



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, 11th December 2007**

**Postgraduate Centre, Freeman Hospital**

### **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 went on to welcome everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to all in the meeting and to update the members on some of the work that the association has done throughout the year and some of the fundraising work done by our members.

**Apologies for absence were received** from: Tony Armstrong, Jim Carlin and John Dawson.

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

- Alf Brown proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and Graham Marsh seconded this motion.

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

- Barrie told the meeting of the initial meeting the Secretary, Judith Burgess and himself had with the Operational Services Manager, Paul Brewis about the car parking situation. This meeting had seemed positive but due to no feedback from this meeting Graham Marsh (in the place of Judith Burgess) and Barrie met with Mr Brewis once again.
- This second meeting had not proved as positive as Mr Brewis told Barrie and Graham that at the initial meeting he thought that we had been talking about parking for pre-transplant patients.
- Graham had suggested to Mr Brewis that as a last resort the FHLTA pay an annual fee for designated parking spaces for their members.
- It was proposed by Derek Robson and seconded by Linda Riddel that Graham's suggestion is acted on. All were in agreement.

- Alf Brown told the meeting that there is a meeting of the Members Council on 17th January 2008 where car parking is to be discussed. Alf agreed to act on our behalf.

#### **4. Accounts**

- Copies of the accounts were circulated to all in the meeting. The Treasurer, Mrs Joan Whitney went through these in detail.
- Joan pointed out that we are now have a page on the 'Justgiving' website and through this we have raised £790.38 since July.
- There have been two refunds from the Games expenditure. Firstly from the Children's Team and secondly from Judith Burgess as she was unable to attend the World Games in Bangkok due to medical reasons.
- Alf Brown proposed that these accounts be accepted as a true and correct record. This motion was seconded by Derek Robson.

#### **5. Games report**

- The Sports Manager, Graham Marsh introduced himself to the meeting and went on to tell the meeting of the various sporting ventures that have taken place throughout the year.
- He went on to say that sport provides the association with funds through sponsorship etc and that the association has gained approximately £30,000 through sport since the last AGM. He also pointed out that sport raises the awareness of the need for donors and the transplant programme.
- Graham went on to tell the meeting that David Donkin had gone ahead with the Badminton Tournament in Gateshead without the backing of the FHLTA but had given a donation of £500 to the association from this event. Graham offered his thanks to David Donkin for this gesture.
- The matter of the Badminton Tournament and how it had been run had been discussed at the AGM of the Transplant Sport United Kingdom (TSUK) and the Chairperson, Christine Evans had given her apologies on the matter and gave her assurance that this would not happen again.

#### **6. Election of Officers**

- Barrie told the meeting that all the officers were willing to stand again. Brian Wood proposed that this be accepted. Craig O'Neill seconded this motion. All were in favour.
- Barrie went on to inform the meeting that Tony Armstrong, our long standing Chairman and committee member of late has taken the decision to stand down due to ill health. Barrie went on to thank Tony for all his hard work and all that he had given to the association in the past. We wish him well.

#### **7. Any other business**

- The parents of Lyndsey Saunders thanked the FHLTA for their support in helping Lyndsey attend the forthcoming children's ski trip.
- Carol Hunt thanked all the committee for all their hard work.

#### **8. Closing Prayer**

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