

PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION of AUSTRALIA  
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA CHAPTER COUNCIL

Meeting Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

Board Room, Arkaba Hotel, Fullarton

**PRESENT:** Ian Wagner (Chairman) (IW), Richard Harry (Vice-Chairman) (RH), John Shields (Treasurer) (JS), Alan Dand (AD), Joan Manfield (JM), Doris Klenke (DK), Don Lockley (DL), David Merry (Secretary) (DM).

**VISITORS:** David Sandoe AO (National Board Chairman & Acting Chairman NSGC) (DS), Marie-Claire Cheron-Sauer (Director, Support Groups Network (M-C), Ian Richards (Support Group & Outreach Officer SA/NT) (IR)

**OBSERVERS:** Max Klenke, Malcolm Ellis, Bev Ellis, Daryl Bryan, John Hepburn.  
The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

**1. WELCOME:** IW welcomed all present, and requested that items 10.2 and 10.3 be removed from the agenda. All agreed.

**2.** AD moved RH 2<sup>nd</sup> that the agenda be adopted. All agreed. IW thanked all present for their messages of condolence, and added that Frances Watkins, a Trevor Hunt Scholarship awardee had been a great support with palliative care for his wife Loretta.

**3. MINUTES** of the meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014 had been previously circulated. JS moved and DK 2<sup>nd</sup> that the minutes be approved. All agreed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

(1) Click for PCFA donation. JS advised that there had been no feedback from National Office, and reminded M-C of the American system for Breast Cancer support. DS expressed disappointment that the matter had not been followed up and asked IR to look into this.

(2) New Group Taskforce. IR listed the most current new groups (Victor Harbour, Payneham, Young Men's, Naracoorte, Balaklava).

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT:** JS presented the Treasurer's report, showing a current balance of \$5176.38. JS **moved** and RH 2<sup>nd</sup> the report be received. Accepted. AD then asked how many Support Groups responded to the request for a contribution to the cost of the Conference. Two groups donated funds.

**6. NSGC REPORT:** DS commented on the distribution of the NSGC meeting minutes. He wanted everyone (all SG's) to have access to the communication which needs to be timely and accurate. AD asked for clarification on funds raised by the SG's. DS replied that all SG's have their independence but through the PCFA name, are now held in regard across the country, and all benefit from being a part of PCFA. If SG's can donate funds to PCFA (eg for this Conference), then it is most acceptable. All monies go into the Organisation's coffers and can benefit through being a tax deduction. But those funds regarded as being a part of a SG's funds, remain so. He added that money raised in a

certain area which needs to be spent in that area (eg for regional research), then PCFA would need to be sure the Regional Research Centre was “up to scratch”). ie: We are all part of the one Organisation. PCFA gets its strength from its “brand” and its wide reach. RH stated that these comments related to the Limestone Coast SG which is holding considerable funds, raised locally for the benefit of all Ca sufferers. DS stated he could not understand why there was a problem in discussing and sorting out this issue, although he admitted the issue was not “black and white”. He requested IR to call a meeting and “sort out the issue”. DS then added that budgeting has had many variables to cope with, and will be clarified in the next year.

NSGC Minutes of the meeting of 01/05/14 will be sent as an attachment to these minutes.

**7. NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT:** DS passed a copy to the secretary and this also will be attached to these minutes.

**8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR, SUPPORT NETWORK:** M-C reported on the health of SG’s nationally, stating that 58 new groups had been formed since July 2012. In the agreement with Cancer Australia, the time line was for an additional 32 groups by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014! (DS added that PCFA were not consulted originally by Cancer Australia to make 90 new groups. He added that \$2.9 million was given to boost SG’s and for training conferences, and that quality of groups and sustainability were critical).

The full report from M-C will be sent as an attachment to these minutes.

**9. CENTRAL CHAPTER SG & OUTREACH REPORT:** IR reported on attendance at the Conference, stating that there were 41 attendees, representing 16 groups of the 24 in the Chapter. He was pleased that potential leaders from new groups in Victor Harbour, Darwin and Katherine were represented.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

1) PROSTATE CANCER SPECIALIST NURSES. DS advised that Lauren Woods had resigned from the RAH but the position was assured and was being covered by an experienced Urological nurse in the interim of a new appointment, and that similarly Lachlan’s position in Darwin was also locked in. He stated that very shortly 13 successful appointments where new nurses would be placed would be announced bringing the number of Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses to 25 in the nation. Hospitals which applied for a nurse and were unsuccessful had been notified. The appointments had been subjected to a rigorous assessment and the Health Departments were ready to sign off the positions.

2) NEW SG’S – SUPPORT & GUIDANCE UPDATE. RH reported he was yet to contact the new Darwin Rainbow group. He met with several of the Adelaide Gay group and encouraged them to attend the Conference. He advised that a number of the new groups continue to seek a ‘guiding hand, or a “buddy system. IR is to come back to M-C to follow this up. DS stated he is anxious for the program to go ahead. IW added that demographically SA is pretty well covered with SG’s, while in NT distance is a major problem. He added that in WA, Margaret and Allan were moving around as guiding convenors of several new groups. DS suggested using the phone to mentor, and that PCFA will pay costs for visiting, and that he is anxious the CACC “get moving” with this challenge. RH commented that mentoring works and the effort is rewarding. DS repeated that PCFA has the funds to support this action.

3) CHAPTER COUNCILLORS: CACC to determine the number of councillors for 2014/15. DS advised that most Chapters have between 7 and 9 members. JM suggested that with more SG’s we should probably have 9 councillors. RH added that we need a spread of councillors from across SG’s

rather than a cluster from a few. While IR indicated that regions need defining, IW reminded that the guidelines indicate proportional representation. RH added that work commitments had excluded some from attending the Conference and that boundaries relate to where the SG's are situated. DS advised that fresh blood was required on the Council and that a rotation of volunteers was need to keep the "health" of the structure and the organisation. RH then indicated that if we were to retain 9 Councillors, a ballot would be required at the AGM. IW agreed that we keep 9 Councillors. M-C advised that 3 Councils had 7 Councillors (WA, ACT/NSW, VIC).

4) ELIGIBILITY of COUNCILLORS for the 3 year term. Retiring Councillors were Doris Klenke, Kay Hearn and David Merry. IW advised as there were 4 nominations, there would need to be a secret ballot and asked if DS and M-C would be scrutineers.

5) GROUP REPORTS: The Chairman previously requested this item to be removed from the agenda.

6) OTHER BUSINESS: DS made a plea to all present to assist the National Office in upgrading the Data Base of office bearers etc.

11. CLOSE: The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

**Next meeting: 16 July at 10:00am at PCFA SA/NT Office, 144 South Terrace, Adelaide.**

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

Title of meeting: Central Australia Chapter Council Meeting

DATE: 16 July 2014

LOCATION: PCFA SA/NT OFFICE, 144 South Tce., Adelaide.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Minute Item	Action Item	Who	When	Status
	<b>NO ACTION ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD.</b>			