



Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 11th March 2010

Corner House, Hotel, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne

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.

Apologies for absence were received from: Alf Brown, Graham Marsh and Susie Wood.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Brian Wood proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Adrian Woodcock seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- Following the suggestion last year that the newsletter be sent out in A5 format to save on postage, Judith told the meeting that this had proved a false economy as the printing costs were going to be much higher.
- Judith told the meeting that she had recently written to Andy Burnham, The Secretary of State for Health regarding the parking situation at Freeman Hospital. She went on to say that she had received a reply stating that the Government is to look at all hospital car parking charges.

4. Chairman's report

- The Chairman, Barrie Braidford went on to inform the meeting of some of our work throughout the year. These included providing new computer and software for clinic, funding staff conferences, funding of equipment for clinic, wards etc and helping to finance competitors to attend British, European and World Transplant Games.
- Barrie went on to tell the meeting that due to new Government legislation, which is due out soon, we have been advised by our Accountants, Draycott & Kirk to defer our application to become a 'Company Limited by Guarantee'
- Barrie told the meeting that the committee has noticed some points in the rule book that need changing and asked permission to do this. All in the meeting were in agreement with this.
- Barrie told the meeting that our committee member, Derek Airey has now taken on the role of looking after the flats. He expressed his thanks to Derek for the sterling work he is doing.

5. Treasurer's report

- Copies of the accounts, audited by Draycott & Kirk, were circulated to all in the meeting.
- The Treasurer, Mrs Joan Whitney, gave her report and told the meeting that the accountants had only charged £117 for auditing the accounts.
- Joan went on to tell the meeting that we have recently funded medical staff to attend the International conference on Heart & Lung Transplantation to be held in Chicago for which Professor John Dark has been appointed President. He is the third doctor from the Freeman Hospital to hold this post and the Freeman is the only hospital in the world to have this honour.
- The accounts were proposed by Brian Wood and Jim Carlin seconded this motion.

6. Sports Manager's report

- Due to the absence of the Sports Manager, Graham Marsh, the Secretary, Judith Burgess gave a brief report on his behalf.
- Judith told the meeting that 2 competitors from the Freeman Team had attended the World Transplant Games in Australia. These being Craig O'Neill and Jamie Woodhouse. Craig had gone on to win 3 medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze.
- Congratulation were offered to Jamie Woodhouse for climbing Sydney Harbour Bridge whilst in Australia and congratulation were also offered to Susie Wood for her trek across Iceland

7. Children's report

- Janet Long, the Children's representative thanked the FHLTA for their continued support.
- Janet went on to say that in the Children's case not all events are sports events but centred on family to integrate children into other events.
- Janet went on to tell the meeting that there is to be a Family Weekend held in Sunderland in May, incorporating the 25 years celebrations and the FHLTA are the main sponsors for

this. This will generate enormous publicity both for the FHLTA and transplantation in general.

8. Election of Committee

- Susie Wood had been co-opted on to the committee throughout the year and was duly elected.

9. Any other business

- To celebrate 25 years of heart/lung transplantation at Freeman Hospital there is to be a Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, 14th May 2010 at Tynemouth Golf Club. This will be followed by an evening of celebration.