



Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 20th November 2006

Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Tony Armstrong (Chair), Barrie Braidford, Judith Burgess, Graham Marsh and Adrian Woodcock.

Apologies were received from Jim Carlin, Stuart Kaye, David Lyth, Derek Riley and Joan Whitney

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Matters arising

- There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Badminton Tournament 2007 – the final chapter

- Following the meeting of the badminton players on 11th October 2006, David Donkin emailed Judith Burgess saying that he has chosen to go alone.
- Judith replied to this and circulated her reply to all committee members.
- Since this Gerry Jardine has contacted Judith expressing his concern over the situation and felt that we should be supporting David in this venture and asked that his letter to be read at the AGM, as he is unable to attend.
- Judith suggested that he had not fully understood the situation.
- Graham went on to suggest that some of our members did not fully understand the situation and David Donkin should not have 'hijacked' a TSUK annual event to raise funds for the FHLTA. Judith supported him with this statement and went on to say that if David Donkin wanted to raise funds for the FHLTA he should have done so by organising a totally separate event i.e. a sponsored event or coffee morning etc.

- Barrie suggested that the 'Badminton Tournament 2007' should be added to the AGM agenda.
- Graham went on to point out that Games is on the agenda and he would be willing to bring it up within this item. All were in agreement with this.

5. Annual General Meeting

- As Tony is to be on holiday, Barrie is to chair the AGM.
- The catering has now been organised and 70 people are being catered for with the usual menu. Soft drink will also be provided.
- Barrie is to purchase a box each of red and white wine and one case each of beer and lager.
- It was suggested that the 21st Anniversary should also be added to the agenda under AOB, all were in agreement with this.
- As the incorrect minutes have been printed, Judith agreed to send the proper minutes to Graham who in turn will get them printed and bring them to the meeting.

6. Celebrity Calling

- Graham told all in the meeting that Virgin Radio had run a competition asking the general public to contact a celebrity, asking them if they would be willing to be interviewed on radio.
- There were 153 celebrities involved and the general public had to vote for a winner. The nominee would win £10,000 and their celebrity won £10,000 for their chosen charity.
- Graham contacted the Rt Hon Tony Blair MP who in turn contacted the radio station leaving a message saying that he was more than willing to be involved. Graham stated that if he won he would take out £3000 towards the cost of the World Games etc and the remaining money would be split between the Freeman Heart and Lung Association and Tyne Youth and Community Centre.
- Mr Blair was more than happy to be involved and he and Graham won the competition. In turn, Mr Blair gave his £10,000 to Graham for his chosen charities. This mean the FHLTA will gain £8,500 because of this venture.
- Since this Graham has been to the Prime Minister's home for tea.

7. Stationary

- Tony will sort out the printing of new rulebooks on his return from holiday.
- Judith told the meeting that there are quite a few firms on the Internet who print car stickers.
- It was suggested that we include our web address on the new stickers. All were in agreement with this.
- It was agreed that we have 1000 stickers printed and Judith agreed to make some further enquiries.

8. Any other business

- Barrie told the committee of a suggestion he had been given whilst in clinic – the suggestion that we use our bank interest to provide a holiday to the value of £250 twice yearly to transplant patients using their transplant number as a means of drawing out the lucky winner. Although this was thought to be a good idea it was suggested it may be frowned upon by the Charity Commission
- Judith suggested that the next newsletter should be delayed until March due to the delay with the latest issue.
- Graham suggested that we award pin badges to celebrate landmark transplant birthdays, i.e. 10 years, 15 year, 20 years.
- Judith suggested sticking with the original FHLTA pin badges with a number put into the heart.

9. Date of the next meeting

17th January 2007 at 12.00 (noon)