NTXPCC Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2009

The first official meeting of the North Texas Prostate Cancer Coalition (NTXPCC) was held at Medical City-Dallas and called to order at 6:40 PM by Wolfram Blattner. Program coordinators in attendance included Justin Sucato, Polly Candela, Angela Clark, Jan Tichenor, Tom Dillon and Gayle Wilkins; Jaren Smith and Gene Hogan were unable to attend. Mmes. Blattner and Sucato attended as guests.

Wolfram began the meeting with a Program Review (see attached presentation). He suggested the NTXPCC remain a separate group for the time being as statewide organizational efforts are initiated. He reported the TX Prostate Cancer Coalition in Houston currently consists of a single group. He suggested NTXPCC allow for 3-4 officers, Justin Sucato, Wolfram Blattner, Tom Dillon and, tentatively, Steve Hartnett from Colleyville with Tom Dillon taking on recording secretarial duties. Angie moved to approve this suggestion which was approved by those in attendance.

Gayle reported on the recent NCI (TX) prostate cancer conference call and agreed to coordinate future such calls as NCI is closing its regional office.

Justin presented the status of the Speakers' Bureau and Working Groups programs as well as on future survivor programs (see attached presentation).

In response to Wolfram's comments on a potential for screening events at professional sports events, Gayle reported on recent attempts to contact NBA Marketing where she learned of a group headed by Ed Randall. She suggested we investigate getting involved with the several pro sports leagues to investigate future screening events. She agreed to contact the NBA program coordinator. - Angie volunteered to contact the AUA Foundation who has tie-ins with the NFL. - Polly offered to contact a volunteer interested in assisting such efforts with various pro sports teams. She also reported she has reserved the room for the 2010 Survivor Event.

The group discussed briefly several suggestions as to how to get Dr. Ian Thompson (see attached biosketch) from San Antonio as a special event speaker during 2010.

The group agreed to guidelines suggested by Wolfram for denial of website posting requests.

Utilization of hospital logos on the NTXPCC website will require individual hospital approvals.

The meeting closed at 8:40 PM. Respectfully submitted - Tom Dillon