

BHLTA AGM
Tuesday 12th January 2010
Holiday Inn Express, Stansted Airport

In attendance:

David Walker (chairman), Roy Stevens (treasurer), Barry Mathews, Graham Marsh.

Apologies:

Judith Burgess (secretary), James Baxter, Janice Taylor and Joan Whitney

Minutes of last meeting held on 7th November 2008:

Had been emailed to all before meeting

Matters Arising:

Barry suggested that a representative from Harefield should attend these meetings

Chairman's report:

As part of my EHLTF duties DW attended a European Patients Forum (EPF) meeting in Gothenburg to discuss how to promote patient involvement with health matters. It was pleasing to note that for once the UK is ahead of Europe in this regard.

See EHLTF report below.

Treasurer's report:

Current assets..... £5,937.33 (2008 – 09 = £5,255.33)

Secretary's report:

Judith had sent her apologies and no report could be given.

Individual hospital reports:

FREEMAN

Freeman will be celebrating 25-years of transplantation in May 2010. They have completed over 1,500 transplant operations.

GM is organising a golf day.

There is a new transplant unit at the hospital.. In common with most centres they are performing more lung transplants than hearts.

PAPWORTH

They have few LVAD's.

There is multiple use of the clinic and day ward.

Visitors to this are rare, unlike the tour of the transplant unit provided to us by JT at Wythenshawe.

HAREFIELD

Again the hospital is performing more lung Tx than hearts.

However, they have the largest LVAD program in UK over 20 currently in use.

Update on 2010 Games – Vaxjo, Sweden. 30th June – 4th July

DW asked if the Association should now pay for replica trophies for both Geoff Finnigan Cups, male and female. It was agreed we would decline.

All had received the Vaxjo invitation documents.

We agreed not to provide any additional sponsorship.

DW confirmed the age categories and said that the proposed 70+ age group was to be further reviewed by the EHLTF after Vaxjo games.

EHLTF General Assembly:

DW is seeking re-election to the Management Committee of the Federation (his final 3-year term which would end in 2013)

DW asked for a volunteer to represent GB at the GA and BM agreed.

Report from EHLTF:

ACTI, the Italian transplant association has re-joined the Federation and paid the full fee for 2009

(It has been agreed that we must all look forward and not rake over the past).

DW attended a World and European Organ Donor Event in Berlin on 26 September last year.

Both Croatia and Slovakia are waiting to formally apply for Provisional Membership of the Federation.

Romania and Slovenia are trying to form national associations/

Lithuania has few heart transplants but are very interested in starting a group.

Germany with so many possible transplant competitors has no association and although the Federation has spent a lot of time in meetings with various representatives a untied German association seems unlikely.

There is a proposal that the Netherlands will host the next Games in 2012. However, confirmation of this is due by 1 February when Andre Lassoij is reporting back.

Any other business:

The constitution requires the election of officers to the Association. DW was re-appointed chairman and RS was re-appointed Treasurer. JB was re-appointed Secretary in her absence.

DW agreed to continue as GB-Team Manager.

It was reported that Mike Whiteside (previously Treasurer to TSUK) after a long illness died in September 2009. His position as chairman of the Transplant Patients Trust has been taken by Mike Wixey from Papworth (ex-Chairman of TSUK).

Date of next meeting:

To be held in Manchester in October/November 2010.

22/11/2012

DW