



Freeman Heart & Lung Transplant Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 26th April 2012 in the Lecture Theatre, Institute of Transplantation, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7DN.

The Opening Prayer

- The Chairman, Derek Airey opened the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

Welcome

- The Chairman, Derek Airey welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to those present.

Apologies for absence were received from: Kez Greenwood, Dr Gareth Parry and Susie Wood.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

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

Matters arising

- There were no matters arising.

Chairman's report

- Derek reported that the clinic has now been transferred to the new Institute. The ward now in use is Ward 38.
- Derek went on to say that there is no parking allowed at the institute. All parking must be either in the general car park or for those with overnight stays, the designated parking area is floor 13 in the multi storey car park.
- Derek told the meeting that Helen Warlow has left and the new Directorate Support Manager is Pam Younis (formerly known to many as Pam Buckley).
- Derek told the meeting that rule books are available for all members and asked that this information be put on our new website. Tony Chapman agreed to do this.

- There have been problems with data protection but we hope to have this soon sorted due to the questionnaire that has been sent out to all members.
- Derek went on to inform the meeting of some of the equipment we have funded over the year. Some of these being televisions for Ward 38, computer software for clinic and equipment for the screening room.
- Other funding has been for the annual International Society Heart & Lung Transplantation conference which was held in San Diego and the International Paediatric Transplant Conference in Montreal.
- As always we have helped competitors attend the British, European and World Transplant Games.
- Derek told the meeting that we are currently updating the Cheviot Court flats with new furnishings etc.
- It has been agreed that our flats can be used by other departments of the hospital but Heart & Lung Transplant patients are to be given priority.
- Derek told the meeting that there are a number of charity events due to take place to raise the awareness of both the FHLTA and the Organ Donor Register
- Finally, Derek reported that National Transplant week is 9th – 15th July 2012.

Secretary's report

- Judith reported that Susie Wood has now taken over the role of Newsletter Editor and went on to offer her appreciation as she is doing an extremely good job.
- Tony Chapman has now taken over the role as Website Editor.

Treasurer's report

- Joan distributed copies of the audited accounts to all in the meeting.
- Joan went on to give a brief résumé of the accounts
- Joan told the meeting that £85,000 has been transferred into the Monmouthshire Building Society as better interest rates are paid there.
- To date we have received £1,084.62 in interest.
- Some time ago the committee agreed to make the charity a Limited Company by guarantee to protect the Trustees but due to a change in legislation coming out we were told to wait. The new changes are due to go ahead in the spring.
- Jim Carlin proposed that these accounts be accepted as a true and correct record. Barrie Braidford seconded this motion.

Sports Manager's report

- Judith reported that the British Transplant Games were held in Belfast where a team of 23 competitors and 22 supporters attended.
- Judith went on to say that the team won a total of 15 Gold, 14 Silver and 10 Bronze at these Games
- David Robinson was awarded the Arthur Hardy Memorial Trophy by Transplant Sport UK (TSUK) for all the work, effort and time he has given towards raising the profile of Transplantation and the Organ Donor Register.
- Andy Drysdale was the worthy winner of the 'Graham Marsh Trophy'. A trophy awarded to a Freeman competitor for their worthy contribution to the Games.
- Judith told the meeting that the Transplant Volleyball tournament was held in Reading in November and a team of 8 competitors and 3 supporters attended.
- The European Heart & Lung Transplant Games are to be held in Apeldoorn, Holland in June 2012 and we will be taking a team of 19 competitors and 13 supporters.
- Judith informed the meeting of future sports events. These being:

- Family weekend (Children's sportshall) – 2nd – 3rd June 2012 – Horwich, Bolton
- 5 Nations Golf tournament – 1st – 3rd June 2012 – Dublin
- European Heart & Lung Transplant Games – 27th June – 1st July 2012 – Apeldoorn, Holland
- British Transplant Games – 23rd – 27 August 2012 – Medway, Kent

Children's report

- Janet Long, the Children's representative, told the meeting that 4 children from the Freeman had attended the annual 'Tackers' ski camp which was held in Switzerland.
- Janet went on to give more information about the annual Family weekend and told the meeting that so far there would be one family from the Freeman attending.
- Janet expressed concern over the number of children attending the Transplant Games due to financial difficulties.
- It was agreed that the committee should discuss this in more detail to try to find a solution.

Election of committee

- Joan Whitney (Treasurer) has agreed to stand for another 3 years. Brian Wood proposed that we accept this nomination. Adrian Woodcock seconded this motion.
- Janet Long (Children's representative) has agreed to stand for another 3 years. Barrie Braidford proposed that we accept this nomination. Tony Chapman seconded this motion.
- All were in agreement with both nominations.
- Thanks were offered to Jim Carlin, who has had to resign from the committee due to ill health, for all his time and effort.
- Simon Ripley volunteered to become a member of the committee and was duly elected.

Any other business

- Tony Chapman gave a brief résumé of the new website which is should go live in a few weeks time.
- Tony went on to say that we now have a 'Facebook' page and it hoped we soon have a 'Twitter' page
- Tony went on to inform the meeting that we have recently sent out questionnaires asking for everyone's details in order to set up a database to make it easier to contact members.
- Barrie Braidford offered his thanks to Tony for all the work he has put into the website, questionnaire etc
- Judith offered her thanks to Derek Airey for all the time and effort he puts into keeping the FHLTA running smoothly.
- John Armitage, a relative, asked if he could start a project, with the help of the committee, to give relatives information on local shops, restaurants etc. This was agreed.
- Conrad Barnett suggested that the Association contact insurance companies to get the best possible deal for people with existing medical conditions. Tony Chapman agreed to look into this.
- Being no further business, Derek closed the meeting at 11.50
- **The meeting was followed by a presentation of a retirement gift to Sister Mary Jewells**