

FRIENDS OF HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, HASLEMERE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**held on
Wednesday 13th April 2011**

Committee members present:

Charles Sommer (Chairman), Jamie Sehmer (Treasurer), Sue Mitchell, Rachel Sligo-Young, Anna Austin (Hon.Secretary), John Wharton

Also present:

Christopher Hinton (Chief Executive), Carol Fowlie (Director of Clinical Services), Diana Marshall (Finance Director), Sister Rosemary, Sister Mary Geraldine, Joe MacDonald, Gill Kenny, John & Stella Wardell, Mary May, Jeremy Taylor

Apologies:

Leo Cash, Anne Clissitt, Fay & Michael Foster, Jan Fellingham, Fr.Tony Lovegrove
Ann MacIntosh, Mrs M E Biron, St Mary Agnes, Marie Glover, Karen Sommer

THE MINUTES OF THE AGM on 20th April 2010 were accepted – (proposed by Stella Wardell and seconded by Gill Kelly)

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked the Committee members for their hard work during the year

Gill Kelly was congratulated for being awarded the Badge of the Order of Mercy by the League of Mercy Foundation.

During the year, sadly Pauline McCausland and Hilary Smith died. Both these ladies were great supporters of the Friends for many years and will be sadly missed.

It was another successful year with fundraising and donations raising £18,000.

The Friends have made donations to the Sensory Garden, the Amenity Fund and the purchase specialist equipment.

Matt Delar and friends were thanked for their sponsored run, which raised a significant amount of money to help fund the Woodland Walk.

The Woodland Walk is being officially opened on 8th June by Pippa Greenwood at 11 a.m. All Friends are welcome to attend.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Wineman's Bluff Saturday 18th June
Golf Day Wednesday 21st September
Sponsored Walk Sunday 9th October
Musical Concert date to be arranged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts have been audited and submitted to the Charity Commission. The format of the accounts presented to the Friends is consistent with previous years and provides a better understanding of the activities. They were approved by Jamie Sehmer and seconded by Charles Sommer.

A proposal was put to the Friends that the yearend be to 31st December. This was proposed by Jamie Sehmer and seconded by Charles Sommer. It was approved unanimously. Therefore the next set of accounts presented to the Friends will be for the 15 months to 31st December 2011.

The Treasurer was thanked by the Chairman for the excellent contribution he makes as Treasurer.

REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL

Carol Fowlie a very informative and interesting talk on the pastoral work that is done in the Hospital and funded by the Friends, to stimulate and occupy the patients during the week.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

The Constitution requires a third of the Committee to retire each year. Leo Cash and Michele Arkell-Hardwick are standing down and not seeking re-election.

Two new members have joined the Committee: John Wharton and Marie Glover

Charles and Jamie are willing to continue in their respective offices of Chairman and Treasurer.

Anna Austin is retiring as Secretary. Sue Mitchell is taking over as the new Secretary post the AGM.

The members elected the new committee unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Membership is currently in the 90s and the Friends would like to see it reach 200. The Committee are looking to renew the publicity material and the positioning of this, in order to encourage a larger membership.

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 p.m.
Refreshment was served, kindly provided by the Hospital.