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DEL LAGO, A.C.  
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(PPNI, A.C.)

## MEMBERS MEETING

HOTEL REAL de CHAPALA, 10:30 am  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Kephart, Dave Pike, Rich Petersen, Linda Hendy, Larry Wynant, Linda Hendy, Rita Frost, Mike Brown, Ron Tomlinson

### ACTION NEEDED

Absent Board members; Barb Corol, Larry Wynant, Derek Nelson, David Flaningam

Recording Secretary: Linda Hendy

Bev Kephart convened the meeting at 10:30 am.

1. President Bev Kephart announced the appointment of Ron Tomlinson & Derek Nelson as a new members of the Board effective March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

A full list of Board members and Co-ordinators is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

**Linda Hendy**

2. Minutes from the General Meeting of February 12, 2015

Moved: Ginger Gonzales      Seconded: Rita Frost  
That the minutes be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

Business arising from the minutes:

Board and Co-ordinators List circulated – corrected and recalculated with these minutes

Laptop Appeal Report:

Secretary L. Hendy reported that 5 laptops have been received and converted to Spanish operating software, courtesy of Computerland.

2 have been delivered to children – 1 – Jocotepec, 1 – San Juan Cosala

A 3<sup>rd</sup> computer is about to be delivered in Chapala.

Remaining computers collected will be readied for use when needed. A total of 7 have been committed or received.

3. **CHILD OF THE MONTH** – presented by Rich Petersen

Tadeo de Jesus Barajas Aceves – age 4 in October

Mother, Liliana    Father – Jose Roberto (Working could not attend)

Two other children with no issues – ages 6 & 9

Tadeo came to Ninos in 2011 at 2 mths of age

He has a condition called Arthrogryposis. It is not hereditary and there is no cure so his care is a chronic condition.

He is treated by therapy only. He did not walk until he was 2  
He wears hearing aids, had a heart problem originally but that he  
has overcome.

He had to have surgery to deal with his testicles not descending.  
His facial shape is called Freeman-Sheldon syndrome or Whistling  
mouth.

He suffered from convulsions and takes a low dose anti convulsion  
medication. He also uses a nebulizer to help with breathing issues.  
He now attends the School for Children with Special Needs. Since  
joining the school he now talks and the school his helping his sensory  
skills with texture and feeling.

Ninos has helped with costs of medicines, nebulizer and transportation  
costs to the Jocotepec school.

Liliana extended a thank you to Niños Incapacitados. Without their  
help her son would not have sprouted the wings he now has  
experienced. Everyone is in their families prayers.

#### 4. Board Reports

##### **Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Dave Pike

143 children are on our books. 89 were financially active for February.  
Average monthly expenses for first 2 month is \$143,000 pesos on a  
par with 2014 year end average.

Event revenue raised to date covers approximately 3.5 months of  
costs.

##### **Clinic Reports:**

Nicole Sergent – Ajijic

17 families attended Ajijic in February and \$ 21,924 pesos disbursed.  
One child who was waiting for surgery in February has now had the  
operation but no outcome is yet known. Donna Lillie had provided  
more N95 masks for Bryan (cancer child attended meeting in  
February) and he has received them and the family better educated on  
when he needs to use them.

Gloria Cardoso has been helping in Chapala and Ajijic. Nicole  
reported that one of our children, Juanito, his family had to move and  
they said they did not have any tables or chairs. Gloria has had some  
donated and they delivered them to the family. The new home is very  
sparse but much better for Juanito and he is thriving in the new  
location. They could use a sofa or living room chairs as well and a  
new TV.

Rich Petersen - Chapala

56 families were attended over two clinics in February and \$63,280  
pesos disbursed. There were some advances made for tests and  
transportation.

Three new clients were seen with possible epilepsy, cerebral palsy and West Syndrome. Two additional new clients were referred to the Shrine for appointments.

**ACTION NEEDED**

Rich reported that Cristofer who was born with his intestines outside his body and has spent 5 mths in hospital is now finally home and doing reasonably well. He is still in a sterile environment but hopes to bring him as a child of the month later in the year.

Ginger Gonzales – Jocotepec

56 families were attended over two clinics and \$57,035 pesos disbursed.

Ginger noted the School for Special Needs are helping children with motor, cognitive and social skills.

The DIF van is now picking up families 2x a week to get the families to Teleton. Ninos is paying DIF and it actually reduces our transportation costs overall. Cost is \$150 pesos per family round trip.

It was questioned why there were not some additional services through the Chapala DIF. Rich, Nicole and Bev are to look into this further.

R. Petersen,  
B. Kephart,  
N. Sergent

**Fundraising**

Linda Hendy invited Patsy Smart to update the meeting on the Chili Cook off.

Patsy reported that 944 hamburgers were sold with a few of those being given to the fire/police patrolling the area.

Each charity is to receive \$37,875 pesos and there are eight charities this year.

Funds will be dispensed on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Patsy noted they would do it again but it must be a tent and the hours not as long.

Ginger Gonzales gave an update on the Gala that was completed on March 12<sup>th</sup>. She indicated there were some silent auction items that did not sell that might be of interest to people at the meeting.

She noted that the weather cooperated and it was the only decent night all last week. While the numbers are not all in as yet, the live auction did do better than the previous year as did the silent auction.

The Wedding chapel; brought in \$1800 pesos.

With the band, sound and lights for them donated it should be a great result for Ninos.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were no major issues.

Photographs will be loaded on the website and a message sent out to all attendees we have information on record.

Ginger also noted she had received maybe 75 ideas already for next year's theme. April 10<sup>th</sup> is set for a committee debrief and getting things underway for next year.

Linda Hendy noted we are well on our way to have the dates for the functions for 2016 set within a month.

### **Medical**

Bill Dingwall noted that this committee only meets when it has issues to deal with. They keep in touch by email and work closely with the Treasurer and Finance committee as spending changes. We do have accurate records of what we are spending and 75% of our costs continue to be medications. Efforts are being made to get physicians to use generic brands whenever it is felt they can fulfill the need.

### **Communications**

Bill Dingwall noted it has been a tough year taking over the reins from Jane Hainsworth who had a lot of years of experience with Ninos. He felt the committee of Carol Ancliffe, Janine Kirkland, Tom Gladney and himself with help from others like Jeane Treloar, had a massive learning curve but managed to get the year's needs in place. Members in attendance acknowledged the tremendous effort made and the success of 2015.

### **Volunteers**

Rita Frost spoke for Margaret Quinn who could not attend. It was an excellent year, a lot of work and a lot of folks who gave time. They hope to communicate even better in the months ahead.

## **5. Other Business**

Kermes is scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Located at Cristiana Park.

We hold a bazaar so clean out your cupboards and bring anything you have to give to the next meeting or contact Bev Kephart at 766-3940 to arrange collection.

Ann Heath noted that the Mardi Gras parade was a great day. The kids had fun, the float was beautiful.

Any coins come to Ann Heath and if anyone wishes a bottle please advise.

Final comments:

It was noted that we should consider using our newsletter to advertise when we have a family in need to get them some of the basic items they need.

Anyone prepared to volunteer at the Kermes, please notify Bev Kephart.

Meeting adjourned: 11:50 am.