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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY HELD ON  
SUNDAY, 30th APRIL 1978, in the NEVIN LECTURE THEATRE, ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL,  
LONDON, S.E.1.

AGENDA

1. Presentation of the R.G. Macfarlane Award to Dr. Katharine Dormandy.
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Presentation and approval of the Council's Annual Report.
5. Election of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee.
6. Election of Honorary Auditors.
7. Any other business.
8. Guest Speaker - Dr. C.R.M. Prentice, Director of the Glasgow Haemophilia Centre.

The meeting was opened by the Honorary Chairman, The Reverend Alan Tanner, who expressed the regrets of the President who was unable to be present, and welcomed the 70 members present.

1. Presentation of the R.G. Macfarlane Award to Dr. Katharine Dormandy

The Honorary Chairman welcomed Dr. Dormandy, her husband Dr. Thomas Dormandy and her daughter Miss Sophie Dormandy, and after describing the purpose behind the R.G. Macfarlane Award, which comprised a gold medal and a citation, he paid tribute to the outstanding work of Dr. Dormandy in the care of haemophiliacs and those with related disorders. He then presented the Award to Dr. Dormandy amid a standing ovation. Dr. Dormandy then spoke briefly and, in a typically modest fashion, thanked the Society for bestowing the Award on her.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th April 1977 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation and approval of the Council's Annual Report

The Honorary Chairman introduced the Annual Report which had the approval of Council, and outlined the work of the Society. He paid tribute to the work of Dr. L. Kuttner, Group Liaison Officer; to the invaluable contribution to the welfare of haemophiliacs made by Mrs. Victoria Stopford, who had organised further successful symposia and started the production of a series of leaflets for the guidance of various groups interested and involved with haemophilia; and to those concerned in the production of the new style Bulletin, in particular Mr. Clive Knight the Editor. He went on to thank the Executive Committee and the Honorary Officers in particular for their efforts in the Society's work and then outlined the work and activity of the Society in 1977. He asked Mr. K. Polton, Honorary Treasurer, to present the draft Annual Accounts which were a part of the Annual Report. Mr. Polton then outlined the salient features in the accounts. There were no comments on the Annual Report and it was approved by the meeting.

The meeting resolved to send good wishes to H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, the Society's Patron,

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The Honorary Vice-Chairman then made a presentation to Mrs. Etta Cowe, who had recently stood down from the office of Secretary of the Scottish Group after many years. Mr. Hunter thanked Mrs. Cowe for her work in keeping the Group going and making untiring efforts to assist Scottish members with any problems. Largely as a result of her work the Scottish Group was today vigorous and thriving. Mrs. Cowe expressed her thanks for the gift.

#### 5. Election of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee

The Honorary Chairman announced that at the Council Meeting preceding the A.G.M. Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys had been re-appointed President of the Society, and he expressed thanks to Sir Weldon for the help, advice and encouragement received from him over the past year. He also announced that the Vice-Presidents and Medical Advisory Panel had been appointed by Council as follows:-

Vice-Presidents: Prof. R.G. Macfarlane, Mr. N. Marten, M.P., Mr. R.K. Massie, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, Mr. H.F. Rutherford, Dr. J.F. Wilkinson and Lord Willis of Chislehurst

Medical Advisory Panel: Dr. Rosemary Biggs, Dr. S.H. Davies, Dr. Katharine Dormandy, Prof. R.H. Hardisty, Prof. G.I.C. Ingram and Dr. C.R. Rizza

He also announced that Council had it in mind to add two further members to the Medical Advisory Panel, if the existing members approved the nominations.

The Honorary Chairman stated that as only nominations equal to the number of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee members had been received they were elected unopposed. They were:-

<u>Honorary Chairman:</u>	Rev. A.J. Tanner
<u>Honorary Vice-Chairman:</u>	Mr. J.R. Hunter
<u>Honorary Secretary:</u>	Mr. K.R. Polton
<u>Honorary Treasurer:</u>	Mr. H.N. Abrahams
<u>Executive Committee:</u>	Mrs. M.I. Britten
	Mrs. P. King
	Mr. C. Knight
	Dr. L. Kuttner
	Mr. K.E. Milne
	Mr. J.L. Prothero
	Mr. J. Ritchie
	Mr. D. Rosenblatt

The returning of the Committee unopposed was, he felt, an indication of the measure of confidence felt by the members. He drew the attention of members to the changes in the offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. He announced that Mr. Prothero had recently been elected chairman of the European Advisory Board of the World Federation of Hemophilia and the duties of this post were such that he felt it proper to stand down from the post of Honorary Secretary. The meeting expressed its congratulations and thanks to Mr. Prothero for his work over the past few years. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Polton to the post he had occupied with great effect for some time several years ago, and thanked Mr. Abrahams, a chartered accountant, for accepting office as Honorary Treasurer. He also paid sincere thanks to Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, who had not offered herself for re-election for the Committee, for her many years of service to the Society and for the considerable contribution her wisdom and help had made to its work.

#### 6. Election of Honorary Auditors

Mr. K.R. Polton proposed the re-election of Messrs. Taylor, Viney and Marlow and referred with gratitude to the advice and guidance they provided. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Abrahams and agreed by the meeting.



7. Any other business

Mr. **GRO-A** said that as chairman of the Lewisham Group he had been asked by a Group member, who could not attend, to raise seven points, which he then put. The Honorary Chairman said they had been noted and he proposed to refer them to the Executive Committee for consideration. This was agreed by the meeting. There were no further matters raised.

8. Guest Speaker

The Honorary Chairman introduced Dr. Colin Prentice, Director of the Glasgow Haemophilia Centre, who then gave an illuminating and thought provoking assessment of recent developments in haemophilia care, which prompted many questions.

Before closing the meeting the Honorary Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to Dr. Prentice for making the trip from Glasgow to address the meeting and for his stimulating address. He said the talk would appear as an article in a future issue of the Bulletin.

Thanks were expressed to Professor G.I.C. Ingram and the administrators of St. Thomas' Hospital for the facilities provided for the meeting.

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28 April 1979.