



## **Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 28th February 2011**

**Chilton Country Club, DH4 6LX**

### **MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Barrie Braidford (Chair), Derek Airey, Alf Brown, Judith Burgess, Jim Carlin, Claire Crozier, Janet Long, Joan Whitney, Brian Wood, Susie Wood and Adrian Woodcock.

**Apologies were received from:** Professor Paul Corris

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

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

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

- Joan informed the meeting that we have now received the £20,000 refund from Prof Corris.
- Judith told the committee that she has now received a CRB form ready for completion. It was agreed that Judith should contact TSUK once again and ask them to send one to Derek.

#### **4. Chairman's report**

- Barrie told the meeting that Prof Dark is willing to come along to a meeting to discuss his application for equipment with us.
- The committee felt that this was not necessary and that Judith should write to Prof Dark asking him to put in another application for medical equipment for the use of Heart & Lung Transplant patients.
- Judith agreed to do this.

## 5. Secretary's report

- Judith told the meeting that one of our members, Max Compton, has written a book about the experience of his heart transplant and has asked if we can advertise it on our website and in the newsletter.
- Judith went on to say that although she is happy to do this, Susie has some reservations. After some discussion, it was agreed by a majority vote that there would be no problem advertising this in both mediums.
- Judith told the committee that she has received an application from Prof Corris to fund up to 10 medical staff to attend the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) conference, to be held in San Diego, at a cost of £2,000 per person.
- It was agreed to fund £2,000 per person to a maximum of 10 people. This would be to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and flights as requested.
- Judith agreed to write to Prof Corris with this news and also to send him an evaluation form, to be completed within 3 months of the event along with all relevant receipts.
- Given the Governments plans to reduce the number of Children's Heart units, Judith asked that we lend our support to CHUF. All were in agreement with this and it was agreed that Judith should put an article on our website.

## 6. Games report

- It was agreed by a majority vote that each competitor should be allowed up to £200 for travelling expenses to the British Transplant Games which are to be held in Belfast later this year.
- Judith asked the committee if she could claim her £80 taxi fare to Manchester Airport for her visit to Belfast for the Team Manager's meeting. She went on to point out that if she had taken her car the cost would have been as follows: 130 miles @ 40p per mile = £52.00 + parking = £35.99 - total cost = £87.99. On this basis it was agreed that Judith could claim this refund.
- Judith gave a brief résumé of the information given at the Team Managers meeting.
- Judith asked if the FHLTA could fund a family member/friend to travel with one of our competitors who needs a little more help than others. This was agreed.
- Judith asked if the FHLTA would fund the cost of the Gala Dinner for two members who would not be competing due to ill health. After much deliberation this was agreed by a majority vote.
- It was agreed that both Judith & Derek would get half of their expenses paid.

## 7. Children's report

- Janet informed the meeting that the Children's Sportshall weekend has now been planned for 29th April - 1st May 2011 in Wigan.
- Janet went on to request funding at a cost of £204.00 per family attending. This was agreed.

- Janet pointed out that this event is open to all siblings and children of those who have had a transplant. Janet requested that an article be put in the newsletter and on the website to promote this.

## **8. Treasurer's report**

- Joan told the meeting that as of 9th February 2011 the accounts are as follows: Treasurer's account - £27,790, Instant Access account - £53,158 and 30 day notice account - £98,774.

## **9. Flats**

- Derek reported that there are currently no problems with the flats.

## **10. AGM update**

- The room and buffet are now both booked.
- Judith reported that she has sent off the invitations to the printer for printing.
- Janet and Susie sent their apologies for the AGM.

## **11. Any other business**

- The General Hospital in Newcastle is now a campus for Ageing and Vitality and is soon to become a Tesco.
- Susie has found a printer nearer to her and it was agreed that she should use these in future for printing of the newsletter.
- John Young has made a donation of £340.86 which he collected at his Ruby Wedding celebrations.
- Derek told the committee that Les Dennis (comedian) is willing to help the association in whatever way he can.
- It was agreed that Judith should contact Will Smith (Tynemouth Golf Club) to ask if they could arrange another Golf Day for us.

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

Monday, 16th May 2011 at Chilton Country Club