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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY  
held on 13 September 1984 at 6.30 p.m. in the Senator Room, Kennedy Hotel,  
London, NW1.

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

## AGENDA

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| 84.91  | Apologies for absence.                        |
| 84.92  | Minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 1984. |
| 84.93  | Matters arising.                              |
| 84.94  | Blood Products Sub-Committee.                 |
| 84.95  | Case Committee.                               |
| 84.96  | Research Grants Committee.                    |
| 84.97  | Administration Sub-Committee.                 |
| 84.98  | Treasurer's Report.                           |
| 84.99  | World Federation of Hemophilia.               |
| 84.100 | Local Groups.                                 |
| 84.101 | Co-ordinator's Report.                        |
| 84.102 | Any other business.                           |
| 84.103 | Date and place of next meeting.               |

84.91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Holliday.

84.92 MINUTES of the meeting held on 9 August 1984, which had been circulated in advance, were approved as correct.

84.93 MATTERS ARISING:

(a) R.G.Macfarlane Award: The wording of the citation was agreed and it was reported that the presentation would take place on Wednesday 17 October at 5.p.m. in the Haemophilia Centre at the Royal Free Hospital. It was confirmed that Professor R.G.Macfarlane, The Society's President, would be present.

(b) Future development of Groups: It was noted that many Groups had expressed a supportive interest in the paper circulated for discussion at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 September.

(c) A.I.D.S. Monitoring of the A.I.D.S. position continues and the position in the UK remains unchanged as far as people with haemophilia are concerned. It was noted that a new HAEMOFACT would be issued in the near future.

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*John Prothero and David Waller*

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BLOOD PRODUCTS SUB-COMMITTEE: Mr Milne reported that since the last meeting he had met with two officers from the Department of Health and Social Security. Discussion had focused on the progress of the Blood Products Laboratory development. This was reported to be on target. There were some questions relating to the supply of plasma to the completed plant and Mr. Milne was looking further into the plasmapheresis situation and would report further to the October meeting. He also still hoped to meet with BPL staff concerned with the packaging of products.

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CASE COMMITTEE: The Co-ordinator reported that the Case Committee had met earlier in the day. The following recommendations were placed before the Executive Committee:-

(a) That a grant of up to 50% of telephone installation costs be awarded to a family with factor X deficiency in the Midlands.

(b) That a grant of £50.00 towards holiday costs be awarded to a member in the North who has severe haemophilia A and epilepsy.

(c) That a grant of £50.00 towards holiday costs be made to a member from the North with factor V deficiency.

(d) That a grant of £40.00 be made towards the cost of participation in the North Wales Adventure Holiday by a young person from the North.

That those recommendations be approved were proposed by Mr. Milne, seconded by Mrs Lewis, and agreed unanimously.

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RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITTEE: The Chairman reported on the deliberation of the Research Grants Committee which had met earlier in the day when the following applications were discussed:

(a) Dr. G. Savidge, St Thomas' Hospital, London: Detailed consideration was given to the replies received from the Medical Advisory Committee concerning the application (see 84.71). After careful examination it was agreed unanimously that this project should not be funded for a further year and this recommendation will be made to the Council.

(b) Dr. F. E. Preston, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield: The recommendation of the Grants Committee to refer this application to the Medical Advisory Panel was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee and this decision will be referred to the Council for ratification.



(c) Mrs. Littlewood, University of Cambridge: The Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation not to fund the travel costs of Mrs Littlewood in a visit to Toronto, Canada, to study the haemophilic dogs there. This will be the recommendation to the Council.

84.97 ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE: Mr. Rosenblatt reported that while the Sub-Committee had not met, he was continuing to explore the question of computerisation. It was agreed that the matter be deferred meantime in view of the financial position.

84.98 TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Prothero reported that balances on the various bank accounts were as follows:

Current Account	£2,928.38
Ordinary Account	£13,416.74
Special Account	£70,000.00

Mr. Prothero regretted that he was not yet in the position to produce a statement of account for the first six months in order that an accurate financial position be determined. The Chairman cautioned members of the Executive Committee on the likely position and called for members to put their minds to the matter of expanding income to the General Fund. It was recognised that the present position was occasioned by the expansion of the Society's activities on behalf of members and it was agreed that increased income was the only approach to be pursued now. Various ideas were discussed and the financial situation will form the major agenda item at the October meeting of the Executive Committee. Notable donations from 1 May were noted as follows:-

Amounts to the Research Fund

In memory of Norman Pattison £214.00, In memory of Mr. Hopkins £100.00, H.M. Calver (Estate) £442.00, Halifax Building Society £60.00, F R & V Stevens £75.00, In memory of G Burt £160.00, Mrs A Freeman £63.00, R W & J Towell £95.00, Musical Chairs for Charity £500.00, T.V.S. £150.00, Imperial Life £50.00, Mrs R Thorley £85.00, A A & M A James £297.00

Amounts to the General Fund

Podde Trust £100.00, Hedley Foundation £500.00, E.J. Davies £50.00, Mrs P Knight £100.00, C & M S Hamidi £215.00, Worcester Lions £69.00, Austin Rover £50.00, Joseph Lucas Trust £50.00, Gerald Bentall Trust £100.00, Robert Fleming & Co £500.00, C & A Charitable Trust £100.00, Speywood Laboratories (WFH) £1000.00, Christadelphian Samaritan Fund £100.00, Penham Charitable Settlement £200.00, Bryan Lancaster Trust £100.00, Hanover Insurance £364.00, Inchape Charitable Trust £200.00, St Philips Young Phoenix £170.00, Anon £50.00, Patients Aid Association £100.00, Boots Charitable Trust £350.00, Stagers £50.00, Kleinwort Benson Ltd £500.00, Grove Charitable £1000.00.

Groups have made the following donations:

Merseyside Group £800.00, Ladywood £1500.00, Colchester £600.00,  
Northern Ireland £2000.00, South Wales £750.00, Scottish £1000.00,  
Tayside £600.00, Northern £500.00, North West Group £1000.00

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WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA:

(a) XVI Congress in Rio de Janeiro: Mr. Rosenblatt and Mr. Milne reported on the Congress - reports will be published in THE BULLETIN in due course.

(b) Classification of Centres: Detailed discussion took place on the WFH proposals for the classification of Haemophilia Centres. The Executive Committee endorsed these proposals unanimously and asked that this view be presented at the Centre Director's Meeting on 27 September in Cardiff. Mr. Milne and Mr. Prothero will do so.

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LOCAL GROUPS: There was nothing to report.

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CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

(a) It was agreed that the Co-ordinator visit:-

- (i) The AGM of the Irish Society in Dublin on 13 October, and
- (ii) The AGM of the Northern Ireland Group in Belfast on Saturday 27 October.

(b) The Co-ordinator reported that he was continuing the dialogue with the Administrators of St Thomas' Hospital regarding conditions at the Haemophilia Centre there. This would be the subject of a more detailed report in the near future.

(c) It was agreed that a new leaflet be prepared to replace HE HAS HAEMOPHILIA which is now out of print.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Presentation to **GRO-D** It was agreed that the Executive Committee would, at their own cost, entertain Mr & Mrs **GRO-D** to dinner on Thursday, 15 November. Mrs **GRO-D** would be presented with a cheque representing the balance of the monies donated as her farewell presentation.

(b) It was noted that Mrs Holliday had intended to request the establishment of a national fund for the North Wales Adventure Holiday. The item was deferred to the October meeting.

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DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11 October 1984, at 6.p.m. for 6.30 p.m. in the Senator Room, The Kennedy Hotel, London, NW1.

**GRO-C**

11 October 1984