



Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 3rd November 2008

Tyne Youth & Community Centre, Mariners Lane, Tynemouth

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Barrie Braidford, Judith Burgess, Jim Carlin, David Hunt, Janet Long, Graham Marsh, Brian Woods and Joan Whitney.

Apologies were received from: Alf Brown and Adrian Woodcock.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Joan Whitney proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Brian Wood seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- Brian told the meeting that the **Tx Space – Connect** website is now live.
- A further 1,000 pin badges have been ordered.
- The matter of the chairs is still pending and Barrie agreed to follow this up.

4. Annual General Meeting

- Invitations for this have gone to all our members.
- It was agreed to cater for 70 people.
- Judith agreed to send the minutes and agenda for the meeting to Barrie for copying.
- It was agreed not to buy any refreshments as these will be available at Lindisfarne Social Club.
- Barrie to contact Val Hammond to ask if she is still willing to do the tombola stall. He will also contact Ian Hall re prizes for this.

- It was agreed that Barrie should inform the bank to send all future bank statements directly to our Treasurer, Joan Whitney.

5. Games report

- Graham gave a brief resume of the Australian Cricket tour.
- Graham told the meeting that there have been 7 competitors from the Freeman Sports Team selected to attend the World Transplant Games which are to be held in Australia (Gold Coast) in August '09. These being Judith Burgess, Kaylee Davidson, Stuart Kaye, Graham Marsh, Craig O'Neill, Adrian Woodcock and Jamie Woodhouse.
- Only three; Kaylee, Craig and Jamie will be competing.
- It was agreed that a return flight to Brisbane would be funded by the FHLTA.
- Carol Davidson has written requesting funding for 2 young people to attend the annual Tackers International Ski Camp in 2009 and also for 2 children to attend 'Transplant Disney 2008'. The total amount requested is £1,600. This was agreed unanimously.

6. Children's report

- Janet told the committee that all children will be staying on campus at the British Transplant Games in Coventry.
- Children in Need filmed Rebecca Long, who has recently had her second heart transplant, at the British Transplant Games in Sheffield in August '08 and it is hoped to have a two minute slot on the Children in Need show on 14th November 2008, followed by publicity for the Organ Donor Register.

7. Newsletter

- Judith told the meeting that 'Ethicon' have donated £400 towards the cost of printing the newsletter.
- She went on to say that the funding was for one year only and we will have to apply again for funding for next year's newsletter.
- Joan told the meeting that the cost of printing both the AGM invitations came to a total of newsletter and £717.90.
Barrie went on to say that postage for these was £368.52.

8. Any other business

- Graham pointed out that the article in the Sunday Times magazine about mechanical hearts replacing transplants. He agreed to put a link on our website for this.
- Brian told the committee that hospital car parking had been discussed on a recent 'Watchdog' programme. He agreed to send the web address for this for everyone to hear it and Graham agreed to put this link on our website (if possible).

- Judith agreed to contact Adrian to ask if he will purchase and deliver tins of sweets for the following departments of Freeman Hospital: Wards 23, 25, 27, 27A, 28, 29, 30, Medical Physics, X-Ray, ECG and Lung Function.
- As the waiting room is now too small for the number of patients there are and there is no conservatory it was asked what we could do about this. This was deferred.
- Jim brought to the attention of the committee that he had heard that a parking pass was available. He agreed to speak to Lynne Holt about this and find out more information.

9. Date of the next meeting

Monday, 19th January 2009 at 12.00 (noon)