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THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY was held on Sundayy, 12th March 1967 at 2.15 p.m. at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London W.C.1.

Those preesent: Mr. J.R. Hunter (in the Chair),

Messrs. Morris, Polton, Phillips, Cooper, Crawley, Prothero, Thomas, Hubbard, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Edmonds, Miss Brodie, Mrs. Thomas (Midland Group), Mr. Britton (Oxford Group).

Dr. Dormandy (Medical Panel), Dr. Scott Stevenson (Dept. of Education & Science), Dr. Archibald

(Ministry of Health).

Drs. Davies, Forty, Hardisty, Kuttner, Prof. Wilkinson, Apologies: Mr. Bowtle.

The Chairman welcomed the group representatives, Dr. Dormandy, Dr. Scott: Stevenson and Dr. Archibald to the meeting.

AGENDA

- Minutes of the previous Council Meeting. 1.
- 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
- Re Invalid Tricycle Report.
- Annual Report and A.G.M.
- Any other business.

Minutes of the previous Council Meeting.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th September 1966 were signed as a correct record with the addendum 'Mr. Thomas reported on the proceedings of the 4th Congress of the World Federation of Haemophilia at Weisbaden, Germany, which Dr. Dormandy had malso attended.

Matters arising out of the Minutes.

Booklet. The draft was now about two-thirds completed and was largely based on suggestions from Drs. Biggs, Dormandy and others and material from the old booklet. It was intended to submit the completed draft to the members of the Medical Panel and Dr. Archibald (Ministry of Health).

Appeals Sub-Committee. This committee had met to discuss plans but it had been deci'ed to suspend certain of the activities outlined at previous Council Meeting e.g. the Charity Ball, because of the changed financial climate of 1966 - 67.

Group Planning. Firm plans were being made to re-establish the $\overline{N.W.}$ Group. The Annual Draw will be held in Manchester on Sunday 2nd July at a General Meeting. Arrangements were going ahead to form a Group based in Cardiff.

Report of the Third Congress of the World Federation. A number of copies had been purchased for distribution.

Invalid Tricycle Report.

Many copies of this Report had been distributed. Copies had been sent to all the Reference Centres, to Haematologists and Orthopaedic Surgeons, also to Dr. Jolly at Rochampton and to Dr. Seelig. The Disabled Drivers' Association had received 30 copies; the Council for Mobility of the Disabled 40 copies. Mr. Neil Marten, M.P. was going to put down a question in the House in February 1967 with specific reference to the Report and its acceptability by the Ministry of Health. This had not been done owing to the Ministry announcement about the extended issue of cars for the disabled being postponed. An article had been printed in the Manchester Guardian concerning Haemophiliacs and cars which had created a good deal of interest and a copy of the Invalid Tricycle Report had been asked for by the librarian for use in the House of Commons Library. It was decided to send a copy of the Report and an accompanying letter to all M.Ps.

Mr. Polton read a letter to the Council, which he proposed should be sent to the Minister of Health, which included a report of an accident to a member of the Haemophilia Society through using an Invalid Tricvole.

Mr. Britton seconded this proposal which was carried unanimously. The Council authorised the Officers and Committee to go ahead with wider publicity concerning the unsuitability of Invalid Tricycles for Haemophiliacs.

Annual Report and Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the Draft Annual Report were distributed to members of the Council for comment. Its adoption would be confirmed at the 3rd Council Meeting.

It was agreed to invite the President and Vice-Presidents to remain in office for the year 1967/68.

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The Council agreed to re-invite Drs. Biggs, Britten, Dormandy, Hardisty and Ingram to continue as members of the Medical Panel and to ask them if they felt the Panel should be enlarged.

Any other business.

Mrs. Thomas presented a report of the many sided activities of the Midland Group.

It was decided that the Third Council Meeting should be held on SSunday, 9th April, 1967.

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