

# International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC)

## Minutes of the 3rd IBCPC Congress, Florence, July 6, 2018

Salone dei Cinquecento, Palazzo Vecchio  
Piazzale della Signoria  
Florence, Italy

Representatives of 117 breast cancer dragon boat teams, members of the IBCPC, from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Singapore South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United States attended.

**Teams attending (see Appendix A)**

**Guests:** Sindaco Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence

### 1. Introductions and Welcome

**Jane Frost, President the IBCPC**

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), Ali Sutton, Secretary (Australia), Janice Melville, Treasurer (New Zealand) Betty Solley, Membership (United States), Jo Parry, Communications (Australia).

Jane also introduced Lucia de Ranieri, President FIR

**Lucia de Ranieri** welcomed all attendees and introduced the Mayor of the Municipality of Florence, Sindaco Dario Nardella

**Sindaco Dario Nadella** welcomed all attendees, thanked the organisers, the Steering Committee and the many volunteers involved, for bringing such a wonderful event to Florence

### 2. Review Agenda

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Second Congress, October 24, 2014.

It was moved that the Minutes of the Second IBCPC Congress Sarasota, October 24, 2014 be accepted.

**Moved:** Elaine Shae, Indy Survivors, US

**Seconded:** Gail Beedles, Abreast Of Life, NZ

**Carried**

#### **4. President's Report: - Jane Frost**

The President's Report is attached.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report - Janice Melville**

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report (attached), comprising the following four Income Statements, be accepted:

- January 1 2015 - December 31, 2015
- January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016
- January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017
- January 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018

**Moved:** Angie Waters, Island Breastrokers, British Columbia

**Seconded:** Lynn Bereman, Indy SurviveOars, Indianapolis

**Carried**

#### **6. Introduction of National Representatives - Meri Gibson**

Meri welcomed and introduced the National Representatives from each Country and thanked them for their ongoing commitment and work on behalf of the IBCPC. Listed below are the National Representatives, not all were present at the Congress.

National Representatives:

- Eileen van Helden, South Africa
- Irene Chui, Singapore
- Gillian Brown, Australia, NSW and ACT
- Rebecca Jacobs, Australia, QLD
- Sandy Jansen, Australia, SA and WA
- Linda Papworth, Australia VIC and TAS
- Janice Melville, New Zealand
- Susan Bodner, Canada, Eastern Ontario
- Peg Hurley, Canada, Central and Western Ontario
- Mieke Martin, Canada, Eastern
- Cathy Prusak, Canada, Prairie Provinces
- Kathie Orchard, Canada, Vancouver
- Rena Newton, Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Geneviève Bélanger, France
- Svenja Franke-Bruhn, Austria
- Cecilia Picchi, Italy, Florence
- Maria Grazia Punzo, Italy, Rome
- Milena Vacirca, Italy, Florence
- Matilde Yahni, Israel
- Cleusa Alonso, Brazil (not present)
- Adriana Bartoli, South and Latin America (not present)
- Catalina Palacio, Colombia
- Deborah Bonner, Ireland
- Wendy Grose, United Kingdom
- Linda Dyer, United States, Central

- Annette Johnson, United States, (Western)
- Cheryl Lychwick, United States, North Eastern
- Betty Solley, United States, Philadelphia
- JoAnn Moore, United States

## 7. Proposed amendments to the Constitution (2010) and By-laws (2017) - Meri Gibson

Meri discussed the proposed amendments (below), which had been previously distributed.

### **Amendment #1 - Constitution**

*Change Item #6 to read as follows:*

On dissolution of the Commission, after all debts have been paid or provision for payment has been made, the assets of the Commission will be paid to registered breast cancer charities as determined by the Steering Committee

### **Amendment #2 - IBCPC By-Laws**

*Change the Meanings to read as follows:*

#### **Society**

“Society” means the “International Breast Cancer Paddlers’ Commission Trust (IBCPCT)”.

“International Breast Cancer Paddlers’ Commission Trust”- the “Society” may act as an Advisory body to the Commission from time to time as needs arise.

The Society was incorporated under the Society Act of BC and later transitioned under the Societies Act of BC .

A special fiduciary relationship exists whenever the IBCPC relies on the directors of the Society and places special confidence in the Society.

The directors must act in good faith and with strict honesty and due regard to protect and serve the interests of the Society.

### **Amendment #3 - IBCPC By-Laws**

*Add the following meanings:*

#### **“Honourary affiliate”**

Honourary affiliate refers to an honour given to an individual person who has been a strong contributor to, and supporter of, the IBCPC mission and is held in high regard by the IBCPC.

**“Breast Cancer Survivor Crew /Team”** means all members of the crew/team must have had a diagnosis of breast cancer, that is paddlers, drummer and steersperson.

## **Amendment #4 - IBCPC By-Laws**

*Change the following to read:*

**“Commission”** means the International Breast Cancer Paddlers’ Commission (IBCPC), an Association of the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF);

**“Festival-Committee”** means those persons designated by the Steering Committee who are responsible for determining the successful applicant to host the next IBCPC festival;

## **Amendment #5 - IBCPC By-Laws**

*Change the following items to read:*

### **The IBCPC Congress**

#### **Item 12**

12. Voting by proxy is permitted.

### **Steering Committee**

#### **Item 25**

25. The Steering Committee will consist of not more than ten members:

**a. Four elected Directors:**

- i President
- ii Vice President
- iii Secretary
- iv Treasurer

**b. Up to five appointed directors and**

**c. The Past President**

#### **Item 30**

30. Receipted expenses incurred on behalf of the Commission are reimbursable with pre-approved written agreement of three Steering Committee Directors, “being the President, treasurer and a third director”.

### **IBCPC Advisory Board**

Delete sections 41 to 46

### **IBCPC Festivals**

48. The Steering Committee will establish a Festival Committee of a minimum of five persons, at least three of whom must be from different countries.

49. The Steering Committee and the Festival Committee will establish the criteria for the selection of the Festival host which will include the amount of the fee payable to the IBCPC.

50. The Festival Committee will award the festival to the Team, which most closely meets the festival criteria.
51. If none of the applications meets the criteria, the Steering Committee will recommence the process to determine the host for the next IBCPC festival, the timing of which, is at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
52. The decision of the Festival Committee is final.

**It was moved that the proposed Amendments to the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission Constitution (2010) and By-Laws (as amended 2017), be approved:**

**Moved: Meri Gibson**

**Seconded: Pru Menzies, Dragons Abreast Melbourne, Australia**

**Carried unanimously**

## **8. Other business**

Stamping of Philatelic Stamps - International Dragon Boat Florence Italy 6 July 2018  
Issued by Italy Post as a commemorative stamp.

## **9. Election of Steering Committee Directors**

Jane reviewed the election process and reported that nominees for the elected positions were elected by acclamation:

- President: Meri Gibson, Christchurch, New Zealand,
- Vice President: Lucia de Ranieri, Florence, Italy
- Secretary: Ali Sutton, Melbourne, Australia
- Treasurer: Janice Melville, Christchurch, New Zealand
- Membership Director: Betty Solley, Philadelphia, USA
- Communication Director: Jo Parry, Brisbane, Australia

Additional Steering Committee members:

- Director at Large, Kim Bonomo, Miami, USA
- Past President, Jane Frost, Vancouver, Canada.

Meri Gibson, President elect, thanked the member groups for having faith, encouraged everyone to 'dream big', IBCPC could potentially double membership over the next four years.

Meri thanked and recognised outgoing secretary, Jenny Yule, for her many years of work and contribution as Treasurer of IBCPC and presented her with a glass dragon. Meri also thanked and commended Jane Frost for her tireless work and years of contribution as President of IBCPC and presented her with a glass dragon.

## **10. Dr. Don McKenzie, Keynote Speaker**

Dr Don McKenzie spoke about:

- The importance of exercise to all breast cancer patients
- The changes to breast cancer care over time
- Outreach clinics and their importance
- The 5 'c's of breast cancer dragon boating
  - Cancer
  - Competition
  - Challenge
  - Caring
  - Compassion

## **11. Question and Answer Session**

No questions were tabled.

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting closed 11am.

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