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THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY

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THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY was held on Sunday, 30th April, 1972 at 2.30 p.m. at Lewisham Hospital, London.

Those present: Mr. Hunter (in the Chair)
Mr. Biggs, Mrs. Britten, Dr. Dormandy, Mrs. Hunter,
Mr. King, Mr. Knight, Dr. Kuttner, Mr. Leven, Mr. Polton,
Mr. Prothero, Rev. A. Tanner, Mr. Turner, Mr. Weir,
Mr. Willmott.

Apologies: Dr. Rizza, Mr. D. Caine (Legal Adviser), Dr. Davies,
Dr. Forty, Mr. Gunner, Dr. Hardisty, Dr. Ingram,
Neil Marten, Mrs. Reeves, Dr. Scott Stevenson,
Miss Spooner, Mrs. Tyrell, Prof. Wilkinson,
Mr. Rosenblatt.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the previous Council Meeting.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Election of President and Vice-Presidents.
4. Any other business.

Minutes of the previous Council Meeting.

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

P.1. 'Nicholas and Alexandra'. Other groups reported that they were making satisfactory arrangements for collections at cinemas showing the film.

P.1. Mr. Prothero said that he was still awaiting a reply from Dr. Biggs about the proposed letter to the Blood Transfusion Centres. He would contact her again.

P.3. Mr. King asked how the raising of money towards the expenses of delegates was progressing. The Treasurer reported that donations of £100, £50, £25 had been received from groups and much more was therefore needed as the total expenses would be about £750. Mrs. Britten informed the Council that the Congress had been extended for another day, the entire final day to be devoted to the subject of the running of Blood Transfusion Centres.

Oxford Group

Mr. Turner reported that the special showing of the film 'Nicholas and Alexandra' in Oxford had been very successful. Over 90% of the tickets had been sold and the proceeds were being shared between the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital and the Oxford Group of the Haemophilia Society. Robert Massie and his children were there and he gave an interview to the press. Janet Suzman was also present and attended the reception given in the interval. *See Memo*

On 20th June a Balloon Race is being held at Queens College and the proceeds are to go to the Oxford Group.

Very useful help in decorating the Hostel had been given by students of the University and also College for Further Education.

Mrs. Britten suggested that the Oxford Group Officers would be interested to see a copy of the report of the 'Norway Hostel and its growth' to be submitted to the Congress in Buenos Aires; and that extracts from this report should go into the Bulletin.

Mr. Turner asked that notice be put into the Bulletin of two vacancies at present in the Hostel.

Southern Group

Dr. Kuttner of the Southern Group reported that someone in this area was selling brushes door-to-door purporting to represent the Haemophilia Society. He was advised to notify the Police and the local Press.

On 13th May a Charity Concert was being given by the Highcliffe School of Dancing in aid of the Haemophilia Society.

On 15th May the Haemophilia Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital Bournemouth is being officially opened.

On 25th May at a showing of the 'Nicholas and Alexandra' film two ladies are being allowed to use collecting boxes.

The A.G.M. is being held on the 4th June 1972.

Lewisham Group

Mr. King from the Lewisham Group reported that their A.G.M. had been held on 26th March, and that the Group were to have two stalls at the Blackheath Fair on May 13th.

Great Ormond Street Group

Mr. Biggs reported on the tentative programme drawn up by the Group:
May 7th - Rev. A. Tanner - Family Counselling & Planning for Haemophiliacs in particular.

June 25th - Childrens Meeting

September 17th - P.R.O. from the Blood Transfusion Centre, Edware.
A summer outing is being arranged for a Saturday during the school holidays.

Birmingham & District Group

Mr. Polton said that this Group had been revived with new Joint Chairman, Mr. T. Owen and Mr. J. Baker, and a new Committee.

Mr. Prothero had written to both Dr. Forbes and Mr. Dinkel in Scotland but had received no replies. He would write to Mr. Dinkel again.

Election of President

The Chairman said that Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys was willing to serve for the ensuing year as President and his proposal, seconded by Mrs. Britten, to that effect was unanimously approved.

Election of Vice-Presidents

The Chairman said that he would like to invite the present Vice-Presidents, Prof. R.G. Macfarlane, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Robert Massie, Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Rawlinson, Mr. H.F. Rutherford, Prof. J.F. Wilkinson, Lord Willis of Chislehurst, to continue for the ensuing year. This proposal was carried unanimously. The Chairman said that the Council wished to record its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Robert Massie for his special efforts on behalf of the Society in connection with the premiere of the film 'Nicholas and Alexandra'.

Election of Medical Panel

The Chairman said he felt that the Medical Panel was an important cornerstone to the Society and proposed that Dr. R. Biggs, Dr. S.H. Davies, Dr. K.M. Dormandy, Prof. R.H. Hardisty, Dr. G.I.C. Ingram and Dr. C.R. Rizza should be invited to continue as the Society's Medical Advisory Panel for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed.

Any other business

Some discussion took place about the position of charities in relation to the Value Added Tax. Mr. Tanner suggested that the Treasurer be asked to watch our interests in this matter.

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