbrella to raise the awareness of both across Canada and also internationally. Partnership balances the resources –can advocate on our behalf to insurance companies.

Promote what other organizations are doing and broader memberships.

In June 2020 - Online summit/ conference based from Montreal; people can tune in online and attend.

Liability Insurance TTNC practitioner insurance - BFL Canada. Number of participants was 44 for 2019 which was less than 2018. A teacher, from Ontario is mentioning the insurance and handing out information when she is teaching Level 3 courses.

National Curriculum on teaching Therapeutic Touch - no questions.

Marion motioned that we received and accept the reports as sent prior to the meeting – Judy seconded. Approved by consensus. Reports will be available on the TTNC website.

7.0 Business arising from the minutes:

7.1 Liability Insurance for TTNC Board members: purchased March 2019
BMS Canada Risk Services Ltd. through Volunteer Canada.

7.2 Terminology for use to designate a TT practitioner. Discussions on new Guidelines in the Health Act of B.C. Issues mainly in BC re legislation to limit the use of the term “practitioner”. The Health Canada Act changes are more to do with products. Anything that has a designation (name) eg. Therapist, from a college, university or registered school will not be allowed to be used by other organizations. Still presents issues where we may not be able to use the same name/ term across the country. Recognized Practitioner may not be able to be used in some of the provinces so we may not be able to use RP. We will require more discussion on this with each of the networks. Two alternate terms were suggested: Discussion on provider (takes it out of the self- care model) and practitioner. More discussion to occur.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Motion by Marion: that the TTNC board does not have to appoint a public accountant to conduct an audit to review our finances as they are below the threshold to require an audit. Seconded by Cecilia. Approved by consensus. Sherry of TTNA had a question regarding the threshold for requiring a review. The threshold is \$10,000 or less.

8.2 Motion by Marion: that an independent, third party be appointed to review the finances of TTNC and report to the AGM in 2020. Seconded by Jacqui and approved by consensus.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Discussion and need a Committee for reciprocity of RP's across the networks.

Time frames haven't been finalized yet as Marion is working on the terms of reference. It is to be a short-term committee (ad hoc). Don't have to be a network board member to be a TTNC committee member. Some of the work on the reciprocity has been done so it will be more policy work. Possible to do vision mapping instead of terms of reference. Need target dates for completion so they don't drag on. Marion to send something out (statement of expectation) so the networks can send it to their members.

9.2 Discussion and need a Committee for determining the # of hours needed to become an RP. This is needed for insurance coverage project. Thanks to Chery Ann for the work she has done on the documents.

Request to combine the 2 committees as the topics are intertwined; this would reduce the # of members and time spent on both issues.

9.3 Discussion re Guidelines for Volunteers and paid staff in Agencies - TTNO document . Wonderful opportunity to recognize volunteers. Thanks to Mary Jane for putting together and sharing the report. When a Foundations (Level 1) course is taught to staff in a Hospice or Seniors Home, we don't want the situation where that person (student) then would turn around and teach their co-workers; then call it something other than TT. Awareness of the ethics of the practice of TT should be the focus. This has to be driven by the teachers. Mentoring and follow-up could be done by an RP. These students should become a member of the network in order to practice TT.

Discussion on options to encourage them to become members: reduced membership costs, free membership with the Foundations course, receiving newsletter, and ability to be connected immediately to a TT community; have an agency membership. Jacqui reported that BCTTNS has insurance that covers volunteers at network sanctioned events.

Please discuss with your boards and members for suggestions and bring back to TTNC through your representative. It would be good to have guidelines for all of us to use.

9.4 Appointment of the following to the TTNC Board by their respective Networks: for two years: Cecilia - TTNQ, Tanya - MTTN, BCTTNS has appointed a new member: Marg Budd (away for 3 months) For one year: Birdie - ATTN, Mariann - TTNO, Sheila - TTNA.

Additional director: Marion Cameron as president. Looking for a Vice President to assist and train for taking over eventually as president.

10. Adjournment 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by Heather McCurdy, sec.