

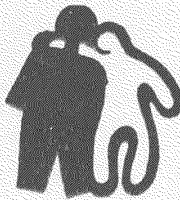
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THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY

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THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY was held on Saturday, 27th April 1974 at 2.15 p.m. in the Board Room, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4LP.

Those present: Mr. Hunter (in the Chair), Mrs. Clinton, Mrs. Cowe, Mrs. **GRO-A** Mrs. Hunter, Messrs. Gough, Knight, Mowforth, Polton, Prothero, Stockdale, Dr. Kuttner, Rev. A. Tanner

Apologies: Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys, Mrs. Britten, Mr. & Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Picot, Profs. Hardisty, Ingram & Wilkinson, Drs. Biggs, Davies & Rizza, Messrs. Abrahams, Campbell, King, Leven, Marten, Morris & Rosenblatt, & Southern Group

In attendance: Dr. Judith G. Pool

AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the previous Council Meeting

The minutes were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

The Hon. Vice-Chairman reported that Mrs. Victoria Stopford had accepted the post as Social Worker to the Society and would be starting work on 3rd June 1974. She was at present with the London Borough of Sutton, and Miss Atkin, Hon. Medical Social Worker to the Society had felt she was an outstanding candidate. The examples of her work that had been seen were first class.

3. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents

The Hon. Chairman explained to the meeting the part that Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys had played in our past and of the invaluable service he rendered to it. We were fortunate in having him as our President and from the Chair he proposed that Sir Weldon be re-elected President. He had secured Sir Weldon's agreement to accepting the position if elected. The Council unanimously agreed that Sir Weldon be re-elected.

The Hon. Chairman then proposed from the Chair that our Vice-Presidents, Prof. Macfarlane, Mr. Marten, Mr. Massie, Sir Peter Rawlinson, Mr. Rutherford, Prof. Wilkinson and Lord Willis be re-elected and this was unanimously agreed.

4. Any other business

The re-election of the Medical Advisory Panel of Dr. Biggs, Dr. Rizza, Dr. Davies, Dr. Dormandy, Prof. Hardisty and Prof. Ingram was proposed from the Chair by the Hon. Chairman and carried unanimously. Mrs. Cowe informed the Council that Dr. Colin Prentice had agreed to become a Medical Adviser to the Scottish Group and suggested that he be borne in mind if the Medical Advisory Panel was enlarged. The comments of the Scottish Group would be kept in mind if such an eventuality came about. Council agreed that a letter be sent to Dr. Prentice thanking him for agreeing to become a Medical Adviser to the Scottish Group.

The Hon. Chairman read messages sent to the AGM by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent and by Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that he had discussed with Dr. Biggs the possibility of holding a meeting of the Medical Advisory Panel with a view to discussing, amongst other things, the possibility of the Society devoting a majority of the new Research Appeal to a specific project. The ideas Dr. Biggs had were different to the three we had considered and she felt a meeting of the Panel would be a good idea. The Hon. Chairman asked Dr. Pool for her comments on the originally suggested projects and she outlined her personal feelings on the value of the projects which the Council found of great help. The Chairman suggested that if she was still in the country when the meeting was held, she might like to attend it and Dr. Pool said she would be happy to do so.

The Chairman outlined the origin and purpose of the Sir Lionel Whitby Award and the Hon. Secretary read a nomination from Southern Area Group, for **GRO-A** aged 18 who had obtained an open scholarship to Balliol College, despite the fact that he did not attend school until he was nearly 16 years old, previously having had home tuition. Dr. Kuttner outlined the work **GRO-A** had done with the result that he outstripped the abilities of his home tutors, despite his bad physical condition. Not only had he succeeded in obtaining GCE 'O' and 'A' levels with very high grades resulting in his open scholarship, but he had also been able to greatly improve his physical condition. He was now working to obtain some money prior to starting at Balliol. The Hon. Chairman commented on the extremely high standard that winners of such scholarships had to reach. The Council were united in their admiration for such an achievement and on a proposal by Dr. Kuttner, seconded by Mr. Gough, were unanimous in awarding **GRO-A** the Sir Lionel Whitby Award. It was agreed that occasional items in the News Bulletin about the achievements of young men such as **GRO-A** would be a good idea, and would help encourage parents of young boys.

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The Council endorsed the Hon. Chairman's thanks to the Northumbria Group, the Royal Victoria Infirmary and Dr. Peter Jones for the arrangements they had made and the hospitality which they had extended.

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