



## **Minutes of Meeting – Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009**

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

### **MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Barrie Braidford (Chairman), Derek Airey, Alf Brown, Judith Burgess, Janet Long, Graham Marsh, Brian Wood, Adrian Woodcock and Joan Whitney.

**Apologies were received from:** Jim Carlin

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

- Adrian Woodcock proposed that these minutes were accepted as a true and correct record. Graham Marsh seconded this motion.

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

- As requested, Judith has written to David Hunt regarding his status on the committee. He in turn has replied saying that he wishes to stand down as a committee member.
- As Alf Brown was only elected onto the committee for information purposes, as and when we need him, we now have a space available. Joan went on to say that Susie Woods is interested in becoming a committee member and it was suggested that Judith write to her with an invitation to join us.
- As requested, Joan has made enquiries regarding us being able to claim back the VAT on hotel costs and was told that we are not eligible for this.

#### **4. Games report**

- Graham told the committee that at the British Transplant Games held in Coventry in August the 'Freeman Team' had 23 competitors and managed to win a total of 31 medals, 11 Gold, 10 Silver and 10 Bronze.
- One of our competitors, Lynda Morrison, went on to win 3 Gold in swimming and was awarded the 'Victrex Ludorum' award for outstanding female competitor – well done Lynda.

- Kez Greenwood set a new record for the discus throw at his first Transplant Games and only 11 months after his transplant.
- The TSUK have won an award for the 'Best Sporting Occasion' to be held in the West Midlands
- Craig O'Neil and Jamie Woodhouse have recently represented Great Britain and the Freeman at the World Transplant Games in Australia. Craig went on to win three medals, Gold in 4 X 400 relay, Silver in Ten Pin Bowling and Bronze in 4 X 100 relay.
- The World Winter Transplant Games are to be held in France, 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

## **5. Children's report**

- Janet told the committee that there were five children in attendance at the British Transplant Games.
- Janet went on to tell the committee of some forthcoming children's/young people's events, these being:
  - Outward Bound teenage weekend at Loch-Eli, Scotland from 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009
  - Centre Parks, Whinfell Forrest from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009
  - Transplant Disney 2009
  - World Winter Games, 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010
  - Tackers Ski Camp 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010
  - Family Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010
- Janet told the committee that there is no further progress with the 25 years celebrations being incorporated into the 'Indoor Games' weekend as yet.

## **6. Accounts**

- We have recently purchased 5 new computers for clinic at a cost of £4,715.99.
- Joan brought to the attention of the committee that there is a new Government consultation on rules for Limited Companies by Guarantee. Should this new ruling go before Parliament this will mean that we will not be registered with Companies House; all registration will be with the Charities Commission.
- Due to this the accountant has suggested that we hold on before making any changes. All were in agreement with this.
- Susan Causier is planning a sponsored cycle ride from Middlesbrough to Redcar in memory of her husband. She has asked for 20 tee shirts. Graham agreed to pass on as many as he could and Barrie agreed to deliver them.

## **7. 25 year celebrations**

- There was no further progress to report.

## **8. Flats**

- Derek informed the committee that he has had a meeting with David Platt with regard getting an aerial. He was informed that this would be looked into. In the meantime a TV engineer has serviced both the TV and Digibox and everything is now working well.
- Judith asked if there could be extra pillows available. Derek will look into this.
- There has been a compassionate case where we have had to let someone use the flats over the weekend.
- On behalf of the committee, Barrie expressed his thanks to Derek for all the hard work he has put in, in getting the flats into order.

## **9. Newsletter**

- Judith updated the committee with the progress of the newsletter which is due out. She informed the committee that there was a delay due to the format in which photographs had been sent but the problem is now sorted.

## **10. Any other business**

- The Ward Clerk of Ward 27, at the request of Lynne Holt has requested 4 electric chairs at a cost of £1,300 + VAT each and 2 Plasma Televisions
- It was agreed that we should purchase the Televisions but Judith is to write suggesting that the chairs is a clinic requisition and that they put a request to the finance department at the hospital.
- Derek agreed to purchase the Television on our behalf.
- Graham informed the committee that the rental for the room we use at Tyne Youth & Community Centre is now £20. It was agreed that we pay this as of now.
- Alf informed the committee that Cardiac Paediatric Centres are to be reduced and that there are talks of closing 7 units out of 9.
- The annual Donor Remembrance Service is to be held at 3.00 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> November at St George's Church, Gosforth.
- It was agreed that we get 1000 car stickers printed.
- It was agreed that Judith write to Len Fenwick asking if we will be provided with exclusive parking bays when the new Transplant Centre is open.

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

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 12.00 (noon)