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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on Tuesday 14 June 1983 at 6.30 p.m. at the White Hall Hotel, Montague Street, London WC1

Those present: The Revd. A.J. Tanner, D. Rosenblatt, J.L. Prothero, H.N. Abrahams, Mrs. M.I. Britten, Dr. L. Kuttner, K. Milne, Mrs. D. Lewis, Mrs. C. Holliday, P. Wetherell
In attendance: D.G. Watters

AGENDA

- 83.66 Apologies for absence.
- 83.67 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 1983.
- 83.68 Matters arising.
- 83.69 Annual Draw.
- 83.70 Scottish Group paper.
- 83.71 Lease - 16 Trinity Street.
- 83.72 Case Committee.
- 83.73 Research Grants.
- 83.74 Publicity.
- 83.75 Honorary Secretary's Report.
- 83.76 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 83.77 Groups.
- 83.78 World Federation of Hemophilia.
- 83.79 Co-ordinator's Report.
- 83.80 Any other business.
- 83.81 Date of next meeting.

83.66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Knight.

83.67 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12 May 1983: After minor textual and typographical adjustments the minutes were approved unanimously as an accurate record of proceedings.

83.68 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Incorporation: In response to a question from Mr. Rosenblatt, the Co-ordinator reported that the work required to achieve incorporation was proceeding and should be finalised in six to eight weeks.
- (b) National Lottery: Mr. Rosenblatt reported a disappointing response to his letter which had been circulated following the last meeting.
- (c) Home Treatment: Following the last meeting a letter had been sent to Professor Bloom. A reply had now been received and this would be circulated to all members of the Executive Committee for detailed consideration prior to the next meeting. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to submit views to the Chairman through the Co-ordinator.

- (d) AIDS - The Chairman briefly summarised the situation and it was agreed that further discussion should be deferred until the July meeting since the matter was due to be discussed at the forthcoming Congress in Stockholm. It was reported that the 'confirmed' Cardiff case was now back at work and in reasonably good health.
- (e) Staffing at 16 Trinity Street: Mr. Rosenblatt reported that he and Mr. Abrahams had met and in consequence a settlement offer had been agreed for **GRO-A**'s redundancy. The Co-ordinator reported that the new full-time post had been advertised and applications were being processed. In the meantime **GRO-A** was off sick and a temporary secretary had been engaged.
- (f) Sub-Committee Structure: Members of the Executive Committee were asked to contact the Chairman regarding membership of the various Sub-Committees.

83.69 ANNUAL DRAW: The Co-ordinator sought guidance from the Executive Committee regarding the 1983 Draw. After discussion it was agreed by 7 votes to 2 that the main prize would be £250 and that donated prizes would form the remaining prizes, the major donors being listed on the ticket. It was further agreed by 7 votes to 2 that the price of each ticket would remain at 10p and that there would continue to be 10 tickets in each book. It was further noted that Scottish Group had been first to offer to host the Draw.

83.70 SCOTTISH GROUP PAPER: A paper from the Scottish Group had been tabled at the May meeting and discussion had been deferred to this meeting. A detailed discussion took place and the following points were noted:-

- (a) Since Dr. Kuttner's retirement as Group Liaison Officer a number of changes had taken place which eased communication between Groups and Executive Committee - e.g. the establishment of the Residential Seminars, the changed format of the morning session at Council meetings - all affording a new platform for communication and participation.
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee remain willing to attend all Group meetings, with due notice, and all Group A.C.M.'s.
- (c) The Co-ordinator was asked to establish a *New Sheet* in which reports from all Groups would appear, once or twice a year.
- (d) A proposal to link individual members of the Executive Committee to local Groups did not receive support.

It was agreed that the Co-ordinator should reply to the paper in those terms.

New Sheet
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83.71 LEASE: 16 TRINITY STREET: It was noted that formal notice of the expiration of the lease on the Society's offices had now been received, effective on 30 November. It was the intention of the owners to negotiate a new lease and Mr. Rosenblatt and Mr. Abrahams were empowered to negotiate on behalf of the Society.

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83.72 CASE COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported on the meeting of the Case Committee which had been held earlier in the day. The following recommendations were made to the Executive Committee:-

- (a) A grant of £50 to enable a 21 year old haemophiliac to obtain employment.
- (b) A grant of £50 to assist a young family with general financial problems, on the recommendation of their social worker.
- (c) A grant of £50 to assist a young couple with their financial problems, again on the recommendation of their local authority social worker.
- (d) A grant of £50 to assist a haemophiliac and his ~~problem~~ family with general expenses.
- (e) A grant of £40 to assist a couple who were having difficulty adjusting to unemployment and a series of bills.

It was proposed by Mr. Milne, seconded by Mr. Prothero, that the Executive Committee approve these recommendations and this was agreed unanimously.

83.73 RESEARCH GRANTS: There had been no new applications. The Chairman reported that all Groups who had responded had supported the grant to Dr. Savidge, who would now receive formal notification of this. Letters of thanks had been received from Dr. Peter Kernoff and Dr. Charles Forbes.

83.74 PUBLICITY: This item was deferred because of Mr. Knight's absence.

83.75 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Prothero reported that he would be visiting York House to have tea with the Patron's Lady-in-Waiting and Secretary on 15 June. He also reported that along with the Co-ordinator he had been to the Social Workers Special Interest Group meeting on Friday 10 June where they had both led workshop sessions.

83.76 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

BALANCES:-	£.	p.
Current Account	5,938.49	
Ordinary Deposit Account	16,030.97	
Fixed Deposit Account	90,000.00	

Research Fund to date: £231,811.48

Notable donations: Augustine Trust £150 N. Wales Adventure Holiday;
In memory of GRO-D GRO-D £600 Research; D.A. Lancaster £105 Research;
Inland Revenue tax refund on income from various legacies £701.04 General;
GRO-D £50 Research; Solent Group £371.25 Research; BL Cars £50
Longbridge £50 General; Thornton School £100 Research; GRO-D £50
Research; Estate of Mrs. GRO-D £100 General; Lankelly Foundation
£200 North Wales Adventure Holiday; Armour Pharmaceutical £400 Congress
K. Milne; Jersey Group £500 Research in support of Dr. Savidge's Project;
Solent Group £750 Research; GRO-D £51.50 Research

83.76 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT continued

We have now sold our investment of 220 Ordinary Shares in Harrison Crossfields and 400 Ordinary Shares in Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd. On the two realisations we have made a net profit after all brokerage costs amounting to £164.43. The total realisation proceeds amounted to £3342.43 and this has been credited to our ordinary deposit account. We are still holding £1,500 of 13½% 1993 Treasury Stock which as at 9th June 1983 had a market value of £1,740 and was showing us a book profit of £350. This will be sold as soon as possible. The delay is due to us obtaining the Certificates of holding from the solicitors dealing with the Calver estate.

83.77 GROUPS: It was noted that Solent Group had donated over £1,000 since the last meeting. The Co-ordinator was asked to follow-up and reply to correspondence with the Northern Group. It was noted that Mr. Prothero will be attending the AGM of the North Wales Group on Saturday 18 June.

83.78 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA: It was noted that all arrangements for the Congress in Stockholm were well in hand and that Mr. GRO-D would be in London from 19th to 23rd June en route to Stockholm (see below). Mr. Prothero reported that quotations were being sought for the 1984 Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

83.79 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Co-ordinator reported as follows:-

- (a) Mr. GRO-D of Lincoln had donated a letter dated 7 November 1933 from Professor Julian Huxley of the then Zoological Department of King's College. It was agreed that copies should be circulated to members of the Executive in advance of the next meeting. Mr. GRO-D had been thanked for his generosity.
- (b) UK Haemophilia Centre Directors' Meeting: Oxford 17 October 1983. It was agreed that Mr. Prothero and Mr. Abrahams should attend with Mr. Milne as first reserve.
- (c) Ambulance Service in Leicester: Since the last meeting the Co-ordinator had received further clarification of the position relating to out-of-hours treatment facilities in Leicester. As a result it was agreed unanimously that the proposal to use a taxi-service, funded by the local Group, be put on trial for one year.
- (d) Fund-raising: The Co-ordinator reported that the Administrative Sub-committee had negotiated word-processed fund-raising letters at the reduced rate of 20p per letter, plus £50 per 1,000 establishment costs. As a result 3,000 letters to companies and corporations would be generated over the next few weeks, all personally signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that the Co-ordinator should prepare a discussion paper on the profile of the Research Appeal in fund-raising letters and including reference to the future of the Research Appeal when the present target of £250,000 is achieved.

83.79 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT continued

(e) The Co-ordinator reported that a party of WHY members, mainly from Canada and the USA were in London and it was agreed that an opportunity be made for them to meet with members of the Executive Committee and other interested persons at 16 Trinity Street on Friday 17 June. It was also agreed that an opportunity be given at lunch-time on Tuesday 21 June for UK members to meet with George Tharakan, again at 16 Trinity Street.

(f) Christmas Cards: It was noticed that while the response of Groups to Society Christmas Cards had been disappointing, Scottish Group were placing an order for 10,000 cards - NO other substantial orders had been forthcoming.

83.80 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mrs. Britten raised the matter of the disproportionate allocation of Council meetings throughout the year. This item to be discussed at the next meeting as an agenda item.

83.81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 July 1983 at 6.30 p.m. at the White Hall Hotel, Montague Street, London WC1.

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14 July 1983