

# Disability Action Group

**By Gertrude Cotton**

Debbie Stewart addressed members of the Disability Action Group (DAG) at their June meeting last month, held in the cafeteria of the McCausland Hospital in Terrace Bay.

The costs involved to incorporate as an organization

was discussed in detail by Debbie, as well as the directors which were required and their responsibilities, financial statements and liabilities.

She was then thanked by President Rod Thompson, and the bulk of the meeting was then devoted to discus-

sions about the status the organization should strive to attain--that of an incorporated or an unincorporated organization.

Members agreed to seek more information on available grants before proceeding further. The executive will re-examine the

proposed objectives again as they need to be more specific, depending on the requirements for status and grant applications.

Rod reported on his recent visit to the Chimo Club in Schreiber. Lack of transportation to our meetings is one reason for the low response from Schreiber residents.

Connie Bryson announced plans for participation in the July 1 Bed Race were going well. The group involved will represent both the DAG and the hospital's chronic care patients. (*The DAG Bed Race entry won the Tailender Award. Ed.*)

She also reported that the McCausland Hospital

will recognize the DAG as a co-group with the Chronic Unit in their future considerations.

A list of concerns to be addressed in the future was compiled. A request was made to have Cathy Smith, Resources Officer, attend a meeting to give us information and guidance. The March of Dimes representative, Linda Cairns, will also be contacted for information regarding financial help available for the purchase of communication aids for the disabled.

Terrace Bay Council has indicated its willingness to meet with DAG on August 28 to discuss snow removal and accessibility to buildings in town. Schreiber Council will be invited to

send representatives as well and co-ordinate assistance where needed for the disabled.

A donation of a bench to the DAG was made by Jack Paterson and Joe Marcella. DAG wishes to donate it to the McCausland Hospital so seating accommodations

outside the main door of the hospital will be made available.

DAG members expressed pleasure at the many DAG logo sketches made and submitted by Kevin Cocks of Schreiber. A decision on a logo will be made in the future.



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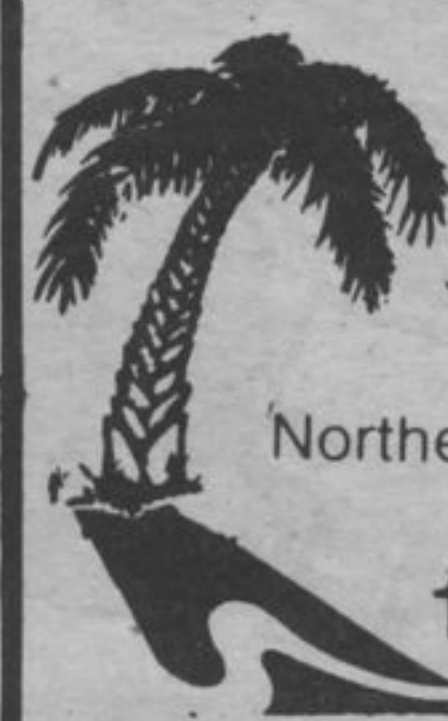


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