

British Heart & Lung Transplant Association

Annual General Meeting

30th November 2010

Wythenshaw Hospital, Manchester, M23 9LT

Present: David Walker (Chair), Judith Burgess, Charles Gambrill, Maggie Gambrill, Janice Taylor and Joan Whitney.

Apologies were received from: James Baxter, Barry Matthews and Roy Stevens

Minutes of the previous meeting: Joan Whitney proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. This motion was carried.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Chairman's report

- David Walker began his report by paying respects to Graham Marsh.
- David informed the meeting that he has been re-elected as Secretary of the European Heart & Lung Transplant Federation (EHLTF). This will be his last term in office as he will not be able to stand for the post again.
- David went on to say that he will probably resign from this post in 2012 and asked if there is anyone whose name could be put forward to join the EHLTF committee as the British representative.
- David agreed to send out an article outlining what is required for an EHLTF representative
- David informed the meeting that he had attended and organ donor rally in Slovenia and that this had coincided with World Organ Day.
- He reported that he had also travelled to Dublin for their celebrations of 25 years of Heart Transplantation in Ireland.
- There was some discussion as to what would be the best date and venue for future Annual General Meetings. It was suggested that this could possibly be held before or after the British Transplant Games. It was agreed that this idea should be discussed with each Association. Judith agreed to put this on the BHLTA and FHLTA websites.
- There was some discussion as to whether we should put in a bid to host the 2014 or 2016 European Games. It was questioned as to where we would hold this event as London could prove to be an expensive venue.
- Bids for the 2016 Games have to be in by January 2013. These bids are comprised of a document which includes letters of support from local councils etc.

Treasurer's report

- In the absence of the Treasurer, Roy Stevens, a copy of the accounts were circulated to all in the meeting.
- The balance @ 18.10.10 = £4712.40 less £1542.00 which is to be refunded to the FHLTA. True balance = £3170.40

- Judith proposed that the mileage allowance be increased to 40p per mile as this is the current rate. Charles seconded this motion and all were in agreement. This is to take immediate effect.

Secretary's report

- Judith informed the committee that she has now taken over the website and has brought it up to date.
- Judith requested that we update all our stationery with our new logo which would include headed paper, compliment slips and expense sheets. All were in agreement with this.

Report from each hospital

Freeman

- Judith reported that the Freeman have recently celebrated 25 years of heart transplantation. The celebrations included a dinner, followed by a conference programme.
- There was also a Golf Day, organised by the late Graham Marsh which had been a huge success and had generated a substantial amount of money.
- She went on to say that the building of the new UK Transplant Centre is now well under way.

Wythenshaw

- Janice reported that the charity continue to support the work of the unit

Papworth

- Maggie reported that Papworth had celebrated 25 years Heart & Lung transplantation.
- She informed the committee that Papworth will soon be moving to the Cambridge Bio-medical campus, also known as Addenbrookes.

Harefield

- David reported that Harefield had recently held their Annual Dinner which had been a huge success and went on to inform the committee the numbers of transplants carried out this year: Hearts – 9, Lungs – 47 and LVAD – 30.
- He went on to say that the numbers on the list is going up but the number of donors is going down.

Review of the European Games

- It was agreed that the 2010 European Games in Sweden had been very well organised.
- It has been approved that all Games of Badminton should be to 21.
- It has been suggested that Table Tennis and Badminton singles and doubles events should be classed as one event not two.
- There were 430 in attendance at these Games plus the Local Organising Committee.

Update on the European Games 2012

- The 2012 European Games are to be held in Apeldoorn, Holland (2 hours South East of Amsterdam) from 27th June to 1 July 2012.
- The main organiser of these Games is Andre Lasaj

Sports Kit

- It was agreed that we should purchase white t-shirts/vests with the BHLTA logo for Volleyball. Judith agreed to make enquiries about these.
- Maggie suggested that we invest in some new sports kit, tracksuits etc for the team as it was felt that we didn't look like a team.
- Judith went on to say that whilst she agreed with this in principle, this may prove too costly for some of her team members.
- It was agreed we should discuss this matter further at a later date. In the meantime Maggie agreed to make some enquires about costs etc.

Election of Officers

The following people were re-elected:

Chair – David Walker – proposed by Judith Burgess, seconded by Joan Whitney
Secretary – Judith Burgess – proposed by David Walker, seconded by Joan Whitney
Treasurer - Roy Stevens – proposed by David Walker, seconded by Charles Gambrill.

Any other business

- It was agreed that membership subscriptions to the BHLTA should remain at £500 per annum.

Date of next meeting: To be arranged

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