



Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Friday, 8th December 2006

Postgraduate Centre, Freeman Hospital

MINUTES

The Opening Prayer

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Barrie Braidford, the Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Vice-Chairman, Barrie Braidford went on to welcome everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to all in the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Tony Armstrong, Ken Burrell, Sue Cansdale, Gerry Jardine, Stuart Kaye and David Lyth

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Derek Robson proposed these minutes as a true and correct record and Bernadette Wilson seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Accounts

- Copies of the accounts were circulated with the minutes to all in the meeting. The Treasurer, Mrs Joan Whitney went through these minutes in detail
- Joan went on to give a brief resume of equipment we have purchased in the year and their costs.

- Charles Plant proposed that these accounts be accepted as a true and correct record. Victoria Wilson 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 website is there for everyone to use and he welcomes articles to put on this site. The address is www.fhlta.org.uk
- Graham began his report by telling everyone of his success in winning £20,000 with the help of our Prime Minister the Rt. Hon Tony Blair. This was won in a competition run by Virgin Radio where members of the general public had to get a personality to phone in on their behalf. Graham contacted the Prime Minister who in turn contacted the radio station. The general public had then to vote for a personality and Graham and Mr Blair gained the most votes winning £10,000 each. Graham had already said that he would take out £3,000 towards the cost of the World Games to be held next year and the rest he would donate to the FHLTA and Tyne Youth and Community Centre. Mr Blair, in turn gave his £10,000 to those two charities. This means that the FHLTA will gain £8,500 because of this venture.
- Graham then went on to tell the meeting of the dispute with David Donkin. He went on to explain that David Donkin had been approached to organise the annual badminton tournament on behalf of TSUK. The committee feels that this should be a team event as all other previous events have been organised by teams. David Donkin unfortunately does not see it this way and has chosen to go it alone so the committee has disassociated themselves from the whole thing.
- Barrie Braidford went on to read a letter from Gerry Jardine regarding the situation followed by the reply Judith had sent to him.
- Graham went on to tell the meeting the GB Transplant cricket team beating Australia at the re-match held during the summer and went on to ask for more cricketers for the next match to be held in Australia.
- He then went on to say that there was 39 Freeman members had attended the European Games in Naples in June and 25 members had attended the British Games in Bath.
- Graham told the meeting that various members had raised a great amount of money for the FHLTA through sport. Some of these being a Golf tournament run by Sid and Carol Lamb, the Great North Run, ran by Susie Woods, the 3 peaks ran by Jan Kempton and Whitehaven to Tynemouth cycle ride ridden by Tom Stevenson.
- Graham went on to tell the meeting of the FHLTA members who had been selected to attend the World Transplant Games to be held in Bangkok next year. These were as follows: Judith Burgess, Kaylee Davidson, David Donkin, Stuart Kaye, Graham Marsh, Craig O'Neil and Adrian Woodcock although the latter two people have made the decision not to attend.

6. Election of Officers

- Barrie Braidford informed the meeting that David Lyth has sent a letter of resignation due to work commitments. He wishes the committee all the best in their future work.

- Barrie Braidford, Graham Marsh and Joan Whitney are due for re-election and are prepared to stand again. All but one was in agreement with this and they were duly elected.
- Barrie went on to ask for volunteers for the committee as we have four available places.

7. Any other business

- Barrie told the meeting that the 21st Anniversary party had been a huge success.
- Derek Robson asked if anything could be done about parking charges. Judith promised to that she would put this on the agenda for the next committee meeting in January.
- The father of David Hunt introduced a book with stories of transplantation by Sue Cansdale. He said they were available if anyone wanted a copy.

8. Closing Prayer

- Being no further business, the meeting was closed with the closing prayer.