

Minutes of the SAFE Committee Meeting
Monday May 12, 2008
MAPCL Head Office

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Wendy, Richard, Pako, Marcy, Patty, Cindy
Regrets: Paul, Dave, Lorie
Staff: Sarah

2. Review of Minutes from last meeting.

Committee agreed to wait for self-advocacy video to be complete before having video launch party. This probably means the party will be sometime in July.

3. Discussion of Advocacy Concern.

Richard discussed the article that was in the Province newspaper on Friday which was about a man who was not allowed to take his scooter on the Greyhound.

The committee agreed that this was an issue of concern.

Richard stated that the committee should send a letter to greyhound to express the concerns of self-advocates. Also suggested that other self-advocates send letters to Greyhound.

Suggestion was made to invite someone from Greyhound to the transportation town hall at BCACL conference.

Richard stated that more greyhound buses should accommodate physically challenged, including lifts and designated seating area.

Marcy also brought up that there is an issue with local Coast Mountain buses between baby buggies, wheelchairs and seniors. Often people are tripping over baby buggies and taking up spaces that are for disabled. A solution would be for more accordion buses like they have on the pic-line and for people to have to collapse their buggies and carry their child.

Rosie has many problems with handidart and they did not pick her up today so she was late for work. Many people have had issues with handi-dart in the past. Sarah stated the coalition has done work around improving the system and will bring information next meeting.

Richard and Cindy agreed to meet with Sarah after the meeting to talk about the letter to greyhound. Richard will ask the Board for support at the next Board meeting.

4. Terms of Reference

Committee is making ongoing changes to terms of reference. Discussion:

-having a maximum of 12 people on the committee.

-keeping the committee membership open.

-have 2 staff people from MAPCL programs to be “eyes and ears” for advocacy issues that are coming up for persons served.

5. Meeting Adjourned.