

British Heart & Lung Transplant Association

Annual General Meeting

26th March 2012

Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester M23 9LT

Present: David Walker (Chair), Judith Burgess, Nick Condon, Charles Gambrell, Maggie Gambrell, Alan Lees, Barry Matthews, Roy Stevens, Janice Taylor and Joan Whitney.

Apologies: There were no apologies all were present.

The Chairman, David Walker opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for giving up their time. Following this each member introduced themselves in turn.

Minutes of the previous meeting

- Joan Whitney proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Roy Stevens seconded this motion.

Matters arising

- There were no matters arising

Chairman's report

- The Chairman, David Walker, confirmed that although delayed this meeting was the official AGM for 2011, which should have been held in October.
- David told the meeting that Britain had put in a bid to host the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games in 2014 and that this has been accepted.
- David informed the committee that he is due to stand down from his post as Secretary of the European Heart & Lung Transplant Federation (EHLTF) as he will have served the 9 years which are allowed.
- He went on to say that he has been nominated to serve as the Chairman for his remaining 1 year and that it has been proposed the Brendan Gillingan will take over the post as Arnold Pohl has resigned due to ill health.
- Due to this the EHLTF are looking for a new member to serve on their Management Committee and David asked Judith Burgess if she would be willing for her name to be put forward to take on the role as Secretary of the EHLTF.
- Judith said she was happy to do this.

Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer, Roy Stevens, circulated a statement of accounts.
- At the end of our financial year 30.9.11 the balance of the account was £5,888.27.
- The balance @ 26.3.12 = £6996.36 less expenses occurred for this meeting.

- Roy went on to say that he wished to resign from the post of Treasurer and was duly thanked for all his hard work and time he has given to the BHLTA.

Secretary's report

- The Secretary, Judith Burgess, informed the committee that we are in the process of re-vamping our website.
- She went on to say that this is due to the software, 'FrontPage', which we have been using being no longer in use.
- As the FHLTA have been using the same form of software their website has also had to be revamped and the cost of updating our website has been added to the cost of theirs at approx £800.

BHLTA committee changes

- As reported previously, Roy Stevens has expressed a wish to resign as Treasurer and due to this Nick Condon was duly elected as our new Treasurer with immediate effect.
- David Walker was proposed by Barry Matthews and seconded by Joan Whitney to stand as Chairman again and was duly elected.
- Judith Burgess was proposed by Barry Matthews and seconded by Maggie Gambrell to stand as Secretary again and was duly elected.

Reports from Hospitals

Wythenshawe

- Janice Taylor reported that there had been 44 transplants in the year, 26 lungs and 18 hearts.
- There are a number of VAD patients and one patient's heart had fully recovered after having their VAD removed.

Freeman

- Joan Whitney reported that the new Institute of Transplantation has recently opened at the Freeman Hospital and Ward 38 is the new ward for all forms of transplant patients.
- Joan went on to tell the meeting that Stephen Clark is the new Director of Transplantation at the Freeman Hospital.
- David Robinson, a long serving member of both the British and Freeman Transplant Sports team has been awarded the MBE for all his time and effort he has given raising the profile of the Organ Donor Register and transplantation.

Harefield

- Alan Lees reported that André Simon is the new Director of Cardiology at Harefield hospital.
- He went on to say that Harefield hospital run a successful VAD programme.

Papworth

- Maggie reported that Papworth have not yet moved to the Cambridge Bio-medical campus but when they do they will still be known as Papworth.
- Maggie went on to tell the committee that Karen Hodgson will be running the London Marathon and she will be the first heart transplant to do so.
- Maggie told the committee that she had been invited and attended a reception, which was held at St James' Palace, London to celebrate the 2000th transplant at Papworth.

European Games

- There are 31 competitors and 22 supporters attending the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games in Apeldoorn.
- The breakdown of these are as follows:
Freeman – 19 competitors and 13 supporters
Harefield – 4 competitors and 5 supporters
Papworth – 7 competitors and 3 supporters
Wythenshaw – 1 competitor and 1 supporter
- There are pin badges available for each competitor but we will need to order more for 2014.
- Egg cups etc with the union flag on have been purchased as a gift to the host country of the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games.
- There will be 3 hotels for the competitors and supporters, all within 15 minutes from each other.
- Each hotel is approximately 20 minutes from Apeldoorn Centre.
- David gave a brief rundown of each of the facilities.

Sports kit

- After much discussion it was agreed that the BHLTA would provide a tracksuit, a red polo shirt and a white technical shirt for each competitor.
- It was agreed that if supporters wish to have kit they must purchase these themselves.
- It was agreed that Maggie should deal with this and would ask if it would be possible for each individual to order their own kit with and the cost paid centrally.

Representative at General Assembly

- It was agreed that Judith should attend this as she has agreed to be nominated for the EHLTF management committee.
- However, it was agreed that Barry should attend if Judith is playing sport at the time of the meeting.

London 2014

- A leaflet has been designed which will be given out to all going to Apeldoorn.
- A draft copy of this was circulated.

- A registered company has been set up for the 2014 Games and will be known as LG2014 Ltd.
- A bank account has been opened with HSBC.
- Each hospital affiliated to the BHLTA has been sent a letter asking for funding towards these Games.
- The website for these games will be www.ehltgames.com
- David Walker is the Chair of the Local Organising committee
- A Sports Manager, Catering Manager and Transport Manager is still required.
- There is to be a letter sent out to members requesting sponsorship from Companies that that they or their families have involvement with.
- The British sport in 2014 is to be Archery.
- David asked for a volunteer to be Team Manager for 2014.
- Judith and Nick volunteered for the Local Organising Committee.

Date of next meeting: October 2012 at Wythenshawe hospital.

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