



Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2003

Present: Alison Simmons, Treasurer
Nigel Hammond, Press Officer
Clare Scott, Member
Neil Griffiths, Member

Apologies: Alistair Scott, Chairman
Sarah Hibble, Secretary
Dawn Hammond, Membership secretary

1. Matters Arising:

1.1 Bank Account

Alison, Alistair and Nigel have set-up the bank account. Alison has begun to manage the account.

Now that we have a bank account, Nigel has been able to send the application form off to Diabetes UK so we can exist as a voluntary group under the umbrella of Diabetes UK. This also means that we will be insured, be able to use their charity number and will receive a £100 starter grant.

1.2 Beaver Group

As soon as Nigel receives confirmation from diabetes UK that we exist, he will send a receipt to the Beavers Group for their £47 donation.

1.3 Carnival

Dawn has booked a place on the Milton Keynes Carnival which will take place on the 29th June. It starts at the North Row at about 11:00 and lasts about an hour. Dawn has also ordered 4 rolls of 250 flag day stickers and 20 bags of 20 balloons –free from diabetes UK.

The following action points were agreed:

- **Ladies** taking part to call Diabetes UK to order a free satin sash (Tel - 020 7424 1000) – they only send out one free sash for every person who calls – or wear an MK Kids with Diabetes T-shirt if we can get them ready in time.
- **Clare and Nigel** are going to enquire to see if they can get hold of printed T-shirts.
- **All Children** – are to wear fancy dress.
- **Dawn** is going to ask Jan and other suppliers if they can donate any props or handouts.

1.4 **Milton Keynes Hospital**

Deferred to the next meeting.

1.5 **Market Stall**

We have a use for the market stall offered by Ken Plackett of the Milton Keynes Group of Diabetes UK!

Alistair is sponsoring a team for the Sherington fete on 21st June in the moated grounds of Sherington Manor. It is expected to attract local newspaper and radio journalists as well as over 2000 people.

All funds raised will be donated to charitable village causes from local village groups to the upkeep of the 12th century church!

But even more exciting than that, they have offered us the opportunity to set up a stall for MK Kids with Diabetes.

We talked about various ideas for what to do at the stool such as borrowing a badge maker and various other games.

Action: **Nigel** will e-mail members to see who can help run the stool and if anyone has any ideas or equipment.

1.6 **Race night or promise action**

Deferred to the next meeting.

1.7 **Dickens of a Christmas**

Deferred to the next meeting.

1.8 Meetings

The subject of guest speakers will be deferred to the next meeting and will depend on the turnout to the presentation from Dr Charles Fox on 13th May.

1.9 Suggested ways of spending money raised

To discuss at the next meeting

1.10 Bowling

The bowling evening was a success. Medisense kindly paid £80 for the event to take place.

Action: **Nigel** will put together an article for the Citizen. Clare will draft a letter of thanks to Medisense.

1.11 Brewsters

The next get together is on Saturday 10th May.

2. Library

Our leaflet states that we have a library of equipment and books.

Action:

- **All members** to provide a list of books on diabetes that they are prepared to lend others at the next meeting.
- **Nigel** will order leaflets from diabetes UK

3. School Leaflet

Nigel and Dawn recently met a lady called Enid and her 18-year old daughter who has diabetes. Enid used to run the childrens' group in the past which was a good group but evaporated as the children became adults.

Enid sent a very useful booklet that she had put together with Sister Mary Andrew. The booklet is titled 'Dear Teacher' and is for schools. It is written in a very easy to read style and is also very informative.

Action – Clare is going to get copies of the booklet for all members.

4. **Disability Living Allowance and Carer's Allowance**

We talked about disability living allowance and Carer's allowance. Different people seem to get different amounts in the group. Members are reminded to contact Diabetes UK for excellent guidance on how to fill out the forms. This is a topic worth discussing at another meeting.

5. **Newsletter**

Neil suggested we put together a newsletter for all members. We were not sure how often it should go out so we have decided to pilot one.

Action: **Neil, Clare** will put together some paragraphs and **Nigel** will paste them on to a template. **Alison** and 9-year old **William** will provide an article about the excellent weekend they went on with Diabetes UK.

Any other ideas or articles from other members are welcome!!

6. **The Whip**

As treasurer, Alison wishes to point out that the whip for drinks was used-up at this meeting.

7. **Boys Night Out**

A great time was had at the boys (Dads) night out. Another one will be arranged shortly.

What about the girls (Mums)?

8. **Picnic in the Park**

We will be having a picnic on Saturday 14 June at Emberton Park near Olney at 1:30

Action: **All** - Bring a picnic and games. If the weather is naff, see you at Brewsters instead.

9. **Research**

Nigel updated the group on the interesting talk by Georgina Slack from Diabetes UK in Bletchley about the latest research projects. We discussed how we could raise funds for research.

Clare suggested that we do a sponsored walk with the juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the walk is scheduled for the 5th October so please put that date in your diary as we hope to enter as a team.

Action: Clare to bring the details for the next meeting.

10. Leaflet

Nigel has finalised the leaflet and is putting together a web site:

Action: **Nigel** to put together simple web site which can be replaced later. The web address can then go on the leaflet. Nigel will then approach Kall Kwik who are rumoured to provide printing free for local charities

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Caldecotte Arms at 7:30 on Wednesday 11th June.