

International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC)
Second Congress
Hyatt Regency Hotel
1000 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, Florida,, USA
October 24, 2014

Representatives of eighty nine breast cancer dragon boat teams, members of the IBCPC, from Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore and the United States attended.

Teams attending (see Appendix A)

Guests: Claudio Schermi, Presidente Federazione Italiana Dragon Boat and Vice President Internationla Dragon Boat Federation and Barb Michaels Vice President, USDBF.

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Jane Frost, President of the IBCPC (Canada) , opened the Congress at 9:00am and welcomed all the attendees. She introduced the IBCPC Steering Committee: Meri Gibson, Vice President (New Zealand), Jenny Yule, Secretary Treasurer (Canada), Betty Solley, Membership (United States), Carol Mutton, Communications (Canada), Pat Hancock Member at Large (Australia) and Louisa Balderson Member at Large(UK) . She also introduced two members of the Advisory Board: Eleanor Nielsen (Canada) and Jo Parry (Australia).

2. Review Agenda: The order of Agenda items 6. Proposed amendments to the June 2010 By- Laws and 7. Election of Steering Committee was reversed.

3. Approve Minutes of the First Congress, June 11, 2010.

It was moved and seconded (Susie Elsaadany, Busting Out Ottawa; Linda Evans, Dragon Boat Atlanta), that the Minutes of the IBCPC Inaugural Congress Peterborough, Ontario, Canada June 11, 2010, be accepted. Carried.

4. President's Report: Jane Frost.

Jane introduced and welcomed Claudio Schermi and Barb Michaels
The President's Report is attached.

5. Treasurer's Report: Jenny Yule

It was moved and seconded (Susie Elsaadany, Busting Out, Ottawa; Carolyn Zimmerman Hope Chest Dragon Boat Team, Getzville NY), that the Treasurer's Report (attached), comprising four Income Statements : November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2011; November 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012; January 1 2013 – December 31, 2013 and January 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, be accepted. Carried.

6. Election of Steering Committee: Jane Frost

Jane reviewed the election process and reported that nominees for the elected positions were elected by acclamation. She thanked members for their assistance and support in the process. She also emphasized the importance of succession planning and global representation for the continued well being and for the future of the committee. Jane thanked Jo Parry for her contribution as Vice President and was delighted to welcome her to the Advisory Board.

7. Proposed amendments to the June 2010 By-Laws: Meri Gibson

Amendment #1.

It was moved and seconded (Mieke Martin, Bosom Buddies, Nova Scotia; Linda Evans, Dragon Boat Atlanta) that Para 1. c be amended to read: 'pay the appropriate membership fee as determined by the Steering Committee from time to time.' Carried.

Amendment # 2

It was moved and seconded (Susan Rowe, Ireland, Noreen Le Blanc 'tit Bateau NB) that Paragraph 25 a. v. be amended to read 'Membership Director ' and that Paragraph 31 e. be amended to read 'Membership Director.' Carried

Additional By-Law.

It was moved and seconded (Sandy Cooper, Spirit Warriors, Kamloops BC; Cindy Mcouat, Sistership, Calgary, Alta.) that a new By-Law be approved as follows.

'53. Language. The official language for the IBCPC is English. The use of other languages at the Congress may be authorized by the Steering Committee or by the Chair of the Meeting on other occasions.'
Carried.

8. Introduction of National Representatives: Jane Frost

Country Liaisons and National representatives have been appointed to improve communication and to act as a two way link between the IBCPC and member teams worldwide. Each National rep is responsible for about eight teams within her area. Jane introduced the Country Liaisons and the National reps to the Congress:

Country Liaisons:

Meri Gibson:	New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong.
Pat Hancock:	Australia.
Betty Solley:	United States
Louisa Balderson:	Europe and South Africa
Cathy Prusak:	Canada

National reps.

Sue Cogley	United Kingdom.
Susan Rowe	Ireland
Mariagrazia Punzo	Italy
Mary McAvoy	New Zealand
Irene Seetoh	Singapore
Sheila Blair	Canada
Cathy Prusak	Canada
Suzanne Bodner	Canada
Peg Hurley	Canada
Mieke Martin	Canada
Linda Dyer	USA
Betty Solley	USA
Takako Kimura	USA
Cheryl Lychwick	USA

Pat Hancock	Australia
Gillian Brown	Australia
Angie O'Reilly	Australia
Corina Bradley	Australia

Regrets:: Mingi Pither, Hong Kong; Milena Vacirca, Italy; Sue Gie, South Africa; Cheryl Watson, Canada,

9. Discussion and vote on the IBCPC Definition of a Paddler: Jane Frost, Sarah Schooley

Jane explained

- The rationale for reviewing the current definition of a paddler decided at the First IBCPC Congress in Peterborough in 2010 was based on the Steering Committee receiving a number of requests, supported by the strong sense that the discussion in 2010 was not completed successfully.
- The definition proposed by the Steering Committee was reached after discussion with medical experts. It was distributed to all member teams in August allowing good time for team discussion and for submitting comments to the Steering Committee.
- The outcome of the discussion will be decided by the teams; the team reps will vote in a secret ballot
- The Steering Committee takes no position, has no comment and no vote.
- To allow for fair discussion Sarah Schooley Esq, Rodriguez Schooley Law Firm LLC will facilitate.

Sarah explained

- The format: Supporters of the proposal to revise the current definition will be allowed 20 minutes; those opposed will also be allowed 20 minutes
- The guidelines within the 20 minutes: speakers are asked to be respectful, non repetitive and will be given 90 seconds in order to allow for as many speakers as possible.
- The current definition of a Paddler as set out in the IBCPC By-laws is 'a person who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and who is one member of a crew and includes the crew's drummer and steersperson.'
- The Steering Committee is proposing that the current definition of paddler be amended to

'A Paddler is a person who has been:

a. diagnosed with breast cancer or

b. diagnosed with a mutation in a hereditary breast cancer gene such a BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 and may be managing her/his diagnosis with one or more of the following: clinical trials, hormone therapy, surveillance, chemoprevention and /or prophylactic surgery

and is one member of a team all of whom fall into category a. or b. above. A team comprises steers, drummers and paddlers.'

After hearing arguments from those in favour and those against it was moved and seconded (Beth Walsh, Hope Chest, New York; Jerry Millard, Mammoglam Dragon Boat Team, Jacksonville Fla.) to amend the proposal to change the word 'may' to 'is' as follows

b. diagnosed with a mutation in a hereditary breast cancer gene such a BRCA1 or BRCA2 and is managing her/his diagnosis with one or more of the following: clinical trials, hormone therapy, surveillance, chemoprevention, and/or prophylactic surgery.

Carried : 49 in favour, 22 against with 10 abstentions.

The proposal as amended was defeated 30 to 55 by secret ballot vote.

The definition of a paddler remains: a paddler is a person who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and who is one member of a crew and who includes the crew's drummer and steersperson. This definition applies to all IBCPC events.

Sarah thanked the team representatives for a spirited, respectful and insightful discussion.

Jane thanked Sarah for excellent facilitating, and the team representatives for following the process outlined by Sarah.

10. Questions and answers

11. Other business

As there were no questions and no other business, Jane thanked everybody for attending and wished them a wonderful weekend at the 2014 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival, Sarasota USA and adjourned the meeting at 11:00am