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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY held on Thursday 3 March 1983 at 6.30 p.m. at the White Hall Hotel, Montague Street, London, WC1.

Those present: The Revd. A.J. Tanner (Chairman), H.N. Abrahams, Mrs. M.I. Britten, C. Knight, Dr. L. Kuttner, K. Milne, D. Rosenblatt
In attendance: D.G. Watters

AGENDA

- 83.26 Apologies for absence.
- 83.27 Minutes of the meeting held on 10.2.83.
- 83.28 Matters arising.
- 83.29 Case Committee.
- 83.30 Research Grants Committee.
- 83.31 Acting Honorary Secretary's Report.
- 83.32 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
- 83.33 Groups.
- 83.34 World Federation of Hemophilia.
- 83.35 Co-ordinator's Report.
- 83.36 Any other business.
- 83.37 Date & Place of next meeting.

83.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from J. Prothero and W. Johnstone.

- 83.27 MINUTES of the meeting held on 10 February 1983: The Co-ordinator drew attention to the following amendments:-
- (a) Throughout the Minutes of the last meeting, "Whitehall" should read "White Hall".
 - (b) At 83.19(b) a comma should replace the full-stop after the final word ('Council') and the following added "...since the application involved the principle of payment for education at a higher level".
 - (c) At 83.23(d) the day should read Tuesday, 15 February.
 - (d) At 83.23(e) The word is "authoritative".
- Having noted these amendments the minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record of proceedings at the meeting.

83.28 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) The Chairman reported on his visit to Paisners the solicitors after the last meeting, to discuss certain matters raised in Mr. Polton's letter of resignation. The solicitor had drafted a reply which the Chairman had sent to Mr. Polton. No response had been forthcoming from Mr. Polton. The Chairman also read a letter from Mr. Hunter in which he expressed his regret that having considered Mr. Polton's resignation, and out of his personal regard for Mr. Polton, he felt compelled to resign forthwith. In accepting Mr. Hunter's resignation the Executive Committee were unanimous in expressing their regret.

83.28 MATTERS ARISING continued

The meeting proceeded to elect Mr. Rosenblatt as Acting Vice-Chairman, having been proposed by Mrs. Britten, seconded by Mr. Abrahams.

- (b) Oxford Lottery: Mr. Rosenblatt reported that he had not heard from G & S Co. Ltd.'s solicitors. He also reported that his paper on lotteries would be circulated for consideration at the Seminar.
- (c) DHSS Sect. 64 & EEC Social Fund: The Co-ordinator had nothing to report.
- (d) Incorporation: It was agreed that in common with the majority of national charities, the post of Honorary Secretary should be replaced with a second vice-chairman. This was proposed by Mr. Rosenblatt, seconded by Mr. Knight, and approved unanimously. Mr. Rosenblatt explained that the majority of Executive Committee members had made this suggestion in their initial response to the first draft. The final draft has been circulated to all Group Chairmen and delegates to the March meeting of the Council where it is hoped the document will receive the formal approval of the Council. The Chairman also reported that Paisner & Co. have offered their services as honorary Solicitors to the Society. That Paisner and Co. be adopted as honorary Solicitors was proposed by Mr. Abrahams, seconded by Mr. Milne, and approved unanimously.
- (e) One day mini-seminars: The Seminar Sub-committee, in conjunction with Mr. Milne, are continuing to look into this.
- (f) WFH Edition of The Bulletin: The editorial board will be meeting to consider this in detail.
- (g) Future staffing needs of 16 Trinity Street: The Co-ordinator is continuing to look into the proposals agreed at the last meeting.
- (h) WFH Poster Presentation: A brief discussion took place and members of the Executive Committee were asked to pass their thoughts to Mr. Knight.
- (i) Visit of Irish Haemophilia Society: All those who had been involved in the visit by the Irish delegation spoke of their pleasure at having been involved. The Irish Society had written to express their appreciation of the hospitality provided by the Society.

83.29 CASE COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported on behalf of the Committee and presented the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:-

- (a) A grant of £30 to a member in the North East to assist with financial problems faced by the family.
- (b) Subject to the approval of the Centre Director concerned, a grant of £300 to assist a young member who has been unemployed for 3 years, to pursue a new career.

That these recommendations be approved was proposed by Mrs. Britten, seconded by Dr. Kuttner, and agreed unanimously.

- 83.30 RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported on behalf of the Committee which had met earlier in the day.
- (a) Norfolk & Norwich Group requested that some £310 from a recent donation by the Group to the Society be released for the purchase of various items for the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. This was agreed unanimously having been proposed by Dr. Kuttner, seconded by Mrs. Britten.
- (b) Welsh National School of Medicine: An application had been received from Dr. Elizabeth Moffat, supported by Professor Bloom, for £2,000 for research on immunological deficiency. That the application succeed was proposed by Mr. Rosenblatt, seconded by Mr. Milne, and agreed by 5 votes to 1.

- 83.31 ACTING HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT: In Mr. Prothero's absence there was no report.

- 83.32 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

BALANCES:	Current Account	6,090.83
	Ordinary Deposit Account	13,688.54
	Fixed Deposit Account	96,000.00
	Research Fund to date:	217,534.48

Notable donations: Armour Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. £500 and Cutter Laboratories £200 towards Seminar Expenses; GRO-D Family £250 (In memory of GRO-A) Research Fund; Dr. Martin Inwood £210 (In memory of GRO-A) GRO-A Research Fund; Executive Trustees GRO-D £1,000 General; GRO-D £62 General; Notts & Derby Group £843.30 General.

Mr. Abrahams also drew the attention of the members of the Executive Committee to the fact that in 1982, the cost to the Society of raising each £1 was reduced by 8% over the average for the past 7 years, details of this will be included in the annual report.

- 83.33 GROUPS: The Co-ordinator reported that all appeared to be well with Groups and that all, with the exception of Sussex, Solent and Great Ormond Street would be attending the Seminar. Distinct dissatisfaction was expressed that Solent Group did not appear to participate in the life of the Society. Accounts had not yet been submitted for the period to December 1981. The Co-ordinator was asked to keep the Executive Committee advised of the position.

- 83.34 WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA: The Chairman reported that he had invited Mr. Rosenblatt and Mr. Prothero to join him in forming the WFH Constitution Committee.

Mr. Milne reported that Armour Pharmaceutical had offered to fund his trip to the WFH Congress in Stockholm. This news was welcomed. Mr. Milne also reported that a letter had been drafted for circulation to all Haemophilia Centre Directors asking about redundant equipment *for our keep to India.*

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CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) North West Group - requested permission to pay the WFH Congress registration fee for Sister Hughes. This was agreed.
- (b) 16 Trinity Street - the Co-ordinator reported that the new telephone system had been installed and that work had started on the redecoration of the offices. A personal friend of the Co-ordinator was doing the work and would do so free of charge. In the light of this the Co-ordinator asked the Executive Committee to consider the carpetting of the front office, **GRO-D** office and his own, at a cost of approximately £2.55 per tile, 134 being required for the job. Mr. Rosenblatt, seconded by Mr. Abrahams, made the following proposal: "That a gift (or cash) to the value of £100 be made available to the volunteer carrying out the redecoration, and that approximately £200 be spent in carpetting 3 rooms at 16 Trinity Street". This was approved unanimously. The Co-ordinator expressed his thanks to the Executive Committee.
- It was further agreed, following a proposal by Mrs. Britten, seconded by Mr. Milne, that £190 be spent for extra storage cupboards, this being necessitated by the re-arrangement of the offices. It was also agreed that Mr. Abrahams and Mr. Rosenblatt would discuss with the Co-ordinator proposals for other equipment which may be required for the office.
- (c) The Co-ordinator reported that a group of Society members in the Surrey area were planning an event to raise funds for LMTC Haemophilia Centre. Since they wished to identify the event with the Society's name, the co-ordinator had advised them that the Executive Committee would be required to approve the expenditure at LMTC. This was agreed to be the correct procedure.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Chairman reported that both Professor Bloom and Dr. Forbes had agreed to form part of the panel at the AGM discussion session. It was agreed that a social worker should be approached as the third person to complete the panel.

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DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 12 APRIL 1983 at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. at the White Hall Hotel, Montague Street, London, WC1.

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