

# 09/17 AGM Minutes

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## ATTENDEES

George, Deb, Carly, Edie, Norman, Leslie, Staurt (Salts), Patricia, Judy, Marco, Bill, Leah (Coloplast), Marilyn, Miranda, Peter

## NOTES

**George welcomes everyone to the meeting!**

**Many thanks to Deb for all her years of service as President. George is happy to take on the president role from someone who did such amazing things over the years and helped him when he needed it. Flowers were sent to Deb in thanks for all her hard work.**

**Marilyn asked if in person meetings will be happening again soon vs Zoom. A recent support meeting was in person at Collingwood and went over amazingly well. Potluck style and new members attended. Our chapter has the funds to have more in person meetings be it AGM or support groups. Carly and Leslie hope to plan a November meeting at Collingwood.**

**Bill asked how many in person meetings we had before the pandemic. Deb responded saying 4 as well as the Christmas party. We hope to see this happening more often now. George spoke about the planning of the Christmas party and will Burnaby.**

**Norman has started to work on our website. He received lots of great feedback at the last support meeting and has done some great improvements thus far. Goal is to ensure the website is user friendly and proper information listed.**

## Memberships.

The goal is to get more modern with how we collect dues such as e-transfer. Cheques will still be accepted from members who prefer this option.

Leslie explained we don't have an automatic renewal prompt, but that she has a list of names and can/does send reminders close to the members 1 year timeline.

Some members are shy to share their personal information. Would be a good idea to remind members that all information is private and not shared with any other parties.

## Summer Youth Camp

Sandra was not able to be on the call but her efforts were acknowledged and appreciated. She does such good work with acquiring donations and getting kids to camp. Our chapter sends the most kids than any other in the country even with the increase in expenses.

## Step Up for Ostomy.

Happening Saturday Sept 23 in Coquitlam. Hollister will be giving out t-shirts like in previous years. Snacks available. We had a great turn out last year and hope to see the same again this year.

## Crohns & Colitis Canada

George let us know about an event on October 22/23 in New Westminster. Carly looked on the Crohns and Colitis website for additional info and nothing listed. George, when you can please send Carly more info. Maybe let the website know too?

## Visitor program.

The struggle continues. Minimal referrals coming from nurses even though Patsy has spoken with them. We will add more information for new patients on our website so they can reach out. If anyone knows of a female Urostomate, please let Patsy know as she is looking for support for a new ostomate.

Meeting concluded and we hope to see everyone in person in November!