

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of 'virtual' committee meeting held on 13th October 2020

Present

Philip Thompson, Kathie Sharman, George Spencer, Sheila Ireland, Ken Booth, Granville Dransfield, Susan Grant, Doris Wragg, Bronia Warden

1. Welcome

Philip welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Terry Kendall and Ann-Marie Sephton.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020 were agreed as a true record

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. Chair's report

(a) Results of the consultation on restarting

The committee considered the results of the consultation on restarting Parkinson's activities which had been circulated to all branch members in early September. Only 17 responses had been received, four of which were from committee members. Eight members had indicated they would like to restart the exercise classes by the end of this year and five members next year. Two members had indicated they would like to restart the monthly meetings by the end of this year and six members next year. Only four members would be interested in joining a zoom meeting apart from committee members.

After discussion and on advice from Bronia, it was agreed that, as the branch could not ensure the safety of members, no activities would be restarted this year particularly in view of the Barnsley area now being included in a high risk category.

With regard to members joining a zoom meeting, after consideration it was agreed not to pursue this suggestion in view of little member support.

Sheila will include an item in the next newsletter informing members of the results of the consultation and the committee's decision. Doris will write to the members who have responded to let them know the outcome.

(b) Report on regional zoom meeting, 7th October

Philip reported that items discussed at the regional zoom meeting included research, a revised template for SLA's and an update on cash pooling. Up to now nine groups have gone live on cash pooling.

With regard to group AGM's, the Board of Trustees has agreed to waive the requirement to hold in-person 2020-2021 AGM's in the first quarter of 2021. However, letters need to be circulated to branch members explaining this and enclosing the previous AGM minutes, Chair's report and Treasurer's report.

Under the rules, groups are still able to recruit to the committee but there is nothing to cover our branch's situation whereby two committee members are changing places, i.e. Philip is resigning from the post of Chair but still remaining a committee member and Terry is taking over the post of Chair. However, Philip has spoken to Terry and Ann-Marie, who is the Vice Chair, and they have agreed that Philip will send a letter of resignation as Chair to Doris but will still attend the virtual February committee meeting at which Terry can be appointed as Chair as we already have his nomination.

Granville informed the committee that in light of recent events he did not feel that he would be able to continue as Membership Secretary particularly when the monthly meetings resume.

(c) Prioritisation

Philip referred to a questionnaire which Tracy Westgarth had circulated asking members to let her know what issues matter to them the most to enable these to be narrowed down to the top few to be included in the strategy for 2021.

Philip has completed the questionnaire (previously circulated) but there is a link to the survey included in the monthly update from Rose if anyone else would like to respond.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the income and expenditure statement ending 30th September which shows total income of £8,185.40 against total expenditure of £8,900.56 with a total bank balance of £25,925.78.

Philip reported that since the last meeting when he had reported that he had submitted an application for a recovery grant of £2,000, he had been contacted by the SYCF to say that the application was being recommended for approval. Also, the original timeline for spending the grant had been adjusted to November, December and January 2021 due to the delay in dealing with the applications.

7. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

8. Service Development report

Sheila reported that she had cancelled speakers up to the end of the year and would cancel the speaker from Mapplewell health centre who would have been coming in January.

Philip will contact Ian McMillan to ask if he is happy to continue as President next year.

9. Assistant Treasurer's report

George reported that six people had taken the full four hours of respite care at £65.60 totalling £393.60. We should receive the Hospice invoice by the end of the year.

Ken has received a cheque from George for the Zoom meetings which are £14.39 per month.

10. Membership Secretary

Granville reported that staff were now returning from furlough and he had received a membership report for August showing 141 members.

11. Any other urgent and relevant business

No items.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 10th November at 10.30 a.m.

16th October, 2020.

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