



## **Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 17th September 2007**

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

### **MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Barrie Braidford, Joan Whitney, Graham Marsh, Adrian Woodcock, Tony Armstrong and David Hunt.

**Apologies** were received from Judith Burgess, the secretary.

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

**Amendments** to the previous meeting's minutes were that the cost of the 'Just Giving' scheme was £17.62 per month not £15.00 as recorded also Dr Parry's new computer was £680.03.

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

- From the previous minutes, Graham was unhappy with the article that Tony had in the last newsletter, that indicated that our outlay towards various Games was invariably greater than the income from competitors via their sponsorship etc,.
- Graham was at pains to point out that much of the money raised by people by a variety of means, ie, coffee mornings, sponsored walks, golf competitions etc, was not always put down as towards the Games, and he felt certain that if all of this income was linked directly to the account for sports income it would exceed the outlay. He said he was in no way criticising Tony, who based his information on the income and outlay figures in the accounts but felt a better way of accounting should be sought to avoid this anomaly in the future.
- Tony Queried the Gift Aid Scheme and it was explained to him.

#### **4. Parking**

- Barrie reported that he and Judith had had a positive meeting with Mr Paul Brewis, Estates Manager, regarding the car parking situation and costs to transplant patients.

- On being asked, he assured us that he was indeed in a position to make changes but pointed out that all of his suggestions had to be authorised by the Board, and although he could not promise anything immediately, he certainly took on board what we were telling him. He said he would have to go away and think long and hard about the situation, and would report back to us after his meeting with the board later in September.
- He did however tell us that the number of disabled bays in the main car park were being increased by 25 and when the new Cancer / Kidney Facility opens next year at the rear of the main building, the spaces allocated to dialysis patients would be moved to the rear, so freeing up some spaces at the entrance. He said he would also consider the possibility of allocating some spaces in the Cardio car park as it is adjacent to the cardio block.
- The MRI scanner has been removed from outside the cardio block entrance, and he would try to get the remaining port-a-cabin removed from the same area where it is also blocking disabled bays. Judith explained how she had had to pay £1.10 to pop in to pick up the keys for the flats. Barrie asked if we could not have a free period of 10 / 15 minutes for this sort of thing.
- Mr Brewis was very interested in the functioning of the Freeman Heart & Lung Transplant Association and asked to have a copy of our newsletter in future. I have put him on the list. He agreed to consider all of these points and although he could not promise anything, Judith and I left the meeting feeling positive about it.

## 5. Games report

- The Freeman had the largest contingent at the recent Edinburgh Games, ie, 30 Competitors and 24 Supporters, they won 9 Gold, 14 Silver, and 13 Bronze medals.
- It was pointed out that although we had funded 14 children for these games, there were not 14 children taking part and it was agreed that the chairman would communicate with Carol Davidson (who organised the children), and ask for a refund.
- Graham proposed that in future all competitors should pay up front for their registration fees and Gala dinner as a form of deposit and commitment to attend. They would be compensated by that amount being deducted from their accommodation costs and final invoice. This was seconded By Barrie, and carried unanimously.
- There is to be a TSUK satellite volleyball tournament in November and will be staged in Bristol.
- There is to be a Racquet's Tournament held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2008 in Berkshire.
- The European Heart & Lung Transplant Games are to be held in Vichy France, 21st - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and not July as per previous minutes
- The British Transplant Games are to be held in Sheffield, 7<sup>th</sup> - 10th August 2008.
- The GB Transplant Cricket team is off to Australia in October to defend the David Hookes Trophy.
- In the recent World Transplant Games in Thailand Kaylee Davidson won 3 medals and Graham 2 medals.
- Graham reported that at the AGM of TSUK, the chairman of that organisation, Christine Evans, apologised for the events leading up to the Gateshead badminton tournament which was organised without the involvement of the Freeman team or FHLTA, saying that it should

have been a team event and not organised by an individual. Graham also mentioned that the TSUK website is advertising a Northern Transplant Ball on their website at £50 a ticket to celebrate Kaylee's 21st birthday.

## **6. Digibox**

- It was suggested By Judith via email, as she could not attend the meeting.
- That we should purchase a Digibox for the television in the flats, as all TV was to go digital in the future. This was agreed and Barrie volunteered to buy a Digibox, have it checked by medical electronics or engineering, and get it installed in the flats.

## **7. Lord Mayor's Parade, London**

- Joan had received a letter from "Hearts In Mind" Asking us to send three transplant patients to London (At a cost of £100 each), to partake in the Lord Mayor's parade in November to publicise the need for organ donation, apparently they are inviting transplant recipients from all over the UK. The committee discussed this at length, but thought the cost of entering plus travel and accommodation costs made it not worth while, so we declined the offer.

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

- Is to be held in the usual venue in the education block on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to Tony's intervention, as Barrie was told that the room was already booked by others when he tried to book it after our last AGM in December 2007.

## **9. Date of the next meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 at 12 noon