



Therapeutic Touch® Networks of Canada Réseaux Toucher Thérapeutique du Canada

Minutes for TTNC AGM on Nov. 21, 2021, at 3 p.m. MST

Present:

ATTN: Judy Donovan Whitty, Gail MacDougall

TTNQ: Cecilia Csima, Fred Lawson, (ATTN) , Daina Bokor, Janice Barnes

TTNO: Mary Jane Cowtan, Flora Hartleib,

MTTN: Tanya Sabourin, Steel Pruden, Sid Whitmann

TTNA: Sheila Camp, Chery Ann Hoffmeyer, Marion Cameron, Betty Whitney, Phyllis Paterson,

BCTTNS: Susan Rutherford, Fay Torgerson, Jacqui Saran, Marg Budd

1. Welcome and Call to order: at 3:14 MST by Marion Cameron, TTNC President

2. Meditation: Thank you to Cecilia Csima

3. Approval of agenda: Moved by Susan, approved by consensus,

4. Approval of minutes of Nov. 22, 2020: Moved by Judy approved by consensus with the following changes:

- Starting time should be 3:01 MST, not 2:01
- 9.2 Should read approval rather than passed.

5. Voting delegates from the Member Networks

ATTN: Judy Donovan Whitty, TTNQ: Cecilia Csima, TTNO: Mary Jane Cowtan, MTTN: Tanya Sabourin, TTNA: Sheila Camp, BCTTNS: Susan Rutherford.

6. Financial Report by Marion Cameron, interim treasurer

- review of financial books by Heather McCurdy
- budget for 2021-2022
- written Treasurer's Report sent out with meeting attachments with budget.

Questions were raised regarding the actual expenditures for 2020-21. Our volunteer bookkeeper was contacted and it was realized there was a misunderstanding about what was required for the AGM. This complete report was done and has been reviewed and certified by Heather McCurdy.

A motion was made that: The Proposed budget be approved in principle, pending the receipt and review of the actual profit and loss statements. Moved by Mary Jane Cowtan. Seconded by Cecilia. Approved

Marion will contact Denise the TTNC bookkeeper to get the necessary financial documents and send them out to everyone.

Marion thanked Denise Carriere from PEI our volunteer bookkeeper, who was unable to attend the meeting. Marion has been temporarily filling the additional role of treasurer along with her other duties until the position is filled. She is hopeful that the role of treasurer will soon be filled.

6. Reports:

President; Annual Review; Accomplishments and Goals:

- Marion thanked everyone for their support over the years.
- Cecilia thanked Marion for all her work and dedication

TTNC incorporated in 2011. 10 years old in 2021.

Status and Goals from Past Year

- -Reviewed by Marion: It has been a very busy year.
- Discussion needed with networks about increasing membership: membership has been slowly declining across Canada from 986 in 2011 when TTNC was started to 650 in 2020
- Question from Flo regarding any initiatives networks have found helpful to deal with declining membership.
 - o Susan, BCTTS is very interested in hearing what other networks are doing and appreciates hearing about TTNO's work.
 - o Mary Jane, TTNO has been looking at a number of initiatives such as allowing students to attend their branch meeting free of charge and a policy to require branch group members to be members of TTNO
 - o TTIA has a special committee looking at strategies to improve networking on the premise that more contact with the board helps people to feel part of a group and join or maintain membership

Goals for 2021-2022:

- to encourage the networks to collaborate on the issue of membership
- to record the history of TT in Canada; several anniversaries of note.
- contribute to the 50th year Celebrations of TT as requested by TTIA

Other updates/reports: Website, TT trademark, TTNC Liability Insurance

- no changes to website; will add Google calendar for Zoom meetings & webinars.

- No infringements reported for the use of the words Therapeutic Touch
- BFL Insurance – numbers getting insurance has been declining from 45 last year to 36 this year. Increase in cost of insurance policy.
 - o Judy from ATTN reported that liability insurance is covered by their board insurance as long as members do not charge a fee for services.
 - o Marion commented that the insurance of some boards does not cover personal liability
 - o BCTTNS confirmed that their board insurance is for general liability covering accidents but not malpractice
 - o Marion suggested this would be a good topic for zoom meetings with network chairs.
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- Tech Soup Benefit program - members have found that installing the computer programs is an extra cost. A tech company is available to help but charges for their services. Marion will check with Leo about added costs.

Marion suggests that an important question for networks to discuss is: What is the future for TTNC for the next 10 years.

Committee Reports:

TTNC Curriculum-Education Committee –

- Attendees thanked Chery Ann for her work, no questions were voiced.

Ad Hoc Committee on Mentorship

- Judy thanked the committee for their hard work
- Chery Ann is very pleased with the progress and thanked the members of both committees for their stellar work.

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

- Susan is very pleased to have Betty stepping up to take on the position of President.
- Committee remains at work to recruit a treasurer

Motion needed to accept reports as circulated. Moved by Mary Jane, seconded by Tanya. Consensus

8.0 Old Business:

8.1. Approval of the following motion: **that the TTNC Board does not have to appoint a public accountant to conduct an audit or review of finances.** The TTNC annual finances are below the threshold to require an audit. Judy moved approval of the motion. Approved by consensus

8.2 Approval of the following motion: **that an independent, third party be appointed to review the finances of TTNC and report to the AGM in 2022.** Judy moved approval of the motion. Approved by consensus.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Date for the AGM in 2022 : the 3rd Tuesday conflicts with TTNC board meeting. After discussion, it was decided that it be changed to the 4th Sunday in November which is November 27, 2022.

9.2 Introduction of the Board of Directors for 2021-2022

Betty Whitney, president for 2 years

Marion Cameron, past president

Mary Jane Cowtan, TTNO, and Phyllis Paterson, TTNA, will continue for another year as part of their 2-year term

Tanya Sabourin will remain for the next 6 months until *amalgamation* of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

New members on the board: for a 2-year term Daina Bokor, TTNQ; Judy Donovan Whitty for one year to complete a 2 year term.

Marg Budd term as BCTTNS Rep ends April 2022

Thank you to Gail MacDougall and Cecilia Csima for their time on the TTNC Board

*Amalgamation of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba: Sheila Camp stated that progress will be dependent on a new chair for TTNA.

10. Next AGM meeting : Nov. 27, 2022

Questions

TTIA Quilt Squares: Susan Rutherford wondered if networks are going to create a quilt square for TTIA. TTNA - Phyllis has received a square; MTTN and TTNC: Tanya is creating a square for both; BCTTNS- Susan Rutherford is creating a square. ATTN – Heather McCurdy is interested; Susan Rutherford will connect with Heather. TTNO – has not yet ordered a square, will explore possibilities .

Canadian Celebrations for TT in Canada:

- Judy wondered about plans for Canadian Celebrations: Many things to celebrate including 25 years for ATTN.
- The TTNC has discussed this topic. There are no formal plans as yet. The topic is on agenda for next board meeting.
- Marion suggested this as an agenda item for the next meeting with network chairs.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4.31 pm. MST