

Québec Chapter

Minutes

April 13th 2014, 10 am

3000 rue Beaubien Est, Montréal

Are present:

- - Amy Loignon
- - Isabelle Boudreault
- - Laura Richard
- - Yan Défossés
- - Isabelle Rochette and son Erwan
- Claudia Mc Neil, spouse and son Malik
- Audrey Bouchard and spouse and daughter Ariane
- Amélie Dionne-Martel and Guillaume Boursier

- Opening of the meeting : The meeting opened at 11:00.

- Reading and adoption of the agenda : It is proposed by Yan Defosses , supported by Isabelle Rochette .

- Signing of the presence sheet and verification of quorum.

- **Presentation of all members in the room**

- Brief summary of FSMA
- Briefly review the mission of FSMA for the new members : Research, family support and advocacy.

- **Administration**

- Discussion about the provincial chapter's French name. Suggestion # 1 was selected. Proposed by Isabelle Boudreault, supported by Guillaume Boursier .

Suggestions :

1. Amyotrophie spinale Québec (ASQ) – FSMA Canada section Québec
2. Association des familles contre l'amyotrophie spinale
3. Familles contre l'amyotrophie spinale Québec (FASQ)
4. Amyotrophie spinale- Association de familles

5. Association québécoise des familles touchées par l'amyotrophie spinale

- **Family support**

- Activity Ideas : Zotherapy, Picnic (Parc Jean-Drapeau), bowling, pool, cochon braisé, etc.
 - Picnic at Parc Jean Drapeau, proposed date of August 16th to coincide with SMA day (and release of balloons). Proposed by Guillaume Boursier and supported by Isabelle Rochette.
 - Biodome. Proposed by Yan Defosses and supported by Guillaume Boursier. Amélie Dionne-Martel will inform us about ticket prices and donated tickets .
 - Isabelle Rochette will look into shows for children.
- Amount for hospitalization : When a person with SMA is hospitalized , you should inform Susi Vanderwyk to qualify for assistance of \$ 100.
- Camps: Two camps are offered this summer : British Columbia and for the first time in Ontario.
- FSMA Annual Conference in Washington DC. Registration closes on May 9. There are scholarships for newly diagnosed .

- **Support for Research**

- Discussion on fundraising . Ideas :
 - Packing groceries in grocery store
 - spaghetti supper
 - Create an annual event (October- November) , a costumed event, a week before Halloween.

- **Education/Awareness**

- Benjamin proposed a new web site

- **Varia : Website.** It would be nice to have a website in French . Amy and Isabelle Boudreault Loignon will discuss with Susi Vanderwyk .

- **Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place during the Biodome outing. Time to be confirmed. More details to follow.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12h50.