

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)
April 3, 2014
7th floor boardroom, 11 Holland Ave**

A // In Attendance:

- Christine Comtois (UNE)
- John Jedrasik (GSU)
- Jo-An Munday (UNE)
- Marc Masson (UNE)
- Michel Tondreau (GSU)
- Jay Castonguay (PSAC Rgn Rep)

B // Absent:

- Brigitte Coghill (NRU)
- Denise Camus (CEIU)

C // Sending Regrets:

- Monty Montgomery (UNDE)
- Peter Hyduk (UNDE)

D // Guest:

- Christine Maclean (President - Taxwise)
- Shaun Anthony (Director of Marketing - Taxwise)

1 // Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hrs.

2 // Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda for meeting was reviewed and accepted:

- Motion : - John Jedrasik
- 2nd : - Michel Tondreau
- Carried

3 // Adoption of Minutes from March's meeting

The minutes from the last meeting was reviewed and small grammatical additions were made. Motion to adopt with changes:

- Motion : - John Jedrasik
- 2nd : - Michel Tondreau
- Carried

4// Matters arising from last meeting (s)

A// 6th Triennial Convention

As noted, Christine Comtois (Delegate) and Jo-An Munday (Observer) will be representing MDAC. Because of physical limitations, their taxi rides to the conference hall at Lac Lemey will be covered by the NCR. It was discussed that for other attendees with disabilities, if they will be travelling by car and they are worried that there will be no more accessible parking spots available, they will need to make a claim for compensation in advance.

Further note, Christine Comtois, Jo-An Munday and Michel Tondreau have made the Resolution committee, congratulations on being chosen!!!!

5/ Taxwise Presentation

A company named Taxwise was invited to provide a presentation to our group. They specialize in helping people with disabilities/medical conditions, and helping their caregivers get the maximum tax refund they are entitled to. They have helped thousands of Canadians get what they are entitled to from the Canada Revenue Agency.

The following are the areas they help in :

- Persons with a medical condition
- Family caregivers
- Seniors
- Physicians
- Organizations
- Approved but not maximized
- Previously denied

This service is important because 90% of claims get denied and it takes somebody with experience to push your claim through. Also, they only get paid if they succeed with your claim. They left some pamphlet with us to provide our membership

6/ Dyslexia

Marc Masson has self-identified as being dyslexic and the challenges that he faces at work and in his personal life. It was suggested that he make a presentation on the subject to the group.

A // Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for: May 1, 2014.

B // Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at: 19:30 pm.

- Motion : - Marc Masson

C// Minutes prepared and accepted

Marc Masson
Secretary

Chritine Comtois
MDAC Chair

Date

Date