

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, HASLEMERE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Tuesday 20th April 2010

Committee members present:

Leo Cash (Acting Chairman), Rachel Sligo-Young, Anna Austin (Hon.Secretary).

Also present:

Christopher Hinton (Chief Executive), Carol Fowlie (Director of Clinical Services), Diana Marshall (Finance Director), Sister Mary Agnes, Sister Mary Geraldine, Fay & Michael Foster, Ann McIntosh, Joe MacDonald, Judith & John Wharton, Gill Kenny, Jan Fellingham, John & Stella Wardell, Mary May

Apologies:

Charles Sommer (Chairman), Karen Sommers, Jamie Sehmer, (Treasurer) John Mockeridge, Michele Arkell-Hardwick, Hilary Smith, Sue Mitchell, Anne Clissitt, Margery Purdon, Fr.Tony Lovegrove, Pauline McCausland.

THE MINUTES OF THE AGM on 29th April 2009 were accepted – (proposed by Leo seconded by Jan)

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Leo reported that this time last year 2 new committee members had joined the Friends. Rachel Sligo-Young who writes the Newsletter and Anna Austin who is Hon Secretary. Sue Mitchell will be formally accepted later.

Leo thanked Charles for the work he had done during the year.

Every member of the committee is motivated by concern for each of the patients and admiration for the staff and all the work they do.

The Golf day raised £5000 and will be held this year on 16th September.

The Sponsored walk was a success thanks to Jamie and raised £2000

The Wineman's Bluff was also a great success thanks to Karen and Charles Sommer who held it in their barn and Roger Austin for putting the venue together raised £1,020. This year we hope to hold it again in November in the hall of the Catholic Church in Haslemere.

The bridge evening had a sell out. Many thanks to Michele and Geoffrey Arkell-Hardwick and raised £1275

The Boxing Day Fun Run raised £1750 thanks to Matt Dellar and his friends.

FUTURE EVENTS

Golf Day 16th September

Sponsored walk 17th October

Tennis Tournament – date to be confirmed

Wineman's Bluff – date to be confirmed

There will not be a Bridge Supper this year.

The Friends will continue to support financially the activities for the patients.

£10,000 was given to the Senses Garden, in addition to the £20,000.

£5000 will be given annually for equipment such as the winching system.

Verity Foster will be to paid to play again

Anne McIntosh who does all the shopping for the patients would be very pleased to have help. If anyone would like to do this contact Anne. Leo thanked her for all her hard work.

Leo reminded the Friends that we are still looking to increase the membership which is currently standing at 106 the target is 200.

Finally Chris Wyatt was resigning from the Committee and would not be re-elected.

Leo thanked her for all the work she has done.

THE TREASURERS REPORT – year to 30th September 2009:

In Jamie's absence Leo referred to the printed Accounts and the written report.

Fundraising events this year raised £12,247, almost the same as last year; the largest amount (£5,095) came from the Golf Day.

Donations totalled £3,112. The majority of our money is invested with CAF Bank but, not unexpectedly, interest income is considerably reduced to £797 and will be almost nothing in 2010. We caught up on Gift Aid claims and have received £2,232.

Payment for presents to patients £400.

Hospital Amenity Fund £5,000.

The Sensory Garden Fund £20,000 and a commitment to a further £10,000 in 2010.

We have set aside £4,000 per annum towards the cost of a new ambulance but this will be reduced to £2,000 p.a. in the future.

Under the Charities Act, we have to submit a more formal set of accounts to the Charity Commission and these accounts have been audited. However, the committee are of the opinion that the format used historically provides more information on our activities and this is the format in which we shall continue to report to the AGM.

REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL

On behalf of the Hospital Carol Fowlie thanked the Friends for their hard work in raising the funds for the Senses Garden which has been a great benefit for the patients. Carol

gave us a very interesting presentation on how the Senses Garden is set out explaining the various parts to it and its benefit to the patients and families who come to visit them.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The Constitution requires a third of the Committee to retire each year. Chris Wyatt has resigned. There is therefore a vacancy.

Charles and Jamie are willing to continue in their respective offices of Chairman and Treasurer. Anna has agreed to do one more year as secretary.

The election of the committee was approved and all in favour of the members and Sue Mitchell as a new member.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded.

Refreshments were served, kindly provided by the Hospital.