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Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2017 in the IOT Freeman Hospital, Newcastle.

Present: Derek Airey, Jane Graham, Adele Lambert, Joan Whitney, Penny Hartley, Jon Comb, Michelle Saunders.

Apologies for Absence: John Coyle, Brian Wood.

ACTION

Minutes from the previous meeting: Derek proposed these Minutes be a true and correct work, Jane seconded this motion.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Professor John Simpson delivered a very interesting presentation on his work at Newcastle University and the Freeman Hospital. Professor Simpson spoke about Respiratory Research in his work as a Respiratory Scientist, the Paul Corris Fellowship and the need for research, but a shortage of funding. Following Professor Simpson's visit the Committee discussed how the FHLTA could help. All agreed £30,000.00 would be designated to the Research Programme.

Chairman's Report: Derek informed the Committee Professor John Dark will be retiring on the 4th April 2017. A discussion took place who could be appointed the next FHLTA President.

Professor John Dark requested funding for Medical/Nursing staff to attend the ISH<A in San Diego. All agreed to the funding.

Secretary's Report: Joan reported that an email had been sent to Professor John Dark confirming the funding of an Admin. Assistant for 16.5 hours per week in the Heart & Lung Clinic.

Also the contribution of £30,000.00 to the appointment of a Doctor in the Heart & Lung Clinic. Both posts are for 12 months.

Following an application from Karen Pridmore requesting funding to study for a BSc (Hons) degree, Joan sent Karen an email confirming the FHLTA would fund the course (approx £1750.00) Karen thanked the FHLTA for their support.

Discussion took place regarding the Support Fund and financial help for patients travelling to and from Clinic. It was decided that Joan draft a proposal, forward it to Committee for their ideas and comments and have it ready for the next Committee Meeting on the 2nd March 2017. **JW**

Joan attended the CTAG meeting in November 2016. As always it was very informative, each Patients Group are asked to report on their activities. Joan reported on the May Ball, the stalls that were manned by the FHLTA at the Tall Ships, Durham Gala, Organ Donation Week and Freshers Week at Newcastle University. Also that 1100 Signatures had been obtained during the promotions.

Joan also mentioned the book "A Second Chance at Life"

Treasurer's Report: Jane informed the Committee there was no Treasurer's Report, due to the books being at Draycott & Kirk for audit. Jane said she would be collecting the Accounts from Draycott & Kirk following the FHLTA Committee Meeting.

Jane gave a resume of the FHLTA accounts.

Jane received a letter from the Marriott Hotel apologizing for the service at the Christmas Lunch, as a gesture they have offered free tea/coffee at the next function.

Children's Sports Report; Michelle said there was no Report.

Sports Report: Adele gave a detailed and busy report on forthcoming activities that Adele and Louise would like to organize ie taster sessions in Archery, Bowling. Rob Hodgkiss has offered to coach Athletics, Discus, Shot Putt, the idea is to bring the team together increase the numbers for the BTG and introduce new members to the group.

The Freeman Transplant Sports Team page has been set up on Facebook, there are 52 members and Adele has received positive feedback.

It was decided to contact Local Business if they would sponsor a day which may help with funding, also would generate publicity and Organ Donation.

Adele would also be interested in arranging Afternoon Tea, Theatre Trips, Panto Trips, Day at the Races, which could involve all the family and those members who are not interested in sport.

Adele to ask Roger for Walking Routes around Durham for April.

AL

Jane queried funding for all the activities including travel. It was agreed that no funding would be available.

Louise will be attending the Team Manager's Meeting for the games on the 22nd January 2017. Adele is unable to attend.

GNR: Adele has received the tokens for the GNR and will start to advertise on Fb and Clinic. The fee is £54.00 per person. Adele suggested on a first come first served and giving people who haven't run for us before the chance to take part. All agreed.

The Hotel Contract for the BTG needs to be signed, Derek to sign.

DA

Adele has advertised the Hotel and Games on Facebook.

Organ Donation: Penny informed the Committee the Organ Donation Program will be circulated the next meeting.

Penny announced there is a Refresher's Day on the 22nd February 2017 at Newcastle University and asked if the FHLTA were willing to fund, the cost is £100.00 + VAT. All agreed.

Penny said she would be available, also Roger, Jon and Michelle to run the stall. **PH RP JC MS**

Website: Change over of the Website from Itchyrobot to Widescope.net will take place in the 2/3 week of January 2017. Adele queried would we have new Passwords. It was agreed to speak to David.

Mobile Home: Penny's relative stayed in the Mobile Home over Christmas and reported they had a lovely time.

Derek said bookings are brisk.

Mobile Home will close for a week to redecorate, fit new carpet and do some small repairs. A new Circuit Board is to be fitted.

Flats: Derek said he has a meeting with Hotel Services to discuss Beechwood Flats. Derek to ask if there is a cupboard that the FHLTA can use to store stock.

Penny asked if there was Wifi available at the Flats. Derek said there is no Wifi **DA**

Any other business: Penny suggested that forthcoming dates for meetings could be sent to Kirsty (Transplant Co-ordinator) Joan will do this. **JW**

Penny asked about the Patients Information Project for pre transplant patients that Kirsty talked about at the presentation at the FHLTA previous meeting. The FHLTA listened to a previous presentation and had rejected their proposal. It was decided if anything new was brought to the table the project could possibly be reviewed again.

Adele asked if somebody else could look after the stock (not sports stock) we were reminded that any new ordering has to be vetted by the committee.

John Coyle asked if the Committee would think about having a Video Link (Skype, Facetime) to Committee members unable to attend meeting. The reaction was positive.

Meeting closed at 12.05pm

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 9.00am Seminar Room 1 – followed by the AGM at 10.30am in the Lecture Theatre

