



Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 9th June 2008

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

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Barrie Braidford (Chair), Judith Burgess, Jim Carlin, Janet Long, Graham Marsh, Joan Whitney and Adrian Woodcock

Apologies: there were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Joan pointed out that the conservatory was not financed by a FHLTA member as quoted in the previous minutes but by a brother of one of the members and the community of Middlesbrough and was then donated to the hospital.
- Following this amendment Graham Marsh proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Adrian Woodcock seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- The saga of the chairs is still ongoing. Barrie told the meeting that the chairs for the FHLTA flats, Cheviot Court, have been ordered but the chairs for the other flats will have to be sorted out at a later date.
- Barrie informed the committee that he has been told that a water machine will not be allowed.
- Graham informed the committee that he has put the information about the HC5 form required to claim back travel expenses plus parking fees, on the website.
- Adrian informed the committee that entries for the London Marathon 2009 are closed. The 2010 London Marathon is being run by Virgin and costs £250 per person. Due to this it was agreed that we should not buy any places for this.

4. Games report

- To date there are 20 competitors and 11 supporters attending the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games in Vichy France.
- To date there are 27 competitors and 10 supporters attending the British Transplant Games in Sheffield.
- Graham suggested that the agenda should have an item for the Children's team each month. Judith agreed to do this.

5. Newsletter

- Judith brought to the attention of the committee that the sponsors of our newsletter, 'Ethicon UK' is now part of 'Edwards Lifesciences' and because of this they are looking at all the projects that they support.
- Clare Gregor has written to Judith asking her to write with information of the kind of support we are seeking and at what cost.
- Judith told the committee that Clare Gregor had volunteered the information that it costs Ethicon UK £860 to produce each edition of the newsletter.
- It was agreed that Judith write asking for further funding and suggests that we produce one edition per year rather than two with 8 pages instead of the current 4.
- It was suggested that we get quotes from other printers in case our request gets turned down. Judith, Graham and Barrie agreed to do this.
- It was agreed that the AGM invitations go out with the newsletter in September.

6. Correspondance

- Judith told the committee that she had received a letter from 'Live Life Give Life', introducing them and asking to work with the Association.
- It was agreed that Judith should reply saying we are willing to liaise with their organisation.
- Joan told the committee that she had received a letter from Carol Olley along with a cheque for £500 as a donation from the Northern Transplant Ball.
- Joan went on to say that they had raised £3700+ and donations of £500 had been given to Heart Research and FHLTA with the remainder going to Transplant Active which is the junior section of the TSUK.

7. Any other business

- Brian voiced his concerns over the problems in the waiting area of Clinic. He pointed out that there is not enough room and nowhere to get refreshments.
- It was agreed that Judith should write on our behalf, voicing our concerns.
- Judith to contact Mary (Sister) or look on website for the relevant contact.

- Brian asked if there could be anything done about getting free prescriptions for Transplant patients. Judith pointed out that she had already written to Patricia Hewitt (Health Secretary) about this and was told the matter was under review.
- Janet went on to point out that only those with a deficiency of a natural occurring body substance is exempt from prescription charges.
- Janet asked if she could sell our pin badges to raise money for the FHLTA. It was agreed to give Janet some of the ones we have and to order more.
- It was suggested that we put pin badges in clinic for members to take.

8. Date of the next meeting

Monday, 21st July 2008 at 12.00 (noon)