

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8th June 2019

Augustine United Church, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL

1. Present
 - 1.1. There were 24 members present and 16 proxy votes (40 total). The quoracy was 30.
2. Thanks from the Chair
 - 2.1. Thanks to Hugh McInnes for all the work he's done on The Wire. We're really grateful.
3. Welcome from Bill
 - 3.1. Apologies: Hugh McInnes and Lynn Fraser
4. Minutes of the 19th May 2018 AGM
 - 4.1. 2018 Minutes handed out and agreed on unanimously as an accurate record.
5. **Chair's Report – Bill Wright, Chair**
 - 5.1. World Fed in Glasgow. Thanks to Nancy Brodie and Susan Warren for their work on the Women's booth. The booth was interactive and drew people in from around the world. We should be proud of having the best stall which was truly inspiring.
 - 5.2. Although we have been busy with the Public Inquiry, we haven't forgotten those not affected by the disaster. Our events programme has something for everyone.
 - 5.3. Our teen sailing event was very successful. We are helping young people with bleeding disorders to build their confidence.
 - 5.4. The Chair highlighted some aspects of the work of the charity.
 - 5.4.1. Thank you to Nancy for her work on the Women's Conference. Noted the idea to incorporate some of the Women's events with family events. Elizabeth Herschell has WhatsApp details – chat to her or Nancy and they can add you to the WhatsApp group.
 - 5.4.2. The CEO gave update on social media and website statistics.
 - 5.4.3. Tracey Stone reminded people to ensure they've ticked the box on Facebook to receive notifications from us whenever we post something.
 - 5.4.4. Feel free to call the office if you have any queries – we're happy to answer.
 - 5.5. Haemophilia Centres:
 - 5.5.1. There are still ongoing issues with the proposed relocation of the Glasgow Adults Centre.
 - 5.5.2. There are also issues with the Glasgow children's hospital which have been well publicised and are impacting on the Haemophilia service. Tracey Stone raised issues with Glasgow Paediatrics and raised how it's discussed frequently in our Facebook Members' Group.
 - 5.5.3. The new children's hospital in Edinburgh is scheduled to open in July. The board are being cautious about the move following the experience of move in Glasgow.
 - 5.5.4. Thanks offered to the Scottish Inherited Bleeding Disorders Network (SIDBN) for work they are doing with the Centres.
 - 5.6. The Chair concluded his remarks by thanking all those who had contributed to the work of the charity over the year. In particular,
 - 5.6.1. Thanks to staff who have dealt with intense pressure in the office.

- 5.6.2.Thanks to Trustees for their commitment and dedication.
- 5.6.3.Thanks to Lynn Black for her service as a trustee as she did not stand for re-election.
- 5.6.4.Thanks to Susan Warren for her 8 years with Haemophilia Scotland; she had recently stood down after time as Deputy Chair and President.
- 5.7. Thanks to the Centres across Scotland and all the hard work they do.
- 5.8. Thanks to June Ward and Louise Forrest for joining us on the sailing trip.

6. **Financial Report 2017/2018 – Dan Farthing-Sykes**

- 6.1. Full details were made available using the OSCR submission.
- 6.2. Overview:

Total receipts: £136,229

Total Payments: £118,250

Net: £17,979

- 6.3. We still have 3 months' reserves untouched.
- 6.4. We've let OSCR know about our cut from the Scottish Government.
- 6.5. Additional strain of Inquiry. We're operating in a tougher environment so need to tighten our belt.
- 6.6. Ian Aitken asked if pharmaceutical companies cut funding because of the Infected Blood Inquiry? Bill Wright replied that the ABPI rules were becoming tighter making it more challenging to secure funding. Pharmaceutical funding is used for non-Inquiry events. We used to do residential weekends, but several companies will only fund 25% of accommodation costs. So, going forward our events are more likely to be in church halls than hotels.
- 6.7. Tracey Stone suggested that when making purchases in the future to ask about the Scottish Government Procurement Grant.

7. **Election of Trustees – Dan Farthing-Sykes, Returning Officer**

- 7.1. Every year at our AGM, the term of office of one third of the elected members of the Board ends. This year, The longest serving 3rd of the board of trustees and co-opted trustees
 - Carolyn McGimpsey
 - Lynne Black
 - James Geekie
- 7.2. We had four nominations.
 - Carolyn McGimpsey
 - James Geekie
 - John Dearden
 - Gregor McInnes
- 7.3. As the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies all four nominated candidates have been elected.
- 7.4. The board must have a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12 trustees.
- 7.5. Structured so that people can get involved. Don't want it to be a clique – think about it if you would like to become a trustee. All current trustees would be happy to talk to you about what is involved.
- 7.6. Bill Wright welcomed Gregor McInnes and John Dearden as trustees.

- 8. Opened the floor up to feedback:

- 8.1. Alistair Yell: He felt his son has been excluded from previous events because of his age and thought more age-appropriate events would be inclusive. The CEO suggested that family events be promoted as being particularly suitable for either primary or secondary school aged children, but it be clear they would all be open to all. Bill Wright noted that it is difficult to accommodate families with a widespread age gap in kids.
 - 8.2. Sheilane Ricot, whose son is 5, suggested there should be opportunities to get kids doing same activities that adults are doing.
 - 8.3. Tracey Stone observed that the Crieff Hydro event worked well. It would be good to repeat it even if money comes from different kitties.
 - 8.4. Iain Gordon-Smith suggested linking up with other charities working with young children.
9. Soft launch of the Scottish Bleeding Disorders Handbook in partnership with the Scottish Inherited Bleeding Disorders Network.
 - 9.1. All members present received a copy and were asked to take a look over it and contact us if any mistakes spotted or to provide for feedback. Members were asked if they wanted to share their stories to be added to provide more context.
10. Bill Wright concluded with thanks to everyone for attending.