



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Lindisfarne Social Club, Wallsend.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **The Opening Prayer**

The Chairman, Mr Barrie Braidford opened the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

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

The Chairman, Mr Barrie Braidford, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to those present and went on to say that the meeting was being held at the Lindisfarne Social Club due to the Postgraduate Centre, our usual venue, being fully booked.

**Apologies** were received from: Adrian Woodcock

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

- Brian Wood proposed that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record. Alf Brown seconded this motion.

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

- Barrie Braidford informed the meeting that there seems no more we can do on this matter as after a number of meetings with Paul Brewis we are no further forward.
- Brian Woods went on to say that there had been an article on the BBC 'Watchdog' programme about hospital car parking. The link for this has been put on our website.
- Alf Brown pointed out the rule of the disabled parking bays, this being to park in the appropriate bay for your medical condition

#### **4. Chairman's report**

- The Chairman, Barrie Braidford went on to inform the meeting of some of our work throughout the year, some of these being:
  - Providing chairs for Cheviot Court
  - Funding Staff conferences
  - Funding of equipment for clinic, wards, staff etc

## **5. Secretary's report**

- The Secretary, Judith Burgess told the meeting that due to the limited numbers of articles she receives for the newsletter it has been decided to cut production to an annual edition.
- She went on to explain that due to CardioVations, the parent company of 'Ethicon UK now being part of the Edwards Lifesciences we had to re-apply for sponsorship.
- Our application was successful and they donated £400 towards the cost of printing the newsletter.
- Judith went on to thank all who had provided her with an email address to enable to forward the next newsletter by email but went on to explain that due to hackers getting into Barrie's computer the decision has been taken to still send newsletters by post.
- Ian Hall suggested that we fold the newsletters in half making them A5 to keep the cost of postage down.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

- Copies of the accounts were circulated to all in the meeting and the Treasurer; Mrs Joan Whitney went on to give a brief resume.
- Joan told the meeting that we had raised £12,250 on the Justgiving site. The cost of this is £211.44 per annum.
- The accounts were audited and prepared by Draycott & Kirk of Guisborough and only charged £100 plus VAT for this. They have asked for us to consider this as a donation.
- Jim Carlin proposed that these accounts be accepted as a true and correct record. Brian Woods seconded this motion.

## **7. Sports Manager's report**

- The Sports Manager, Graham Marsh stated that sport is an integral part of our work as stated in the constitution.
- There have been a number of sporting events this year which we have been involved in, namely:
  - Badminton
  - Cricket
  - Golf
  - European Transplant Games – 27 competed from the Freeman Team accompanied by 19 supporters.
  - British Transplant Games – 27 Adult competitors and 19 supporters plus 6 children competing accompanied by 13 adults.

- Volleyball
- 8 competitors from the Freeman Team have been selected for the World Transplant Games in Australia next year.
- Three; Kaylee Davidson, Craig O'Neill and Jamie Woodhouse will be travelling to compete.

## **8. Children's report**

- Janet Long, the Children's representative introduced herself as their new Children's Manager.
- She went on to tell the meeting that one of the children from the Freeman Team had been on Children in Need which was given national promotion.
- It I hoped to get more children involved with our work and activities and there is now a children's link on the website.
- Under the guidance of the Chairman, Janet, who is a pharmacist, explained to the meeting that only those who have a condition where their body cannot produce a natural occurring substance can be medically exempt from prescription charges.

## **9. Election of Committee**

- Derek Airey, Janet Long, and Brian Wood had all been co-opted throughout the year and were all duly elected.

## **10. Any other business**

- The Chairman, Barrie Braidford suggested that we hold a draw with a £500 prize for our members bi-annually.
- Ian Hall suggested rather than do this we approach the medical staff to see what they need as there is presently a shortage of staff and we could perhaps offer paying for a scholarship.
- Judith Burgess expressed her concerns over the idea of the draw saying that we have to remember where our donations come from. Brian Wood seconded this and went on to say that any money spent should be to the benefit of all our members.
- Judith proposed that the matter is discussed at our next committee meeting in January. All were in agreement with this.
- It was asked what we could do about the overspill in clinic as the conservatory is now closed and there was some discussion as to who the conservatory belongs to. Christine Brunton told the meeting that the gentleman who donated it gave it to Prof John Dark to do with what he wished.
- Jim Carlin went on to thank all the officers of the committee for all their hard work throughout the year.
- Being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.40 a.m.