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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on 6 December 1984 at 6.30 p.m at the Kennedy Hotel, London NW1.

Those present: Revd.A J Tanner, Mr D Rosenblatt, Mr K Milne, Mr J Prothero, Mrs M I Britten, Mr K Colthorpe, Mr C Knight, Dr L Kuttner, Mrs D Lewis, Mr D Watters.

AGENDA

84.130 Apologies for absence
84.131 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 1984
84.132 Matters arising
84.133 AIDS
84.134 Blood Products Sub-Committee
84.135 Case Committee
84.136 Treasurer's Report
84.137 Finance Sub-Committee
84.138 World Federation of Hemophilia
84.139 Local Groups
84.140 Co-ordinator's Report
84.141 Any other business
84.142 Date and place of next meeting

84.130 APOLCGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs Holliday, Mr Abrahams, and Mr Wetherell.

84.131 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8 November 1984 were unanimously approved as an accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

84.132 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Presentation to Mrs Irene Watson: The Chairman reported that the presentation to Mrs Watson had taken place over dinner at The George Inn, Borough High Street, SE1 on Thursday 22 November. It had been a splendid occasion marking the end of almost twenty years dedicated service by Mrs Watson to the Society. A cheque for £650 had been handed to Mrs Watson, making a total presentation of £2,650. Mrs Watson had written to the Chairman recording her appreciation.

(b) Residential Seminar: Dr Aronstam had expressed his honour at being invited to give the 1985 Haemophilia Society Lecture at the Seminar. Various other matters regarding the Seminar require further discussion before being presented to the January meeting of the Executive Committee.

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(c) Re-structuring of the Executive Committee: This item was deferred to the January meeting and Mr Knight will circulate a paper in advance of that meeting.

(d) St Thomas' Hospital Haemophilia Centre: The Co-ordinator reported that a letter had been sent to Lord Glenarthur on the subject of staffing and facilities at St Thomas'. It was anticipated that there would be a written response to this in the near future.

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AIDS: The Chairman reported that a delegation from the Society would meet Lord Glenarthur the following morning to discuss points of concern arising from AIDS. He would attend along with Mr Milne, Mr Knight and the Co-ordinator.

The Co-ordinator reported that he had, as directed by the November meeting of the Executive Committee, written to the Managing Editor of the Mail on Sunday. A speedy acknowledgement had been received.

There was a lengthy discussion on the current position relating to AIDS and concern was expressed about the apparent lack of communication between the various professionals on the subject and, in particular, in relation to the reporting of cases. The Chairman and the Co-ordinator are to consider setting up a meeting with the Medical Advisory Panel to discuss those points further.

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BLOOD PRODUCTS SUB-COMMITTEE: Mr Milne had nothing further to add to his report to the Council and those contained in 83.133.

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CASE COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported that the Case Committee had met earlier in the day and wished to make the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:

- (a) A grant of £15 to a member in Scotland to assist ^{during} ~~with~~ general hardship
- (b) A grant of £40 to a member in North Wales to assist with transport difficulties
- (c) A grant not ~~to~~ exceeding 50% of telephone installation costs to a member in Scotland

After being proposed by Dr Kuttner and seconded by Mr Milne the recommendations were approved unanimously by the Executive Committee.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: The following notable donations since the last meeting were recorded:

North West Group £1,000, Pearl Assurance £125, Japan International Bank £100, GRO-D £100, Hogg Robinson Charitable Trust £150, Midland Bank Plc £200, Barclays Bank Plc £200, Merseyside Group £500, Royal Bank of Canada £50, Sussex Group £142.16, GRO-D £50, North Wales Group £250, Scottish Group £1500, Birmingham Group £1,000, Lincoln & District Group £900, South Essex £250, Southern Group £1500, Cambridge & District £500, East Kent £1,000, London Marathon £2,876.72, Coutts & Co £100, Smiths Charity £5,000, South Wales Group £600, Murphy -Neuman Charity £500, National Westminster Bank Plc £250, GRO-D £200.

In the absence of Mr Prothero, who had to leave the meeting early, the Co-ordinator reported as follows:

(i) Bank balances:

. Current Account	£11,613.45
Ordinary Deposit Account	£37,416.75
Special Deposit Account	£70,000.00

It was noted that at least £20,000 would be transferred from the Ordinary Deposit Account to the Special Deposit Account at the date of the next re-investment in mid-December.

(ii) The Annual Draw had ^{brought in} ~~been~~ an income of approximately £10,000, a considerable increase on previous years. Tribute was paid to the South Wales Group for the excellent arrangements made for the Draw which had taken place during an Edwardian evening on 1 December.

(iii) The total income via Trinity Street for the year to date totals a sum in excess of £100,000. Mr Prothero, in his written report, stated that while this showed what the office could do with limited resources, the Society has to enable it to do more.

(iv) It was noted that a new cheque writing/ book keeping system would be introduced from 1 January 1985. This ~~will~~ ^{will} both save time and be more efficient in handling transactions. It ~~will~~ ^{will} give easier access to facts for monitoring financial progress during the year.

Members questioned the value of the monthly balances reported to the Executive Committee and asked the Treasurer to consider any other method of reflecting the actual financial situation. The Executive Committee noted the significant income since the end of September.

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- 84.137 FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: Mr Rosenblatt reported that this Sub-Committee was due to meet on Monday 10 December and had nothing to report at this stage.
- 84.138 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA: The Chairman reported on Dr Jain's visit to the Society. He had spent part of the day at the Royal Free Hospital and the late afternoon and early evening at 16 Trinity Street where he had met the Chairman, Mrs Britten, Mr Milne and the Co-ordinator. It was hoped that Dr Jain would supply the names of people to contact in the United Kingdom with a view to raising money and that he would submit a revised list of the items he required and their cost in India.
- 84.139 LOCAL GROUPS: The Co-ordinator reported that the Sussex Group had decided that it could not continue as a viable Group of the Society and it was their wish that GRO-A be appointed as ^{the} Society Representative. The Co-ordinator will look further into this and report accordingly.
- 84.140 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Co-ordinator mentioned that he would be on a training course on the date of the February 1985 meeting of the Executive Committee. The date was therefore amended to Thursday 7 February 1985, the first Thursday in the month.
- 84.141 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr Knight stated that he wished to review and scale down his activities on behalf of the Society. This ~~will~~ be discussed with the Chairman and reported to a future meeting.
- 84.142 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING : Thursday 10 January 1985 at 6pm for 6.30pm in the Senator Room, The Kennedy Hotel, London NW1 2EP

Approved on 10 January 1985 as an accurate record of proceedings.

Signed GRO-C Chairman