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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on Thursday 12 January 1984 at 6.30 p.m. in the Senator Room, The Kennedy Hotel, Cardington Street, London NW1.

Those present: The Revd. A.J. Tanner, D. Rosenblatt [in chair to 84.03(b)], H.N. Abrahams, Mrs. M.I. Britten, Mrs. C. Holliday, W. Johnstone, C. Knight, Dr. L. Kuttner, Mrs. D. Lewis, K. Milne, P. Wetherell, D.G. Watters

AGENDA

- 84.01 Apologies for absence.
- 84.02 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 1983.
- 84.03 Matters arising.
- 84.04 Oxford Group.
- 84.05 Case Committee.
- 84.06 Research Grant Committee.
- 84.07 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 84.08 World Federation of Hemophilia.
- 84.09 Co-ordinator's Report.
- 84.10 Any other business.
- 84.11 Date & Place of next meeting.

84.01 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE: Mr. Prothero

84.02 MINUTES of the meeting held on 6 December 1983 were unanimously approved after minor textual amendments.

84.03 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Administration Sub-Committee: The Sub-committee reported on their brief discussion on Mr. Johnstone's paper. A detailed discussion followed which was greatly assisted by Mr. Johnstone's personal contribution. It was noted that the Co-ordinator was due to see an identical machine in a working situation on 23 January. He will further report to the February meeting of the Executive Committee, having circularised his findings to the officers in advance on particular issues - e.g. the "crashing" of hard discs, user friendliness, etc. The urgency of proceeding with this equipment was generally agreed.

(b) AIDS: Mr. Rosenblatt reported that a brief article had been submitted to The Mail on Sunday: this was tabled. The Co-ordinator read the letter sent by Paisners to the Managing Editor stipulating the terms in which it should be framed. It was also reported that there had been no additional cases of AIDS notified to CDSC and that in the last quarter of 1983 the number of reported cases in the USA had dropped from 563 to 204.

- (c) Blood Products Sub-Committee: Mr. Milne tabled his paper on blood products and it was agreed that this form an agenda item at the February meeting.
- (d) Restructuring of the Research Grants Committee: The Chairman introduced a preliminary discussion on instigating a change in grant allocation procedure along lines suggested by Professor Bloom. This would have the effect of simplifying the decision making process by having the applications considered by a Grants Committee consisting of, say, two haematologists, two Council members and two Executive Committee members. The Committee would be required to attach priorities to applications and allocate a budgetted sum to be set by the Executive Committee. A wide-ranging discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Chairman prepare a paper for circulation to the next meeting.
- (e) Analysis of Group income: There was further brief discussion of this document which had been tabled at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. It was felt that while the information was interesting in its own right it had no deeper significance or application.
- (f) Salary reviews: It was reported that Miss Hawkins had been placed on point 9 of the NJC salary scales and that Mrs. Watson had been awarded an increment per hour. It was further reported that Mrs. Watson had stated her intention of retiring at the end of April. Mr. Rosenblatt paid tribute to her 20 years service to the Society and it was agreed that the Co-ordinator implement instructions regarding a presentation to her.
- (g) 1984 Wall-Chart Calendars: The Co-ordinator reported that mailing of the calendars had taken place.
- (h) Mothers' Group Booklet: The publications sub-committee had been unable to meet to discuss this but would be doing so within a short time.

84.04 OXFORD GROUP. The paper concerning the allocation of Research Grants submitted by Oxford Group had been circulated in advance and studied by members. The disappointment of the Group was noted but it was felt that the subject tied in with the discussion held at 84.03(d) and that additional clarification on the current position was contained in 'Notes for Groups'.

84.05 CASE COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported that the Case Committee had met earlier in the afternoon and wished to make the following recommendations:-

- (a) That, subject to a favourable recommendation by the local Group representative, a grant of £60 be made available to secure a telephone service to a haemophiliac.
- (b) That clearance be given to the grant of £60 approved at 83.146(b) upon clarification of details.
- (c) Further information be obtained in connection with an application for help with building costs.
- (d), (e) & (f) That in those three cases grants equalling 50% of telephone installation costs be awarded on applications from a social worker.

That those recommendations be approved was proposed by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Milne and agreed unanimously. It was noted that in recent months four applications for assistance with telephone installation costs, which had been approved had, in the event, not been required - help having been granted by local authorities under the Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Act 1970.

84.06 RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE: There were no applications for consideration.

84.07 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT:
The Honorary Treasurer reported that balances were as follows:-

Fixed Deposit Account	£90,000.00
Ordinary Deposit Account	9,795.00
Current Account	2,751.00

Notable donations received since the last meeting as follows:-

Lewisham Group £486 (Physiotherapy project); Birmingham £1,100 (£1,000 Research £100 General); North Wales £2,400 (£1,000 N.W. Holiday, £900 Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, £250 Research £250 General); Southern £1,000 (£750 Research £250 General); Oxford £335 Research; South Wales £1,200 (£700 Research £500 General); Oxford £500 Research; North East £80.30 Research; The following donations to the General Fund:- St. Ambrose Mission Church £40; Moorgate Trust £400; Kilmarnock Academy Charity £15; Ariston Domestic Appliances Ltd. £40; London Metal Exchange Ben. Fund £50; Brough Cox & Dunn Ltd. £20.50; Liverpool City Mission Dovecot Church £38;

The following donations to the Research Fund:- Bright Steels Ltd. £10; Stoystrip Ltd. £10; The Patrick Trust £100; GRO-D £52; GRO-D £77; A. Monnickendam £63; GRO-D £90; GRO-D £60; GRO-D

GRO-D £50; GRO-D £70; In memory of GRO-D £25; The Miss Marsh Char. Trust £25; Rotary Club of Yiewsley & W. Drayton £200; GRO-D £250; Birkin & Co. £10; AMEC plc £90; Hunting Group £40; L.G. Uridge Char. Trust £100; The Marsh Christian Trust Fund £50; GRO-D £660; M. Baum (Wholesale Chemists) Ltd. £10; Nice Irma's Floating Carpet Co.Ltd. £25; In Memory of £324.

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84.08 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA

(a) Overseas Sub-Committee: The sub-committee had been prevented from meeting to discuss further the Chairman's visit to India. The Co-ordinator reported that a Trust had indicated the possibility of a major grant to support the development of the overseas work.
(b) XVI International Congress: The Co-ordinator reported that a draft had been ordered to pay Mr. Rosenblatt and his own registration fees, thereby securing maximum saving. The WFH assessment was also being paid in January.

84.09 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Co-ordinator reported that Solent Group had closed. This was noted with regret.

84.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Seminar Sub-committee - Mr. Knight presented preliminary proposals for the 1984 Seminar. These were approved subject to minor adjustments.

84.11 DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 February at 6 p.m. for 6.30p.m. in Room 130 at the Kennedy Hotel, NW1.

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9 February 1984.