

The National Tremor Foundation

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Holiday Inn, Brentwood, Essex

Saturday 13th September 2014

Apologies for absence

Mary Poore, Tom Schubert, Jan Alonso, Rob Humphrey, Reg Arpthorp, Mary Ramsay, Joan Loxdale

Minutes of 2013 AGM

Proposed by Colin Stranders and seconded by Dennis Watkins, unanimously agreed.

Matters arising

None

Chairman's Report

The Chairman stated that the year had been financially stable and that sufficient funding had had been generated to create a positive outlook, although possible Scottish devolution may cause an uncertain future for overall expenditure.

The website was to be expanded to attract more publicity and a wider range of news items relative to all types of tremors.

Membership will remain free to anyone with an interest in neurological tremors, although it is hoped that many people joining will make a donation.

As further action to raise national awareness Northgate Partners will send an information pack to 10,000 Practice Managers in the UK advertising the work of The Foundation.

Request was made to update the definition of OT in the information booklet and redesign the general leaflet. The Chairman thanked Treasurer and Fundraiser for their work in maintaining the operation of The Foundation.

Treasurer's Report

During the year income generated rose to £106,000 and £85,000 was in the bank account . This figure had reached £117,000 at date of AGM indicating a sound basis for continued services of the Foundation.

The accounts were audited by a professional examiner approved by The Charities Commission.

Proposed by David Spicer and seconded by Jenny Beckingham.

Membership

Total membership was 219 including 49 OT Group.

Administration and Fundraising

The offices continued to be free of rental charges while activities were within the management of The National M E Centre. GS was assisted by his wife to respond to telephone calls and requests for information.

Trust fund applications continued to be the most cost efficient method of searching for grants and had achieved £51,000 to date. Funding was also required for research projects and several applications for support were pending.

Some members had also produced income by making local events such as coffee mornings and talks to Rotary Clubs.

Newsletter

The General newsletter did not attract any interest or contributions from members and production of the old style magazine was too expensive to maintain. The proposed journal would be reconsidered at a later date but would need to be glossy and contain many references to medically related matters. However the OT newsletter edited by Dave Watts might be suitable for incorporating some ET articles in the future.

Website

The site continued to be managed by Tribiq and Chiu Man will search internet for any matters of interest and importance to tremor patients. The web pages to be regularly updated.

Twitter and Facebook

KH explained the development social media sites to expand the contact and information becoming available for general awareness and support.

OT Group Report

JB confirmed that membership had increased to 62 members with OT and another 30 supporters. Efforts are being made to increase public awareness of the specific problems experienced by OT patients.

AOB

General questions were transferred to a period after the main meeting.

Date of next meeting

To be advised but planned for October 2015

Chairman’s closing comments

Chairman thanked everyone who had come to the meeting and who had contributed to helping The Foundation during the year. The meeting had been very pleasant and helpful.

Signed.....

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