

Minutes
SAFE Committee Meeting
September 8, 2008

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Wendy, Lorie, Dave, Pako, Patty, Marcy, Rosie, Cindy
Staff: Sarah

2. Review Minutes from last meeting

3. Community and Current Events

-Dave spoke about the upcoming election in October. It is important for people to think about the issues that are important to you and vote for the right person.

-Cindy was concerned that Britannia Pool has been closed for renovations. This has been very disrupting for their day program schedule and it seems like they did not talk to the community about closing or think about how hard it is for them to find another place to get to.

-reminder of MAPCL AGM is on Monday September 22

-Rosie talked about the play that she is in for the fringe festival and flyer was handed around

4. Advocacy Issue(s)

Wendi talked about an article that was in the Province newspaper about a woman who was suing Westjet and Air Canada because she needs to have an attendant and they want to charge for the attendant. Committee agreed that people should be able to bring attendants for free if they need them.

5. Newsletter

Community Living Month is in October. It's great to be included in the community but there are a lot of areas for improvement. Things like public washrooms being hard to get into, elevator doors not staying open long enough for those who can't walk well or are in a wheelchair. It is still difficult to get a job even at places that say they hire people with a disability, and there is not enough low income housing. There is still a lot to be done in community living to make things better for people with a disability.

6. Other Things...

-Dave suggested that the committee might focus on community awareness for the rest of the year.

-committee members are going to think about things that they feel really need to be worked on and then the committee can choose one area to focus on.

7. Next meeting **Wednesday October 15, 2008 from 4-6pm.**