



Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, 17th January 2007

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

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Tony Armstrong (Chair), Barrie Braidford, Judith Burgess, Jim Carlin, David Hunt, Graham Marsh and Joan Whitney.

Apologies were received from: Stuart Kaye and Adrian Woodcock.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Graham Marsh proposed that these minutes are accepted as a true and correct record. Jim Carlin seconded this motion.

3. World Games Funding

- It was suggested that we decide how much funding we are to give to the athletes attending the World Games. All were in agreement with this.
- It was agreed that we should pay for the flight for each athlete attending the World Games. It was also agreed that if any one of these competitors were struggling to raise the money to attend these Games then the FHLTA would meet the costs.
- Should anyone raise any sponsorship for these Games that in turn should come back to the FHLTA.
- The committee have received an email from Lynne Holt asking for £2,000 to cover her costs of attending the World Transplant Games.
- At the request of other committee members, Judith contacted Lynne to ask if she had applied to any other hospital/transplant association for funding. Lynne replied to this telling us that she had not.
- By a majority vote it was agreed that the FHLTA should not give any funding to Lynne because the UK team is made up of competitors from other hospitals throughout the country and to expect the FHLTA to fund the costs incurred with the role as Team Manager is disproportionate.

4. British Games

- Graham told the committee, the British Transplant Games are to be held in Edinburgh later this year and accommodation is more expensive than other years and asked if the FHLTA would offer a subsidy of £10 per person per night along with the usual cost of the gala dinner and registration fee.
- It was agreed to offer each competitor a subsidy of up to £75 plus travel costs.

5. Stationary

- Tony has done some enquiries re printing of new rule book and has been quoted £256 for 1000 books. It was agreed to go ahead with this.
- It was suggested that the Organ Donor Register logo and telephone number was included on the back page of the rulebook. Judith agreed to email this to the company who will be printing them
- Judith apologised that she had not done any follow up work on car stickers and promised to attend to it.

6. Parking

- At the AGM in December, it was brought to the attention of the committee some members are finding the parking charges, at the hospital, expensive. This is due to some being part of low-income families and having to make regular visits to clinic with long waiting times.
- Judith informed the committee that she had been given the name of the contact to write to at the hospital on this matter by one of our members, Mr Alf Brown, who was in attendance at the AGM.
- It was agreed that Judith should write to the PCPI Office, Community Advisory Panel at Freeman Hospital to see if they could help us with this matter.

7. Any other business

- **AGM** – Barrie brought to the attention of the committee that a date is needed for the next AGM.
- **Volunteers** – Judith informed the committee that she had received an email from Julia Mole, whose father had his heart transplant at Freeman hospital, saying she that she wishes to help with our association's work in any way she can. It was suggested that Judith write to her asking her if she could help Barrie with the distribution of the newsletter. Tony also agreed to contact Julia's father to see if he would like to join the committee.
- **Conference** – Joan brought to the attention of the committee that she had received a letter from Prof Dark thanking the association for the £20,000 given to finance staff attending the annual International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation conference. Last year's meeting was held in Madrid costing £10,000 and this year it is to be held in San Francisco,

again costing £10,000. Tony reminded the committee that we would be funding next year's meeting also.

- **Bank Signatures** – As David Donkin is no longer a member of the committee it was suggested that his name be removed from the list of signatures. It was agreed that Barrie should be added to the list in his place.
- **Chairman** - Tony informed the committee that he wishes to stand down as Chairman but has agreed to remain on the committee until the AGM. Joan Whitney went on to offer her thanks for all the work and advice he had given to FHLTA over the years. Judith seconded this and all were in agreement.
- **Fundraising** – Joan brought to the attention of the committee that one of our members, Jan Kempton has raised £5,500 by running the 3 peaks and she asked what the money would be spent on. It was suggested that Joan writes to Jan telling her that her money has helped fund the annual International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation conferences that the staff have attended.

8. Date of the next meeting

Monday, 5th March 2007