



## **Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Tyne Youth & Community Centre, Chirside House, Mariners Lane, Tynemouth NE30 4AT**

### **MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Barrie Braidford (Elected Chairman), Tony Armstrong (Retiring Chairman), Judith Burgess, Jim Carlin, David Hunt, Graham Marsh, Joan Whitney and Adrian Woodcock.

**Apologies:** there were no apologies received.

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

- Graham pointed out that under the section of British Games (item b) this should read: "It was agreed to offer each competitor a subsidy of up to £75 per night plus travel costs"
- Following that amendment Tony Armstrong proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Joan Whitney seconded this motion.

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

- The new rule books have now been printed and are ready for distribution with the next edition of the newsletter.
- Judith has been given a quote of £596 + VAT for 1000 car stickers and brought along a proof for all to see. All were in agreement that she should tell the printer to proceed.
- Tony informed the committee that parking charges at the hospital are now £1.10 per hour and disabled stickers are only usable in disabled bays. It was agreed that Judith should write a follow up letter to Len Fenwick, Chief Executive with our concerns.
- The date of the next AGM is Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

#### **4. Appointment of new Chairman**

- Graham proposed that Barrie Braidford should be elected as the new Chairman and Judith seconded this motion. All were in favour and Barrie was duly elected.

- As Barrie was the previously the Vice Chairman, Graham proposed that Adrian be appointed as Vice Chairman. Joan seconded this motion. All were in agreement and Adrian was duly elected.

## **5. Committee members**

- It was agreed that Judith should write to Stuart Kaye and Derek Riley to ask if they are able to continue as committee as they have not been able to attend meetings for some time due to work commitments.
- If these members are now unable to continue as committee members it was agreed that Judith should advertise for new committee members in the newsletter.

## **6. World Games funding**

- Following correspondence from Christine Evans, Chairman of Transplant Sports United Kingdom (TSUK) which gave more information it was agreed that we should offer Lynne Holt £100 towards her costs.
- It was felt that this was a fair amount given that no other hospital/transplant association had been approached for funding and out of approximately 100 competitors there were originally 7 selected from the Freeman Sports Team and the figure was on a pro rata basis.

## **7. British Games**

- Graham informed the committee that to date there will be 29 competitors and 16 supporters from the Freeman Team attending the British Transplant Games to be held in Edinburgh, 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2007.
- All accommodation for this event has now been booked.
- Barrie has received correspondence from Carol Davidson on behalf of the Children's Sports Team asking for £3,500 to cover the cost of 14 children and their carer attending the British Transplant Games and £1,000 to cover the costs of 10 children attending the Children's Hall Sports to be held in Sheffield later this year.
- All were in agreement with funding both these events.

## **8. Any other business**

- Graham has received correspondence via the website asking if transplant patients are exempt from prescription charges. Judith explained that only people with diabetes, epilepsy or thyroid problems are exempt on medical grounds.
- It was suggested that we write to the Minister of Health to ask them to consider including transplant patients. Judith agreed to do this.
- Judith suggested that we have a guest book on our website. All were in agreement with this.

- Judith expressed concern that only Graham is able to update the website and thought that a second person should also be able to do this. Judith went on to volunteer to do this but asked if she could purchase the appropriate software. All were in agreement with this.
- Joan asked if anything further had been done regarding the purchasing of pins to commemorate transplant milestones i.e. 5 years, 10 years etc. Graham volunteered to look into this.
- Jim has been invited to the Northern Ireland Transplant Association AGM as our representative and asked the committee for the cost of his flight. All were in agreement with this.

## **9. Date of the next meeting**

Monday, 16th April 2007