



**Hemophilia Ontario Board of Directors Meeting**  
 Video Conference – Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Participants	Attend	Regrets	Participants	Attend	Regrets
Emil Wijnker Chair	X		Peter Zhang Director	X	
Cameron Peters Director	X		Alexandria Aquino Director (Special Pick)	X	
Prakash Singh Director		X	Stefan Lubinski Youth Fellow		X
Ash Kurichh Director		X	Byron James Executive Director	X	
Amy Griffith Director	X		Tiffany Oei Rotman MBA Fellow	X	
Megan Reid Director	X		Scott McElligott Manulife Investment Advisor	X	
Brad Barbour Director	X		Susan Turner Administrative Director	X	

**Meeting Link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837003829?pwd=\\_U3JCTGtjY0M1UUZVMTN1LytyeCtwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837003829?pwd=_U3JCTGtjY0M1UUZVMTN1LytyeCtwdz09)

Agenda Item	Action Required		
	Information	Discussion	Decision
1. Call to order – Emil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quorum @ 6:33 PM</li> <li>● Declaration of conflicts</li> <li>● Approval of the Agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion: Megan</li> <li>○ Seconded: Cam</li> <li>○ Carried (approved as presented)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			X
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion: Amy</li> <li>● Seconded: Peter</li> <li>● Amendment by Cam: to reflect in minutes that motions are Carried. Amy to go back and edit September minutes.</li> <li>● Abstention: Brad (not present at September meeting)</li> <li>● Carried</li> </ul>		X	X
3. Financial report – Prakash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Investment Update – Scott McElligott               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review process has validated that 85% of money managers are in the top quartile as of the end of June</li> <li>○ Moved from 100% Fixed Income portfolio to 60% Equity and 40% Fixed Income asset mix</li> <li>○ Long term systemic inflation is causing a “Great Reset” on interest rates on the bond side, but also impacting the value of bonds</li> <li>○ Means better returns in our Portfolio in our 5-year forecast, providing additional long term income as interest rates increase, but will take another 2-3 quarters</li> <li>○ Down slightly in the portfolio due to tough Markets (inflation, supply chain), however feel that we will see a positive Q4</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X	X	X



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o We are down 14%, but Markets are down 21% so we are doing and tending well</li> <li>o What we expected:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5.3% Annual Return</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Where we are going now:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6.54% Annual Return</li> <li>▪ Slightly higher risk (8.68%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<p>4. Staff Reports</p> <p>Byron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Projecting \$25K surplus at year end</li> <li>● \$200K for Program Expenses, sitting at \$154K (same with Office Expenses and Travel Expenses - both are padded and likely not going to meet budgeted amount)</li> <li>● Re-engaging all the clinics (Byron and Sarah visiting) and informing them on all the services we offer, looking for ways to work with clinics</li> <li>● Looking for ways to connect with and engage new families</li> <li>● Ottawa making a business case with hospital administration for clinic staff, London case moving to Ministry advocacy</li> <li>● Recognize that all our clinics are over capacity and require more staffing and resources</li> <li>● Pfizer patient support presentation done on camp programming</li> </ul> <p>Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 104 golfers at the tournament, 8 volunteers, good sponsorship (all 18 holes + Premier sponsor)</li> <li>● Young speaker about the benefits of Camps and Just the Dads programming</li> <li>● Raised \$17K (net)</li> </ul>	X	X	
<p>5. President's Report – Emil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CHS Update             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CHS Twinning with Trinidad-Tobago proposed, assessment trip took place second week of September, organizational twinning intended to begin one year sooner than medical twinning</li> <li>o Summit on Gene Therapy - meeting of Blood Safety and Supply Committee to look at incoming potential applications to gene therapies coming to Health Canada and gain CHS's position, if any. Gene Therapy for Factor 9 look promising with decent results, with manageable side effects. Factor 8 results, however, are disappointing with few successes, with required course of steroids. Need to re-frame the community mindset that Gene Therapy is not a cure for Hemophilia.</li> <li>o Emil now sitting on Blood Safety and Supply Committee</li> <li>o Cam proposed creating a plan to educate our membership on Gene Therapy (create a webinar, bring in a guest speaker)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X		
<p>7. Governance – Emil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Paid Plasma discussion             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CBS and Griffols have entered into this partnership, legally</li> <li>o Discussion around next steps (communication to membership)</li> <li>o <b>Deferred</b> to end of November, Emil to create structured conversation for in-person meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X	X	X



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<p>8. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rotman Fellowship Program – Byron, Peter, Tiffany <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduction to Tiffany, and Tiffany to the Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Rendez-Vous / AGM Update – Byron, Cam, Emil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Addition of Community Camp family style agenda</li> <li>○ Planning discussions have begun</li> <li>○ May 5th-7th, 2023</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Website &amp; Social Media analytics - Byron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ September update - 1,082 followers on Facebook, 964 on Twitter, 955 on Instagram, Heroixx 592 visitors (620 direct visits) - strong Aging PDF downloads, 51.6% visitors are female to the website, most between ages 18-24</li> <li>○ Huge benefit to full time social media staff (keeping volunteer on)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Scholarships Update – Cam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendations presented: 1 scholarship recipient, 3 bursary recipients, one non-recommendation based on insufficient reference letters (family/friends)</li> <li>○ Board reached consensus to <b>accept</b> the recommendation as presented</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pharma Meeting – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Expectations - Cam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attendance expected, engagement encouraged</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X	X	X
<p>9. Adjournment</p> <p><u>Next Meeting Date:</u> Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 6:30pm via Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Motion to adjourn:</b> Peter @ 9:14 PM</li> </ul>			X