



Milton Disability Awareness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2014

**Committee Members In Attendance:** Tass Welch, Van Black, Ken Woods, Dudley Arnold and Paul Schiell

**MDAC Liaison:** Sudie Gordon

**Guests in Attendance:** Hope Winograd

Tass Welch called the meeting to order. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Committee members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from October 8, 2014. Ken Woods made the motion to approve the minutes and Van Black seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

**New Business:**

- Tass announced that Community Pet Day will take place in Spring 2015 before Earth Day. The exact date is yet to be determined.
- The election for Dudley Arnold's new term was voted on. The new term will run from Dec. 31, 2014 until Dec. 31, 2016. Ken Woods made a motion to approve the re-election of Dudley and Paul Schiell seconded the motion.

**Old Business:**

- The committee briefly discussed the status of the 2015 City of Milton Earth Day event. Ken and several other MDAC members were wondering if a definite location had been confirmed.
- MDAC discovered that the Earth Day location has yet to be set by the City of Milton.
- Paul updated the committee on the progress made on connecting with City of Milton schools.
- Nancilee discovered that MDAC members will have to take a volunteer certification test to qualify people to enter schools and speak with students.
- Nancilee has connections with a teacher at Summit Hill Elementary School. This would likely be the best place for MDAC to start the speaking bureau.
- Paul reached out to some counselors at both Milton and Cambridge High Schools to see what the process would be for getting in to speak with students about MDAC.
- Hope suggested MDAC contact the PTA at Cambridge High School as they could possibly assist MDAC at getting in the door.
- Van was notified through a source that Cambridge High School is trying to build a trail on the school's campus.

- A teacher from the school contacted Van to invite MDAC members to attend a school meeting regarding the trail and how to possibly make some of it accessible for people with limited mobility.
- The meeting was scheduled for November 18 @ CHS.
- The total length of the trail would be approximately 3.5 miles.
- Tass followed up a bit more on speaker ideas and potential ways to structure presentations.
- Ken brought up the possibility of Rotary clubs and Kiwanis clubs in Milton as also being possible places for MDAC members to speak.
- The committee feels like elementary schools are definitely the best places to start presenting, as young kids are very open minded and receptive to learning about new topics.
- Ken feels that testing the waters with Summit Hill and Cambridge High School first would be a good idea. It would give MDAC a good idea of how to structure presentations and make them most effective.
- Elementary school children are usually fearless in asking lots of different questions.
- Paul discovered that December 3<sup>rd</sup> is officially the International Day of People with Disabilities (formerly World Disabled Day).
- Nancilee has spoken to the curriculum coordinator at Summit Hill to help work MDAC up the chain and officially start the speakers bureau.
- MDAC also discussed a number of churches in the area that might be open to presentations as well.
- Plans for the December meeting include a follow up on the Nov. Cambridge HS nature trail meeting, discussion of the 2015 Calendar, Community Pet Day 2015, and follow up with the public schools speaking progress.

Tass Welch moved to adjourn the meeting. Hope Winograd motioned to adjourn and Van Black seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Dudley Arnold

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Tass Welch, Chair  
MDAC