



Minutes of Meeting – Thursday, 28th October 2010

The Comrades Club, 14 The Links, Whitley Bay, NE26 1PS

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Also in attendance for part of the meeting: Professor Paul Corris

Apologies were received from: Susie Wood

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Barrie Braidford proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Joan Whitney seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- Joan pointed out that there had been 20 vest and t-shirts in each size ordered. Judith explained she had ordered more due to some of these being used for the volleyball team.
- Joan told the meeting that the final amount of money raised by the staff of Marks & Spencer, Royal Quays was £1,488.
- Derek agreed to contact Christine Marsh for the return of our collecting boxes.
- Judith went on to say that she has been asked for these for a member donating money from their Silver Wedding.
- As we have still not received any information re Judith & Derek being CRB checked, Janet agreed to follow this up.
- There was further discussion about the payment of the use of the FHLTA flats by the hospital and it was agreed that Joan should write to Mary/Lynne on this matter.
- Judith brought the newsletter with her and Claire agreed to address and post out the newsletters. She said that she could get her children to help and it was agreed that in turn we should buy the children a selection box for Christmas.

4. Chicago conference donation

- Following Judith's letter to Prof Corris re our £20,000 donation for the medical staff to attend the IHLTA conference in Chicago and the subsequent cancellation of this due to the Icelandic Ash Cloud, it has come to light that Prof Corris has still got this money and is intending to use it for the 25 years anniversary celebrations.
- It was pointed out that this has put us in a difficult situation legally and that we should ask for the money to be returned.
- It was agreed that in future we should ask all projects/individuals to apply for any money and that we should draw up two application forms i) for small grants up to £2,000 ii) £2,001 and above. Judith agreed to draft these application forms.
- There were further discussions on this matter later with Prof Corris.

5. Chairman's report

- Barrie told the meeting that Prof John Dark had contacted him asking for a large donation; a sum of £50,000 had been suggested, towards the cost of the new 'Transplant Institute'. It was agreed that Barrie should reply to Prof Dark saying application forms for Grants will be available soon.
- Barrie informed the committee that there is to be an Organ Donors Thanksgiving Service at St George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on 14th November 2010.

6. Secretary's report

- Following Judith's letter to the NHS with regard to mileage rates for patients, she received a telephone call from Chris Tempatus who has informed her that each hospital sets their own rate and has suggested that we contact either the Ombudsman or the Patients Liaison Officer.
- Alf suggested that Judith write to Caroline McGarry, Patient Information Officer at Freeman Hospital. Judith agreed to do this.
- Judith reported that the website is now up to date and told the meeting that she now has some photographs of the flats (which she was able to transfer from Graham Marsh's computer) and would like to set up a section about the flats. She went on to ask if she could put Derek as the contact for these with his contact details. This was agreed.

7. Games report

- There are 7 competitors and 4 supporters attending the Volleyball in Gateshead on 6th November 2010. Accommodation is at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle.

- There have been 4 competitors from the Freeman Sports Team selected to take part in the World Transplant Games which are to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2011. These are Kaylee Davidson, Andrew Drysdale, Kez Greenwood and Craig O'Neill.
- It was agreed that the FHLTA will meet the cost of the flights for these Games plus any travel costs incurred for pre-Games training meetings.
- Joan went on to say that Andy Drysdale has raised money through Carillion and has asked that £500 of this money be used to help an individual selected for the World Games. It was agreed that any money raised cannot be ring-fenced for a specific purpose.

8. Children's report

- There were 5 competitors at the British Transplant Game and 7 medals were won between them.
- It is hoped that the 'Tackers Ski Camp' will take place on 5th March 2011 and that the 'Sportshall' will go ahead during the May Bank holiday weekend.

9. Treasurer's report

- Joan reported that the books are almost ready to go to the accountants for auditing.
- She went on to say that the Annual Gift Aid return form has now been completed.
- At this point Prof Corris entered the room and there were further discussions regarding the £20,000.
- Prof Corris offered his apologies and said he had been naive to think that he could keep this money to use for something other than it had been granted for.
- He went on to say that the NHS would not fund the 25 years celebrations which had cost £12,000 and that this left him in a difficult situation.
- At this point Prof Corris was asked if he would leave the room so that the committee could discuss the matter in more depth.
- After much discussion, it was agreed, by a majority vote, that Prof Corris should return the £20,000 and that a new cheque for £12,000 should be given.
- It was agreed that Prof Corris should return the cheque with a written and signed explanation.
- Prof Corris went on to say that he would like to become more involved with the FHLTA and that he would like to attend meetings periodically and Judith to put him on her address list and to send him copies of minutes.

10. Flats

- Derek reported that there have been 21 incidents of fire alarms going off and that this is due to toasters being left unattended. Due to this all toasters have been removed.

11. Any other business

- Adrian asked for labels to be made for the tins of toffees we give to each ward/department at Christmas. Judith agreed to do this.
- Alf told the meeting he was investigating a room for us to hold our meetings. Prof Corris also agreed to help find us a meeting room with free parking when the new Transplant Institute is opened.

12. Date of the next meeting

Monday, 6th December 2010 at Chilton Country Club, DH4 6LX.