Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 12th November 2024

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Kathie Sharman, George Spencer, Alyson Francis, Nishadi Perera, Doris Wragg

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Rose Crawley, Philip Thompson and Ken Booth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Terry reported that he had contacted a lady from the Hallamshire Physiotherapy Clinic who is carrying out a study into augmented reality and she had agreed to meet him at Thursday's Natter Café to see what we might be looking for and what she might be able to do for us. She has recently had a meeting with Strolll, who were going to look at amending the software following feedback from clinics.
- (b) Terry has spoken to Sue Ellam-Rutt and she is happy to serve refreshments at the Christmas Party. The ladies from the Inner Wheel Club who decorate the tables have also agreed to help in the kitchen. Terry has yet to contact the Chronicle photographer.
- (c) Doris will contact BMBC to ask if we can have a stand in the town centre on World Parkinson's Day and if it can be located near the Falco Lounge as it coincides with the Natter Café.
- (d) Terry is away on 13th September next year which is the day of Penistone Show. Ann-Marie also may not be available.
- (e) It was agreed that next year's Christmas Party would be held on Tuesday, 9th December. Terry will contact the Emmanuel to book the rooms.
- (f) Terry has emailed the two firms who have made donations during the year and wish to adopt us as their chosen charity inviting them to the Christmas Party but has not yet received a reply.

5. Rose's updates

Terry reported that Parkinson's UK would be launching their brand refresh next year on Wednesday, 15th January.

6. Chair's report

- (a) Ian McMillan has accepted Terry's invitation to continue as our President and has agreed to be the speaker at the April branch meeting.
- (b) Terry reported that a message had appeared on facebook to the effect that a lady, who says she is Parkinson's UK qualified, was setting up a Parkinson's exercise group in Royston in January. Alison Lofas is looking into this as neither she nor Rose knows anything about it.

7. <u>Treasurer's report</u>

The committee noted the bank statement as at the end of October, which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £33,018.24.

Donations from the Cottage Bakery and Pilley Whist Drive are in the system, together with money from the exercise class.

Secretary's report

No items.

9. Service Development report

Afternoon tea

49 people attended, 3 take-aways

Tenpin bowling

36 people attended, 3 people didn't bowl but had meal. Approx. £40 was collected for the staff but they donated it back to the branch. Terry White was the overall winner.

Golf

1st October - 4 pwp, 3 carers 5th November - 6 pwp, 3 carers

Boxing

18th October - 5 pwp, 5 carers 25th October - 8 pwp, 7 carers 1st November - 5 pwp, 5 carers 8th November - 5 pwp, 3 carers 15th November - 7 pwp, 6 carers

Chris, who runs the boxing sessions, has asked Terry to explore whether the Rotherham and Sheffield groups would be interested in joining now that the sessions are held at Wentworth. Terry will await the outcome of the grant which Chris has applied for before pursuing the matter further.

Speakers

Terry has contacted the Coal Mining Museum regarding the possibility of the CEO attending the branch meeting to talk about pit banners. However, the CEO has left and this now comes under the tutorial group, who are trying to develop a programme and will come back to us.

Terry has also contacted the Experience Barnsley Museum regarding a theatrical cameo that they put on and is waiting for them to get back to him.

Exercise class

Terry reported that members of the exercise class had discussed with Bronia the possibility of moving the class to another day of the week as some were missed due to them falling on bank holidays. Bronia's preference is Thursday but only the upper hall is available, which is not suitable due to the acoustics. The lower hall is available on Wednesday and Friday but Friday would clash with the boxing so Terry will discuss with Bronia and the group the possibility of moving the class to Wednesday.

10. Fundraising report

No items.

11. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	1st Class		2 nd Class	
7 th October	11 pwp	5 carers	8 pwp	4 carers
14 th October	9 pwp	5 carers	9 pwp	4 carers
21st October	No class			
28 th October	10 pwp	5 carers	13 pwp	8 carers

Respite care

Nine carers took 4 hours - £748.80.

Total for October - £748.80.

12. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 149 members on the latest membership list.

13. Webmaster's report

No items.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

The exercise class rota for January was agreed.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th November at 6.30 p.m. at Table Table restaurant, Gateway Plaza.