

LAST DOOR



RECOVERY SOCIETY
ANNUAL
REPORT 2008



President Report –Ron Cross, President

Welcome to the Last Door Recovery Society Annual General Meeting for 2008. Your support is appreciated.

Directors – Our roster of Directors remained stable this year. At this time we have a complete roster of Directors who have indicated their respective desire to continue overseeing the Society's interests.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS April 2008	
Ron Cross	PRESIDENT
Haneef Esmail	VICE-PRESIDENT
Myken Beka	SECTY/TREASURER
Anders Kvarnstrom	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Dr. Jim Grant D.C.	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Scott Lang	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Gordon Truscott	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Akram Ftaya	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Lawrence Reimer	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Todd Ware	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Gary George	DIRECTOR AT LARGE
Aman Sanghera	DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Meetings - The Board has established a monthly meeting schedule as outlined below. Should a member want to attend a Board meeting or contact a Director they can call Louise Cooksey @ 604-516-0060 to arrange this.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2008		
January 29 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
February 26 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
March 25 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
April 29 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
May 12 th , 2008	7:00 PM	AGM
June 24 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
July 29 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
August 26 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
September 30 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
October 28 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
November 25 th , 2008	7:00 PM	Regular
December 20 th , 2008	TBA	Xmas Dinner

Location: Regular meetings are held @ 323 &/or 327 -8th Street, New Westminster, location of AGM and Xmas dinner will be announced.

Society Membership- Anyone with questions regarding membership is asked to talk with Myken or Louise at louise@lastdoor.org

Annual Reports – 2007 Annual Report is pending; check our website in the coming month to see it.

Goals - Updates of 2007 Goals (taken from 2006 Annual Report)

2007 GOALS REVIEWED

Upgrade facility kitchens –

- The adult kitchen is fully renovated, paid for with a \$70,000 SCPI Grant. The Youth kitchen is scheduled for renovation in July 2008.

Improve communication with stakeholders –

- Alumnus and family of alumnus represent 92% of our Board, 90% of our staff are alumnus and 50% of our contracted clinical services are alumnus or family of alumnus.

Find financial sponsorship for Family Program -

- A renewal for certificate of affiliation with Boardwalk Bingo has been submitted. We will know the results of this submission in July 2008.

Explore possible expansion to USA –

- This idea was explored and table until further notice in favor of stabilizing the program following its growth spurt.

2008 GOALS

1. Stabilize after “growth spurt”
2. Renovate Youth Door kitchen
3. Develop marketing tools
4. Continue training program

Minutes from this meeting are available to members by contacting the office. We value your support and thank you for coming.

Executive Director - David Pavlus

2007 was another “interesting time” for the Last Door community

In January 2007 Last Door received recognition with a request from the Thai Embassy that an international trade delegation tour Last Door and visit with the staff to learn about what we do and see for them the success they had heard about. This visit entailed a lot of Mercedes and cashmere but was informative for both sides.

In March we received word that we had been successful in our \$200,000 Grant proposal designed to pay off the second mortgage on the Next Door building.

We held our AGM in May last year around this same time in conjunction with the Alumni Diner/Dance. Although both could be termed as successful the two events did clash with each other for time and space. This year we are holding them separately. You are reminded of the upcoming Alumni Dinner Dance next week – May 31, 2008 at the Metro Hall (formerly Carpenter’s Hall) The food will be fabulous, the music quality will be great, the lip synch should be a worth the price of admission on it’s own.

In June we sent the Youth Door as a group to the Kelowna NA Convention. Many adult clients and staff attended on their own and a fantastic time was had by ALL!!

In July we bought a new house vehicle – a natural gas burning van. This has augmented the dually as a work horse. With the increase client load the \$15,000 cost of this vehicle has been recouped many times over. We also had a fun War Games which shoed a modest profit of \$500 but thousands in fun.

In August we geared up for the Door Slam and debated hotly among staff, Board and volunteer the prospect of a total non-smoking event. As a compromise we “encouraged” no smoking with a view to being completely non-smoking in 2008. The Adult alumni Group came forward with \$8,000 in donations toward the Father/Son football game – this kind of support really shows the “value” this recovery community as a whole places on family.

In September we engaged Meyers Norris Penney to do our year end financial review which you will find in this package. The Door Slam went without a hitch – another fun, recovery time for the 600 or so attendees.

In October we chose to expand to another second stage transition unit @ 1113 Nanaimo Street. The idea of this three suite house on was to provide completely “off site” living for clients in transition. The Nanaimo Street project is proving to be a real success. The feeling of independence and security we hoped to give to residents is exactly what is happening – clients are having positive post treatment living experiences upon which they can model their future lifestyles. The Hallowe’en NA Dance was the best ever thanks to Last Door staff who are key players in the NA activities committee.

In November we learned we were shortlisted for the \$70,000 grant to improve the adult kitchen. We were gearing up in that time for the “Frankenstein” fundraiser to be held January 2008 in conjunction with VECC and Indigo Marketing – ticket sales were brisk.

In December we had our annual Board/Staff event at the Quay – fun time for all! The boys had a successful and warm Christmas season with family and new friends. The New Years dance was eagerly anticipated and was the best ever – again thanks to Don M and Blair for their work and the strong role modeling they provided for clients.

Treasurer Report – Myken Beka

Financial – SCPI Grant in the amount of \$298,293 cleared up 2nd mortgage at Next Door. We are in sound financial position – all debts up to date, savings in that bank.

Gaming - Certificate of affiliation with Boardwalk Gaming is up October 2008. Our request for renewal was submitted May 2008 and we should have an answer by July this year.

Donors – See the Mini Newsletter from 2007 – all receipts have been issued for 2007. **THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!**

Annual Financial Review - Meyers Norris Penney (formerly HKM Partners) was accounting firm as in previous years. Financial Review for August 31, 2007 was prepared by MNP, reviewed by Board and submitted and approved by Membership at AGM.

Budget –2008 Budget was prepared by our Administrator Louise Cooksey and was approved at the AGM.