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# THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on Saturday 10 March 1984 at 9.30 a.m. in the Kingston Suite, Durlston Court Hotel, Gervis Road, Bournemouth.

Those present: Revd. A.J. Tanner, D. Rosenblatt, J.L. Prothero, H.N. Abrahams, Mrs. M.I. Britten, Mrs. C. Holliday, C. Knight, Dr. L. Kuttner, Mrs. D. Lewis, K. Milne, D. Watters and representatives of the following Groups: Birmingham, Bristol & South West, Cambridge & District, Colchester, East Kent, Jersey, Leicester & Rutland, Lewisham, Lincoln & District, Merseyside & District, Norfolk & Norwich, Northampton & District, North Eastern, Northern, Northern Ireland, North Wales, North West, Oxford & District, Scottish, Sheffield, Southern, South Essex, South Wales, Sussex, Tayside.

## AGENDA

- 84.01 Apologies for absence.
- 84.02 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 1983.
- 84.03 Matters arising.
- 84.04 Research Grant Applications.
- 84.05 World Federation of Hemophilia.
- 84.06 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 84.07 Any other business.
- 84.08 Date & Place of next meeting.

84.01 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE: were received from Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Wetherell.

84.02 MINUTES of the MEETING Held on 3 December 1983. The following corrections to the minutes were noted:

83.36(c) ADD the sentence: Funding had been obtained from another source.  
83.40(a) Final sentence to read: These would be made available to any Group which could collect them from Trinity Street.  
Thereafter the adoption of the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings was proposed by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Holliday, and agreed unanimously.

84.03 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Report from Overseas Sub-Committee: Mr. Milne reported that, following the Chairman's visit to India, the newly formed Indian Federation of Haemophilia had been asked to submit a list of their requirements. They had been advised to compile this list in collaboration with Professor Monnucci. The Overseas Sub-Committee had stressed that this would not be a carte blanche, but merely a guideline from which they could begin to explore any possible help which could be rendered in the future.

- (b) Incorporation: Mr. Rosenblatt reported that Incorporation had been effected with effect from 1 January 1984.
- (c) A.I.D.S.: The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to an article in "The Mail on Sunday" in which that newspaper publicly exonerated the Society from their earlier allegation that we had "engaged in a conspiracy of silence" and "withheld information from our members". Mrs. GRO-A drew attention to the fact that there had been no apology. The Chairman and Co-ordinator explained that an apology would normally be forthcoming only after a formal complaint to the Press Council. This would have taken much longer than what had been achieved. It was agreed to take no further action in the matter.
- (d) Diaries, pens, key-fobs, etc.: This item was deferred to the "Planning Session" on Sunday.

84.04 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS: The following applications were presented to the Council.

- (a) Dr. Elizabeth Mayne, Belfast: A grant of £800 in respect of one year's funding for a part-time physiotherapist had been approved by Council during 1982 - minute 82.36 refers. There had been a series of delays in getting the person into post which has led to an increase in the costs involved of £370 - this additional sum being the result of two salary awards. That this sum be paid was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee under its emergency powers at the December meeting and this was formally reported to the Council.
- (b) Merseyside Group: Over the past two to three years the Group have worked on the business of improving facilities for patient treatment on the haemophilia ward at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. The necessary work has now been approved by the Area Health Authority and the estimated total cost is £9,000. The Leukaemia Society are to donate 50% of these costs and the Group, who have donated in excess of £5,000 over the past two to three years with this object in mind, now seek approval for the expenditure of a sum of up to £5,000 as the balance towards those costs. This was proposed by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Dr. Kuttner and approved unanimously.
- (c) Lewisham Group: The Group seek approval to raise money through a Prudential Insurance Half-Marathon to be allocated for the purchase of TNS Machines (transcutaneous nerve stimulator) for use at the Lewisham Hospital Haemophilia Centre. This was approved unanimously, having been proposed by Mr. GRO-A and seconded by Mrs. GRO-A.

84.05 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA:

- (a) Generally: The Chairman reported that the World Hemophilia A.I.D.S. Centre had been established in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. Shelby Dietrich. Press cuttings from all periodicals and the popular and medical press are being collated there from all parts of the world.
- (b) XVI Congress WFH: Rio de Janeiro: The Chairman reported that it had not yet been possible to reach a final decision on representation from the Society at the Congress since some of the pharmaceutical companies had yet to make up their minds on financial support.



84.06 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Abrahams reported bank balances as follows:

Special Deposit Account	£90,000
Ordinary Deposit Account	£10,068
Current Account	£ 6,217

In addition Mr. Abrahams reported that donations from Groups since the last meeting of the Council were as follows:-

Oxford Group	£1,835 (Research)
South Wales Group	£1,200 (£700 Research £500 General)
Norfolk & Norwich Group	£500 (General)
Northampton Group	£1,500 (£1,250 Research £250 General)
Scottish Group	£300 (General)

Cheques were presented as follows:-

Sheffield Group	£1,000 (£750 Research £250 General)
North East Group	£1,000 (Research)
South Wales Group	£500 (General)
Cambridge & District Group	£500 (General)

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Executive Committee to those Groups for their hard work and generosity.

84.07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Mr. Dolan from the Scottish Group wished to raise the matter of the venue for future seminars. This was deferred to the Planning Session on Sunday morning.
- (b) Mr. Rosenblatt explained to the Council that Mrs. GRO-D was to retire at the end of April. There was discussion on the use of General funds towards her retirement presentation, which would reflect not only the deep gratitude of the Society to Mrs. GRO-D for her 20 years service, but also in some measure compensate her for pension provision and salary for time off in lieu, etc. which she had generously and unassumingly foregone in past years. It was formally agreed that approval be given for money from the General Fund to be used for deferred salary on the retirement of Mrs. GRO-D in those cases where Groups have allocated funds for this purpose. This was proposed by Mr. Prothero and seconded by Mrs. GRO-A.
- (c) The Executive Committee were asked to ensure that appropriate pension arrangements were put in hand for existing staff members.

84.08 DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING - In Manchester on Saturday 2 June 1984 - venue to be announced.

Approved as an accurate record of proceedings on 23 June 1984

Signed

GRO-C

Chairman