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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on 25th April, 1976 at 3 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1.

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Presentation and approval of Council's Annual Report.
4. Election of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee.
5. Election of Honorary Auditors.
6. Any other business.
7. Guest Speaker - Mr. Frank Schnabel, President of the World Federation of Hemophilia.

1. By unanimous agreement the Chairman signed the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th April 1975. By unanimous agreement the Chairman also signed the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 22nd November 1975, as a correct record. The Honorary Treasurer commented that the increase in the Society's Annual Subscription to £1, approved at this meeting, had met with general support.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. In presenting the Annual Report the Chairman called attention to talks held with the Minister of State for Health; the attendance for the first time of Honorary Officers of the Society at the Meeting of Directors of Haemophilia Centres; the strengthening of the Society's work by the Social Worker; the growth in activity and responsibility of Groups; and the Society's involvement, as hosts, in the forthcoming 3rd European Congress of the World Federation of Hemophilia to be held in London. There were no questions and the Chairman moved that the Report stand as a record of the Society's activities for 1975.

The Treasurer presented draft accounts and said the production of the certified accounts had been delayed because of negotiations with the Inland Revenue on the Society's liability for Corporation Tax on the sale of Christmas Cards. He especially referred to a recently received gift of £25,000 from the same source as a like gift made three years previously. In making the gift the donor had approved of three projects the Society wished to continue supporting. A unanimous vote of thanks to the anonymous donor was passed.

The Secretary said that the Honorary Auditors had expressed satisfaction at the exemplary manner in which the Accounts were kept and a vote of thanks for the Honorary Treasurer's work was carried with acclamation.

4. The Chairman announced that at the Council Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting, Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys had been re-elected President. The Council had also re-elected the following:-

#### Vice-Presidents

Prof. R.G. Macfarlane  
Mr. N. Marten  
Mr. R.K. Massie  
Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Rawlinson  
Mr. H.F. Rutherford  
Prof. J.F. Wilkinson  
Lord Willis of Chislehurst

#### Medical Advisory Panel

Dr. Rosemary Biggs  
Dr. S.H. Davies  
Dr. K.M. Dormandy  
Prof. R.M. Hardisty  
Prof. G.I.C. Ingram  
Dr. C.R. Rizza

P.T.O.



The Honorary Vice-Chairman then took the Chair. For the office of Honorary Chairman there voted for the Rev. A. Tanner 39 and for Mr. F.A. Smith 1.

The Rev. A. Tanner was declared elected for the ensuing year.

The Chair was then taken by the Rev. A. Tanner who thanked the Meeting for its expression of confidence and on behalf of the Society members thanked the Officers and Committee for their work. He then declared the following elected unopposed:-

Honorary Vice-Chairman	-	J.R. Hunter	
Honorary Secretary	-	J.L. Prothero	
Honorary Treasurer	-	K.R. Polton	
Honorary Committee Members	-	H.N. Abrahams	Dr. L. Kuttner
		Mrs. M.I. Britten	L.B. Leven
		Mrs. P. King	P.H. Morris
		C. Knight	D. Rosenblatt

5. The Honorary Treasurer proposed that Taylor, Viney and Marlow (incorporating W.J. Jansen & Partners) be re-elected as Auditors and this was agreed unanimously.

6. Mr. R. Cleworth (N.W. Group) proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Kuttner for their work in enthusing the Society's 22 Groups. This was seconded by a number of members and carried unanimously. The Chairman expressed the thanks of all to Mrs. Irene Watson, the Society's Assistant Secretary, who carried a great load of work in the office and upon whom the Society so greatly depended. This was carried with acclamation.

7. The Chairman introduced Mr. Frank Schnabel who had travelled from Montreal to attend the A.G.M. and the W.F.H. European Congress. Mr. Schnabel spoke on the situation regarding haemophilia in various countries and outlined hopes for the future of haemophiliacs. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Schnabel.

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