



Cri du Chat Syndrome Support Group  
Annual General Meeting, 4th June 2011, Christ the Cornerstone Church, Milton Keynes

### **1. Apologies**

Darren Ayres welcomed families to the conference.

### **2. Matters Arising**

The minutes of the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were accepted with the following amendment:

Caspar Hull was added to the list of committee members and apologies were given for this omission.

### **3. Administrators Report**

The Administrator reported that it had been a good year for the group. We now had 150 members including 10 new families over the last six months.

Two newsletters had been published in the last year and we have also been looking at ways of communicating with our members and registered members. We now have a forum on our website, a Facebook page and the opportunity to ask questions of our Clinical Advisory Group.

Online communication is a very effective tool for us and gives families the opportunity to meet each other virtually.

We have also had the first, of what we hope will be many, regional family get-togethers and we do have grants available for families who want to organise something in their area and can also put you in touch with families and help with the organisation.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

Assets are     £6,914 Current account  
                     £1,236 Membership account  
                     £15,270 Bonus Gold  
                     £15,000 One Year Fixed Rate Bond at 2%

Total: £38,420

The Treasurer reported that, financially, it has been one of the support group's most successful years particularly given the country's overall economic position.

Income was a massive £34,193. This included £10,000 from Penny Smith, via the TV programme "Celebrity Family Fortunes" which was a massive, if unexpected, boost and we are also most fortunate to have benefited from the many fundraisers completing marathons, other runs, mountain climbing, coffee mornings and donations instead of anniversary presents.

Our general administrative costs for the year amounted to £20,007 which included £11,252 for the last family weekend. The Treasurer stressed that the weekend is heavily subsidised by the group in order to ensure that families are able to attend.

Surplus for the year was a very healthy £14,186 which means we are able to plan forward for at least the 2012 events.

The Treasurer announced that 5 copies of the draft accounts were available if members wished to view them and submit questions.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked all families for attending and staying for the AGM. He highlighted that it is important to have volunteers to act as committee members as we need to make sure there are enough people at each meeting to make a decision.

The Chairman also reported that planning for the 2012 Family weekend would begin shortly and that we would welcome any ideas on speakers or venues.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.