



Minutes of the AGM of the National Children's Branch of Myaware

Saturday 28th June 2014. Held at Moat House Hotel, Stoke on Trent

The meeting was opened at 15:00 with a welcome from Gary Collins.

Apologies received from:

Rachel Collins

Stephen Driver

Jerry Thompson

Helen motioned to approve last years minutes.

Chairman's Report

Helen spoke of how all families have had a tough periods over the past year.

Gary noted how our Facebook membership has grown and also how there has been a big branding change to Myaware.

This has raised questions as to how we as a charity identify ourselves.

Gary continued to highlight members success stories, namely Hayden who will hopefully be going to university in September and Jimmy Webster's acceptance into Oxford and his astounding transformation to walking through using Salbutamol.

Treasurer's Report

Garry showed a number of slides showing financial details and breakdown of our account.

Balances were as follows;

March 21st £5818.76

Currently £6177.76

Head Office Derby £34895.55

It was raised that we need to discuss bringing the two bank accounts together as currently Trust and Gift Aid money goes into Derby's account. Alison made a request that the current years accounts were sent out with the AGM Minutes. Helen requested that we see clearly what is coming in and what we are spending.

Thanks to Garry for all his work.

Fundraising

Certificates of thanks were presented to all those who had fundraised.

Nominations and Voting for the 2014-2015 committee

Gary was nominated and seconded for position of chair, not opposed. Alison proposed that Stephen Driver be given the option of the position of Vice Chair which Helen seconded.

Garry Hall was elected for another year as Treasurer. Laura Smith (Galvan) re-elected as Secretary. Ruth elected as Press officer she noted that she deals with outside organisations who can help with PR and can use them for anything significant worth spending on a piece for the national papers and the example given of Jimmy Webster.

Young persons Reps - Lee MG and Hayden CMS

Alison would like to see a group for teenage members so that they are able to have support and role models and also a mentor who can help with any specific issues.

Garry nominated Karen to be the first point of contact for MA new member enquiries through Facebook. The importance of making sure that the enquirer had genuine interest in a Myaware group was highlighted. It was decided a brief protocol needed to be drawn up.

Financing Research

Ruth spoke about the possibility of transferring fundraising money to research. It was noted that we have had a successful fundraising year and that investment into research is beneficial to all those involved and the motion was carried that any excess funds will go to research.

Myasthenic Kids name change

In line with the re branding of Myasthenia Gravis Association to Myaware - Fighting Myasthenia Together it was discussed that a name change would unify and we voted and carried the motion to name change and colour change our logo to Myaware Kids.

Forthcoming Events

The 2015 Family Weekend will take place between 19-21 June. Laura will join Nick, Helen and Gary on the Events Committee. Nick has already started looking into the possibility of a children's activity weekend.

The Children's branch is able to fund regional Christmas theatre trips or gatherings.

The AGM Closed at 4pm