

GUY'S & ST.THOMAS' KIDNEY PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
14 JANUARY 2006**

Present:

Trevor Cook
Kate Cushion
Philip Anderson
Teresa Durkin
Richard Baldwin
James Duncan
Laila Patel
Charmian Robins
David Edwards
Maggie Loughran
Stipo Jurcevic

In attendance:

John Scoble

Apologies:

Ann Cooper
Caroline Morris
Jon Benson
Kirstie Black
Charlotte Langley

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes Agreed as read.

Matters Arising:

Website and Database – these are nearly up and ready to go – James to present an overview later in the meeting. Refurbishment of Astley Cooper and Richard Bright Wards – there have been slight delays in the gradual change-over – the former Patience Ward is ready – 18 months timescale overall. Laila and Maggie reported that the Christmas Fayre raised £145 for Xmas draw tickets and £146 of takings – a good result for us as the Fayre was more of a vehicle to raise awareness of the KPA.

Trevor has been busy travelling to Pembury, and has met with Jon, Kirstie, and Tina in the Out Patients Dept.

Transplant Games:

These are to be held 17 – 20 August 2006 in Bath. Agreed to invite Children's and Adult Team Managers to next meeting to review the amount of money we provide. It appears we are still awaiting a report in support of our funding on last year's Transplant Games – Teresa to chase. A tour around the Evelina Children's Hospital to be arranged for KPA Executive Committee. KPMG have approached Maggie to fundraise for a particular project – the Transplant Games would appear to be appropriate for this.

Sub-Committees:

The various Sub Committees are under formation and meetings to go ahead shortly – reporting back to Main Committee.

Re-launch:

Social Sub-Committee will deal – date to be agreed – some time in March at a venue near Guy's – suggestions – Avonmouth Centre in Borough High Street, who have a number of different rooms at different prices. John Scoble suggested involving Gaynor Smith from Modernisation Project – We will do a mail out to Chairs of all UK KPAs – John Scoble agreed that the Unit will do a mail-out of all patients.

Database and Website Presentation:

James gave an over-view of the progress so far – www.gsttkpa.org is the web address – the templates are prepared and now available to view – featuring the new logo – contributions for the content would be welcome, and currently comprise: an introduction from Trevor, committee list, forthcoming dates, donation page, latest news, etc and a newsletter page will be available electronically therefore cutting down on printing costs.

Constitution:

Discussion of draft constitution with slight amendments an up-dated version will be produced for agreement at the next Committee Meeting. The updated version has to be approved by the Charity Commission.

Suggestions for a President – John Scoble suggested Lord Biffin as he is a patient of Guy's and active in House of Lords. Agreed that the Committee to write to Lord Biffin and/or ask to meet him.

Free Membership:

Discussion of how free membership would be administered – we do not wish to disadvantage anyone financially by making membership free – Those who are current life members or who pay their membership by standing order will be offered a full refund – they may as an alternative wish to make a donation instead, along the lines of "Membership is free, but you may wish to support us by making a donation or standing order.". Discussion of NKF membership and how this would be affected – Philip said there must be precedent with other KPAs who have gone down the free membership route – he will endeavour to find out the cost implication.

Pembury:

John Scoble gave some background regarding NHS services in SE London - in future all SE hospitals will not offer all the services. The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich is vastly in debt – built under the Public Finance Initiative, it is struggling to pay the required £50m per year back to the PFI.

There are funding implications affecting Pembury Hospital – Essentially there are plans to re-build Pembury but the cost that the PFI would charge each year to keep it running could be prohibitive.

Pembury Satellite Unit is still a very effective unit but conditions have deteriorated over the years. The KPA may wish to contribute to a refurbishment as part of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the unit. It was originally built as a 7 station dialysis unit – it is now used for transplant and low clearance clinics, etc. in addition to an 11 station dialysis unit.

Committee agreed to donate £5,000 for refurbishment.

Financial:

Discussion of accounts and budgets produced by Philip.

£1,600 was raised from the Christmas draw – the prize winners were very pleased with their prizes – delivered by Philip.

£868 was raised by a sponsored run in HMP Swaleside, organised by Peter Elsagood (whose daughter Trudy has recently had a transplant) – Philip attended a presentation and was a temporary guest "at Her Majesty's Pleasure" for the day.

The KPA funded research salary for Tony Farrer finishes in June 2006 – discussion with Stipo as to future funding.

London Marathon

A Consultant within the Unit, Rachel Hilton, is running the Marathon – this will be a good marketing opportunity for fundraising within the Unit and wider within the Trust.

Donation of £1,155 received from Vivienne Edgely raised from various events – Vivien continues to work hard for the KPA.

There was a discussion of shares donated to the KPA – the Company produces telephone directory systems and SMS messaging for NHS Trusts. The shares have again dropped in price and presently stand at 19.5p per share. Philip will put a paper together with recommendations for discussion at next general meeting.

Any Other Business:

Bromley Little Theatre is hosting a production of “Metamorphosis” on 16 March at 7.45 – all proceeds to the KPA. Kate has 108 tickets to sell @ £7.00 – we will also be organising a raffle/drinks – agreed that the Committee will share the sale of tickets between them – John Scoble suggests selling in Pembury as Bromley patients attend there.

David Leaback will be staging another production in Guy’s Chapel on 17 March at 5.30 pm – he will be sending a flyer through to Maggie with further info.

Research Update:

Stipo asked regarding the status of the short term funding granted as part of the Sarah Agboola Memorial Fund – Philip reported that these have now been agreed – it is conditional on all grants that we have regular feed-back to Committee.

MEETING CLOSED : 12.05 PM
DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 22nd APRIL 2006 AT 10.30 AM
VENUE : RENAL SEMINAR ROOM, 4TH FLOOR
THOMAS GUY HOUSE