



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005**

**Postgraduate Centre, Freeman Hospital**

### **MINUTES**

#### **The Opening Prayer**

The Chairman, Mr Tony Armstrong, opened the meeting at 10.40 with the Opening Prayer.

#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman, Mr Tony Armstrong, went on to welcome everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to all in the meeting.

**Apologies for absence** were received from: Stuart Kaye, Claire McAuley.

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

- Colin Lewis proposed these minutes as a true and correct record and David Lyth seconded this motion.

#### **3. Matters arising**

- Dr Gareth Parry has approached the Chairman, Tony Armstrong, for financial help for the renovation of the Transplant Outpatient Department. It has been agreed that our association would help if the need arises.

#### **4. Accounts**

- Copies of the accounts were circulated with the minutes to all in the meeting. The Chairman, Mr Tony Armstrong, went through these accounts in detail.

- The Chairman, Tony Armstrong, went on to say some of our expenditure is money spent on equipment for both Ward 27a and Transplant Clinic. He went on to say that to date we have spent in excess of £120,000 on equipment for these two departments.
- Robert Lisle proposed that these accounts be accepted as a true and correct record. Derek Robson seconded this motion.

## 5. Games report

- The Sports Manager, Graham Marsh, introduced himself to the meeting and went on to give his report.
- Before giving his report he told everyone that our new website is now up and running and all kinds of information can be found there. The address is [www.fhlta.org.uk](http://www.fhlta.org.uk)
- He went on to tell the meeting of a successful summer as 6 representatives from the Freeman team were competing at the World Games which were held in Canada.
- These were Judith Burgess, Kaylee Davidson, Stuart Kaye, Graham Marsh, Joan Whitney and Adrian Woodcock.
- Graham congratulated all these athletes, as they were all successful in bringing medals home. He gave special congratulations to Judith Burgess and Adrian Woodcock as they both achieved Gold in Badminton.
- He went on to tell the meeting that Lynne Holt, Transplant Co-ordinator at Freeman Hospital has been appointed as British Team Manager for the World Transplant Games.
- The British Transplant Games, which were held in Loughborough, had 23 competitors (of which 8 of these was there first time) and 8 supporters from the Freeman Team.
- Graham went on to tell the meeting of future events:
  - Golf in April
  - Badminton in April
  - European Transplant Games in Naples to be held in June
  - Cricket in July – this is a re-match with the Australian Cricket Team
  - Volleyball – date yet to be secured

## 6. Election of Committee

- The meeting was informed that Tony Armstrong and Derek Riley are up for re-election and have both agreed to stand again. All were in agreement of this.
- Tony Armstrong went on to ask if there was anyone interested in joining the committee as there is a spare place due to the sad death of our Vice-Chairman, Bernard Grainger. Judith Burgess went on to tell the meeting that she had received correspondence from Stuart Kaye saying that he was interested in joining the committee. All were in agreement with this and all were duly elected.
- The meeting was told that Barrie Braidford has now taken over as Vice-Chairman.

## **7. Any other business**

- Tony Armstrong told the meeting that he had received phone calls from Security telling him that they were not happy that people were not locking doors upon leaving the flats.
- Barrie Braidford said that there had also been complaints about people smoking in the flats and opening the windows.
- He also pointed out that notices were being taken down. He went on to say that these are our flats and that we should look after them.
- The meeting was informed that next year will be 21 years since the first heart transplant at Freeman Hospital and that an event is being organised to mark this event. Judith Burgess told the meeting that a newsletter will be distributed in January giving details of this.
- Robert Lisle asked why Transplant patients were being charged for this event. It was pointed out that they were only being charged a nominal fee and there is no way that we could let everyone go free.
- Victoria Wilson pointed out that as this event is not happening until May it gives people time to save up.

## **8. Closing Prayer**

Being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.00 (noon) with the closing prayer.