



Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2005 at Caldecotte Arms, Caldecotte

Present: Alistair Scott, Chairman  
Nigel Hammond, Publicity Co-ordinator  
Dawn Hammond, Membership and Helpline Secretary  
Neil Griffiths  
Mark Hibble

Duration of meeting 70 minutes

Matters Arising:

**Comment from Nigel, the publicity coordinator;**

*MK Kids with Diabetes* has been a great success and has helped to develop friendships and support between children with diabetes and their families. The success of the group is down to our members; in particular the people who organise the events, administration and publicity.

However, we could do more. For example, the staffing levels for children's diabetes care in Milton Keynes are not adequate and fail to meet government guidelines. With a bit of campaigning, we could help the hospital to gain more staff and so offer our children the best available care – particularly outside office hours.

Bletchley Lions Club who helped raise much funding for us last year have lost their key fund-raiser so we need to find other sources of funding. Without funding, we cannot lay on great events. We can only get funding by persuading organisations to donate or by carrying out fund-raising activities.

We are all extremely busy people with careers, children, managing diabetes and many other activities in our lives. By sharing the effort and harnessing the range of skills, talents and qualities of you the parents, we can provide a first-class service so all our children can benefit.

So, just in case I have not been subtle enough for you so far, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!** The next meeting in February will be the AGM, so please come and volunteer your support. I am not asking you to help 'us' – the regulars who come to meetings. I am asking you to do this for your children.

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## 1. Committee

1.1 Sarah Hibble requested reduced duties as Secretary, but remain active within the group. The position will be shared in future with Mark Hibble.

1.2 Alistair offered his resignation as Chairman, which was unanimously rejected.

1.3 Alison Simmons has resigned as Treasurer. The committee would like to place on record a BIG thank you to Alison for all her work and help. Alistair has offered to take on this role as well as being chairman. However, we do not wish to overburden Alistair – so if anyone is willing to take on this role, it would be much appreciated.

1.4 The current nominees to carry on the existing roles are as follows;

Alistair Scott, *Chairman*

Mark and Sarah Hibble, *Secretary*

Dawn Hammond and Clare Scott, *Membership and Helpline Secretaries*

Nigel Hammond, *Publicity Co-ordinator*

If you would like to nominate yourself or any other member for any of these positions, please contact Alistair on 07836 271667 before the AGM.

1.5. New Positions. Can you help?

We are looking for help to fill the following three new positions:

- *Fund-raising Co-ordinator*. To contact Companies and Organisations for funding. Also to co-ordinate fund-raising events.
- *Campaign Co-ordinator*. Reading and Summarising information from Diabetes Campaign Network and distribute to MK Kids members. Write to Hospital and MP's etc to improve Hospital Care.
- *Events Co-ordinator*. To co-ordinate social events, activity weekends, guest speakers etc

You will notice these roles all end with the word 'Co-ordinator'. This means that whichever three people take on these roles will not be left to do all the work themselves – they will just need to take a lead. We can all help each other out.

If you are able to help, please contact Alistair on 07836 271667 before the next meeting (see below). If you are not willing to take on a particular role but would like to help in anyway, please let us know.

## 2. GOAL's for 2005

When fund-raising or approaching companies for funds, we need to have a 'GOAL's list of the things MK Kids want to achieve this year and for the future. But we need some suggestions on how to spend funds, so please contact Mark Hibble with some ideas (big or small.) 01908 218672 or [mark.hibble@hydro.com](mailto:mark.hibble@hydro.com) by next meeting. Suggestions already for discussion-

- Tobogganing - Snowdome
- Grenden Hall - Weekend for families, with possible speaker on Nutrition
- APE World - Activity weekend
- Hire swimming pool with inflatable snake - Newport Pagnell

### **3. XMAS Party**

All thought the party was the best so far. Thank you for everyone attending and helping with the chores. Thank you to Priya's family for the generous cash donation towards the Party's costs.

Next Brewsters 'chat n scoff' is Saturday 12th February at 3:30pm

AGM at Caldecotte Arms on **Wednesday** 23rd February at 8pm. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.