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**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**on Thursday 7 July 1994 at 4.00pm,
held at Central Office of Information (COI), Hercules Road, SE1**

Present:

Rev Prebendary Alan Tanner (Chairman), Mr Simon Taylor and Mr Chris Hodgson (Vice Chairmen), Mr Nicholas Lawson (Treasurer), Mr Keith Colthorpe, Mr Andy Cowe, Dr David Evans, Mrs Norma Guy, and Mr Julian Lander

In Attendance:

Mr Graham Barker (Director of Services and Development), Ms Susan Archer (Registrar) and Miss Jeni Mason (Resources Clerical Officer).

AGENDA

- E94.43** Apologies for Absence
- E94.44** Minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 7 May 1994
- E94.45** Matters Arising
 - 45.01** Executive Committee Members visits to local Groups
- E94.46** Constitutional Review
- E94.47** Committee Reports:
 - 47.01** Services
 - 47.02** Resources
- E94.48** Any Other Business
- E94.49** Date and Time of next meeting

E94.43 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Gordon Clarke, Mrs Carol Holliday and Mr John Pepper.

E94.44 Minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 7 May 1994

It was noted that Mr Andy Cowe was present at the meeting. The minutes were recorded as a true record.

E94.45 Matters Arising

45.01 Executive Committee Members visits to local Groups:

Ms Archer raised the question on the procedures for Committee Members reporting their visits to local Groups. The Committee agreed that a report on each visit would be sent to Ms Archer at the national office.

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Hepatitis:

The Hepatitis Task Group will shortly meet to review the meetings held in London, Leeds, Edinburgh and the most recent in Bristol. Major issues arising from these meetings include the lack of information given by Centres; the failure to notify people that they are HCV positive; the range of liver tests that are available; access to interferon and the life style that should be pursued. The Task Group will consider what action to take and will also discuss the medical negligence and compensation issues raised by Mr GRO-A

Chairman's Conference:

A draft programme was circulated with the Services Committee report and presented to the members of the Executive Committee. The Committee noted the proposals set out in the programme.

47.02 Resources:

The Resources Committee also held their meeting prior to the Executive meeting and the Treasurer, Mr Nicholas Lawson, briefly outlined the issues.

Income and Expenditure:

The Treasurer advised the Committee that as a result of GRO-D direct approach to a Trust in the Channel Islands the Society had received a donation of £25,000. This is a considerable boost to the Society's funds and the Treasurer congratulated John for his achievements. Otherwise, the Treasurer reported that funds received exceed income but that as we still have not yet received any legacies, vigilance should continue.

Office Premises:

The freehold was recently sold to Transmarine Shipping Agencies, the Society's next door neighbours, at the purchase price of £90,000. The Society has three options:

- i) carrying on negotiating with them to occupy the building
- ii) stay a short time and then leave or
- iii) to go immediately

Mr Lawson assured the Committee that negotiations are in the capable hands of GRO-D. The Committee agreed that Mr GRO-D should continue to negotiate with Transmarine. The Committee was asked to note that access to the car park at the rear of the building ceases on 31 July 1994.

Victorian Ball:

Mr Hodgson briefly outlined the progress on the Ball. Telesmart are making good progress in selling Ball Tickets. The Society has provided a list of contacts, including Haemophilia Centres, Pharmaceutical Companies and corporate supporters. Mr Hodgson and the Reverend Prebendary Alan Tanner are meeting with Telesmart on Thursday 14 July at 10.00am. The progress of that will be reported at the next meeting.

Database:

Ms Archer and Mr GRO-D had seen two Database demonstrations. Ms Archer will make the final decision after a third demonstration has taken place on Monday 11 July and will inform the Committee of the decision.

Health Network:

Health Network's contract with the Society has run for three years without review. A proposal for an increase had been presented to the Resources Committee who sought the further advice of the Executive Committee. The Committee discussed this at length and agreed that the Society should carry on using the services that Health Network provide at the increased fee.

Group Activities:

Birmingham Group, Chalet Purchase:

The Birmingham Group has requested permission to purchase a holiday chalet in Hemsby, Nr Great Yarmouth in Norfolk. The Group are concerned that their present caravan is not appropriate or accessible for many people with haemophilia and their families. The chalet has low running costs and would be a valuable asset for the Society. The Group are willing to launch a fund raising campaign towards the purchase, and would be happy if other Groups wanted to become involved. The Committee agreed that Keith Colthorpe would take a look at the chalet and report to the next Executive Committee meeting for their decision.

Northern Ireland Group AGM:

The Northern Ireland Office sought permission to spend £2,000, as last year, on their Annual General Meeting. To date the Group have contributed £7,500 via the centralised banking fund. The Committee agreed this proposal.

E94.48 Any Other Business

There was no other business that was not already covered in the minutes.

E94.49 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 September at COI, SE1

A meeting of the Officers will take place on Thursday 28 July at Lawson International.

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