

## 1. Disposition of Resolutions Report – AGM 2015

### Resolutions Directed to the STS (A)

- A 1. Be It Resolved** that the STS investigate the inclusion of the pneumonia vaccination for members under the age of 65 into the Extended Health Plan.

**Response:** On July 28, 2015, this resolution was forwarded to Saskatchewan Blue Cross with a request to provide information and cost analysis.

**Saskatchewan Blue Cross response:**

The pneumonia vaccination requires drugs in a non-formulary basis. The cost to add non formulary drugs would open up all drugs and would be a huge cost for the plan as we are unable to just single out pneumonia drugs. We will continue to monitor this as we recognize the members desire to have this included. At a point in time when our system would allow single therapeutic coverage, we will advise the STS.

- A 2. Be It Resolved** that the STS consider providing each member with an official STS identification card.

**Response:** At the September 24, 2015, STS Executive meeting, a motion was passed to prepare an STS membership card. This card will be available to Chapter Presidents for distribution to their Chapter members requesting a card.

- A 3. Be It Resolved** that the STS explore member discounts at hotels and fitness locations.

**Response:** STS members are entitled to receive the same hotel rate as the STF. Several gym locations were contacted to gather information regarding corporate memberships.

### Corporate Gym Memberships

#### 1. GoodLife Fitness:

- Locations in Prince Albert, Regina, and Saskatoon. Second location opening in Regina in early 2016.
- Corporate membership includes:
  - All Group Exercise classes
  - Cardio theatre
  - 20 Minute Fit Fix circuit
  - Change rooms
  - Pools, saunas (where available)
  - Free weights
  - Fitness machines
  - Access to all locations across Canada and to 24-Hour Fitness in the US

- **Two types of corporate memberships:**
  - a. **Key Account Partnership**
    - STS would manage registration (take applications and payment)
    - One year term commitment between STS and GoodLife
    - Minimum of ten participating employees
    - One company cheque submitted to GoodLife Fitness monthly
    - Requires a company administrator
    - Membership cost: \$379-\$450 per year (based on employee volume)
  - b. **Corporate Individual Partnership**
    - Members register at club
    - Members receive a 15% discount off regular rates (regular rate is \$897 per year)

## 2. Leisure Centres

- **No corporate rates available at this time. Saskatoon intends to implement one starting in January 2016, but no details are available yet.**
  - a. **Saskatoon: \$540 per year**
  - b. **Regina: \$473.28 per year (adults), \$349.86 per year (seniors 65+)**

- A 4. Be It Resolved** that the STS investigate changing the Extended Health Plan maximum allowance for Paramedical / Health Practitioners from \$350 to \$400 per practitioner per calendar year.

**Response:** On July 28, 2015, this resolution was forwarded to Saskatchewan Blue Cross with a request to provide information and cost analysis.

**Saskatchewan Blue Cross response:**

Saskatchewan Blue Cross determined that only 850 members total have reached their maximums in the past. When looking that likely only 60% of those members would then reach the \$400 amount, it is estimated that claims would be approximately \$25,000 to increase from \$350 to \$400. As discussed, if the STS decided to increase to \$500, the additional cost would be another \$40,000 as we would not expect to see the same number of members reaching their maximums.

At the September 24, 2015, STS Executive meeting, a motion was passed to increase the maximum for paramedical services to \$500 per person per calendar year effective January 1, 2016.

- A 5. Be It Resolved** that the STS investigate the process involved in adding drugs to the Saskatchewan Formulary.

**Response: On July 28, 2015, this resolution was forwarded to Saskatchewan Blue Cross with a request to provide information and cost analysis. No response has been received to date.**

- A 6. Be It Resolved** that the STS negotiate with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to cover \$200.00 annually towards the cost of lenses for diabetics.

**Response: On July 28, 2015, this resolution was forwarded to Saskatchewan Blue Cross with a request to provide information and cost analysis.**

**Saskatchewan Blue Cross response:**

**Regarding coverage of \$200.00 annually to cover the costs of lenses for diabetics, we are currently awaiting a response from our claims department as to how we can adjudicate this and support the request.**

- A 7. Be It Resolved that** the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) draft and forward a letter to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) conveying its support for the SARM lobby to ban the use of plastic grocery bags in Saskatchewan.

**Response: On July 9, 2015, a letter was sent to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, supporting their efforts to lobby the ban of plastic grocery bags in Saskatchewan.**

- A 8. Be It Resolved** that the STS Executive explore the possibility of obtaining a Corporate gym membership with GoodLife Fitness Gym, or similar facility, for STS members.

**Response: Several gym locations were contacted to gather information regarding corporate memberships.**

**Please refer to Resolution A3.**

- A 9. Be It Resolved that** the STS annual fee for 2015-2016 be \$30.00 per person.

**Response: The STS annual fee for 2015-16 has been set at \$30.00 per person.**

- A 10. Be It Resolved that** the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2015-2016 be as follows:

<50	-	\$10.00 per member
50-100	-	\$ 9.00 per member
>100	-	\$ 8.00 per member

**Response: The STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2015-16 has been set as noted above.**

## **Resolutions Directed to Government (D)**

**D 1. Be It Resolved** that the STS request the Government of Saskatchewan to extend coverage for vaccines to include the Shingles vaccine.

**Response: On July 27, 2015, a letter was sent to the Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health regarding this resolution. No response has been received to date.**

## **Late Resolutions**

**D 2. Be It Resolved** that this STS AGM express its concern to the provincial government regarding the proposed model for two-for-one MRI use in Saskatchewan.

The resolution was referred to the STS Executive.

**Response: On October 19, 2015, a letter was sent to the Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health requesting information and draft legislation regarding MRIs in Saskatchewan. No response has been received to date.**