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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on Thursday, 11th March 1982 at 6.30 p.m. at the Society's office, 16 Trinity Street, London, SE1 1DE

Those present:- The Revd. A.J. Tanner (Chairman), K.R. Polton, J.R. Hunter, H.N. Abrahams, Mrs. M.I. Britten, W. Johnstone, Dr. L. Kuttner, K. Milne, J. Prothero, J. Ritchie, D. Rosenblatt

AGENDA

- 82.28 Apologies for absence.
- 82.29 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 1982.
- 82.30 Matters arising.
- 82.31 Allocation of Research Appeal.
- 82.32 Case Committee.
- 82.33 Honorary Secretary's Report.
- 82.34 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 82.35 World Federation of Hemophilia.
- 82.36 World Hemophilia Youth.
- 82.37 World Federation of Hemophilia, E.A.B.
- 82.38 Co-ordinator's Report.
- 82.39 Any other business.
- 82.40 Date of next meeting.

82.28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C. Knight and R. Cleworth.

82.29 MINUTES of meeting held on 11 February 1982, which had been circulated in advance were unanimously approved.

82.30 MATTERS ARISING

- (i) Alternative to nursing post - It was agreed that this would probably be discussed during the Seminar and a final decision was deferred to the April meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (ii) Appointment of Vice-Presidents - Mr. Polton outlined his proposal following discussions with the Chairman: viz - That the Society invite Prof. G.I.C. Ingram, Dr. Rosemary Biggs and Dr. S.H. Davies - at present members of the Medical Advisory Panel - to become Vice-Presidents. Also that the Society seek approval of the Medical Advisory Panel to replace the aforementioned by inviting Dr. Elizabeth Mayne (Belfast), Dr. E. Tuddenham (Royal Free Hospital), and Dr. Brian Colvin (London Hospital). This proposal was seconded and duly agreed unanimously for recommendation to the next meeting of the Council.

(iii) Birmingham & West Midlands Group - Following presentation of the situation arising from the resignation of the officers of the above Group and the temporary suspension of their activities it was resolved that all bills relating to the Group would be met from Society funds and the position with the banks regularised. It was also resolved to take soundings at the forthcoming Seminar in relation to the two caravans and the Officers were empowered to take any necessary action in advance of the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

(iv) Annual General Meeting - The Co-ordinator reported that plans were well in advance for the A.G.M. and details of the days' programme were circulated.

(v) R.G. Macfarlane Award - The Chairman reported on the happy and successful evening spent in Newcastle for the presentation of the 1981 Award to Dr. Peter Jones. It was noted that thanks had been accorded to the Group and Sister Maureen Fearn for their hard work in organising the evening.

82.31 ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH APPEAL - A detailed paper prepared by Mr. Polton had been circulated in advance for consideration by the Executive Committee. This was discussed and accepted in principle and the following way forward agreed:

1. That a Grants Committee be established and this Committee consist of, initially, the Officers of the Society. The Committee would, subject to the agreement of Council, and in certain circumstances be empowered to meet grants to a certain level without reference to Council.
 2. An application form be drawn up on the lines suggested by the Medical Advisory Panel.
 3. The Grants Committee would look in fuller detail at the criteria to be applied to Research Grants.
 4. The Committee would consider applications 3-4 times each year only before presenting them to the Council.
- It was also felt that there would be a useful in-put of ideas via the Seminar to which the Grants Committee would have due regard.

82.32 CASE COMMITTEE

(i) The Case Committee had met earlier in the day and had considered nine applications. Of those, three were deferred for fuller information and the following recommendations were made to the Executive Committee:

- (a) A referral by N.W. Group: it was recommended that a grant of £80 be made by the Group to assist a member in general financial difficulty.
- (b) An application on behalf of a member in S.E. London: it was recommended that a payment of £50 be made to assist a member in general financial difficulty.
- (c) A Centre Director had approached the Co-ordinator concerning a holiday for one of his patients. The Director in question had received a gift of £80 in connection with IYDP and he wished to pass the money through the Society to enable his patient to have a well earned holiday. It was recommended that this be approved.
- (d) An application from a member in the West Midlands: following a prolonged spell in hospital, and linked to family circumstances, it was recommended that a grant of £25 be made to assist generally.

82.32 CASE COMMITTEE continued

(e) It was recommended that a grant of £20 be made to a family in the North East to enable them to have a holiday. The social worker had raised the balance elsewhere.

(f) It was also recommended the £50 be paid to a member in the North East to assist with general financial difficulties on the recommendation of the social worker.

It was proposed by Mr. Prothero, seconded by Mr. Milne, that the recommendations of the Case Committee be accepted. This was approved unanimously.

(ii) Mr. Hunter proceeded to report that the Case Committee had also deliberated further on the subject of referral to Social Workers of applicants to the Benefit Fund. The Committee were still of a view that their original decision was correct and drew the attention of the Executive Committee to the concurrence of views obtained from the Haemophilia Society/BASW Special Interest Group.

Having discussed the matter the Executive Committee unanimously approved the policy of requiring the agreement of beneficiaries before inviting a social worker to assist.

82.33 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Polton reported he had made specific applications to Trusts relating to the St. Thomas' application for a refrigerated centrifuge. One trust had shown interest and requested accounts which had been forwarded. Mr. Polton also reported that an application had been made to the Royal Wedding Fund in the sum of £12,500 to establish a fund for a 5-year project to finance holidays and camps for haemophilic boys.

82.34 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Abrahams reported the following balances:

Current Account	£5,775.67
Ordinary Deposit A/c	£17,065.72
Special Deposit A/c	£51,000.00

The Research Fund now stands at £157,560.22

Notable donations received since the last meeting include: £20,000 from an anonymous donor; £148.62 from All Saints PCC Tooting Graveney; £75 from Wesleyan General Charitable Trust; £50 from Alcan Charitable Trust - all to the Research Fund. A further £50 from J & P Coates (UK) Ltd. to the General Fund.

Draft accounts were circulated and Mr. Abrahams advised the Executive Committee that the accounts would be circulated to Council Members in advance of the AGM and made available in advance to those requesting them. More generally, Mr. Abrahams reported that fund raising since 1st January 1982 had been mediocre. A boost had come in the form of the £20,000 anonymous donation and payments under Deed of Covenant had also increased. Results of an appeal to companies were awaited and a new appeal to Trusts would be launched in May.

82.35 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA

The Chairman reported further on individual WFH memberships and it was resolved that the officers would finalise arrangements for the collection of WFH fees through the Society.

Mr. Polton read a letter he had drafted to Mr. Schnabel regarding WFH assessments. After minor amendments it was agreed that a copy of this letter should also be sent to the Treasurer of WFH. The letter draws attention to the complicated nature of the present method of assessment and makes an alternative suggestion.

82.35 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA continued

It also draws attention to the UK view that the bonus system requires a greater element of incentive than the 1982 method.

82.36 WORLD HEMOPHILIA YOUTH

Mr. Ritchie presented a new WHY leaflet to the Executive Committee and it was agreed that this could be circulated with the next Bulletin. It was also hoped that a meeting of WHY and the Chairman, Mr. Prothero and Mr. Cleworth could be held soon after the Seminar.

82.37 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA - EUROPEAN ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Prothero reported that the EAB had been trying to establish contact with the Society in Poland to offer assistance. So far these attempts had been unsuccessful. Other European countries were also involved in this exercise. Mr. Prothero also reported that Armour Pharmaceutical had agreed to fund EAB work.

82.38 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

(i) New grant applications: The following two applications had been received via local Groups:-

(a) Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham - the local Group (North Wales) sought authority to donate £200 towards the cost of a Power Pack for Electrophoresis. The Group had the money available in their own funds and this was approved unanimously for recommendation to the Council.

(b) Lincoln County Hospital - the local Group wished to purchase a Power Pack for Electrophoresis for their new Centre. The money was available from local funds and this application was approved unanimously for recommendation to the Council.

(ii) The Co-ordinator reported that both Northampton and Oxford Groups would make representations at the Council regarding Prof. Duthie's application in respect of ultra-sound equipment. This was noted.

(iii) (a) Dr. Savidge, St. Thomas' Hospital: in view of Mr. Polton's applications to Trusts it was resolved to defer a decision until the April meeting to await the outcome of the applications.

(b) Dr. Peter Jones, Newcastle: Since no firm application has yet been received it was resolved to report Dr. Jones' advice of intention to apply to the Council and discuss the matter further with the local Group.

(iv) Office equipment: The Co-ordinator explained the need for a new typewriter to provide compatibility of equipment in the office, thereby preventing bottlenecking of work. The Olympia ES100 was currently on a special offer at £499 as opposed to the normal price of £899, subject to trade-in of an existing typewriter, plus VAT. Mr. Polton proposed and Mr. Johnstone seconded that this typewriter be purchased. This was agreed unanimously. The Co-ordinator thanked the Committee.

82.39 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ritchie reported that he had been invited to speak at Mid-Sussex Postgraduate Medical Centre in August.

82.40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 6th April 1982 at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

GRO-C: Alan Tanner

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