



Cri du Chat Syndrome Support Group
Annual General Meeting, 26th June 2010, Christ the Cornerstone Church, Milton Keynes

1. Apologies

There were no apologies. Ray Clarke then welcomed families to the conference.

2. Matters Arising

The minutes of the AGM held on 18th July 2009 were accepted without amendment as an accurate record.

3. Administrators Report

The Chairman read out from the administrators report:

The Administration Office has seen a few changes since the last AGM including a new addition, Andy Santos, who is the husband of Lucy Tetlow. Andy is a fundraiser and helped secure a grant from the children's charity – Happy Days – which helped to pay for the children to go on the trip to Whipsnade today. Happy Days have been incredibly helpful and we are grateful for their support.

The group is pleased to report that through, Just Giving, we have received over £13,000 since we registered in late 2008. This money helps to subsidize the family weekend.

There are now 138 paying members of the group with another 80 families registered. There are also 161 Facebook 'friends' and this networking site has helped us reach families all over the world – many of whom would not have found us normally.

The membership fee is now £10 per year for UK families and covers our basic administration costs.

4. Treasurers Report

Assets are £24,234 made up of bank balances as follows:
 £2,798 Current account
 £1,325 Membership account
 £20,001 Savings

The Treasurer reported that income exceeded expenses by £7,000.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman outlined the changes and achievements of the group over the last year. Special mention was made of the Clinical Advisory Group, which has helped many families with their queries and the Research group which has overseen the group's participation in a number of research projects, including the three year lottery funded research into behaviour, which was now complete. All members should have received a copy of the DVD which was produced as part of this project.

The Chairman reported that the next research project was likely to be on the subject of health and lifelong wellbeing and this would be in conjunction with the University of Cambridge and other syndrome groups. However this project was still in its infancy and more details were likely to be available soon.

The Chairman also highlighted the fact that the support group depended on its members – not only to help us participate in research projects but also to drive the group forward by becoming a committee member.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman: Darren Ayres

Treasurer: Ray Clarke

Committee members: Damian Haywood, Lisa Bowden, Karen Hill, Jane Petty, David Girvan, Marlou Girvan

Proposed: James Smith

Seconded: Patricia Hall

These appointments were agreed unanimously.

The following members volunteered to stand as committee members.

Tom Precious

Vicki McDonald- Noble

Pippa McIntyre

Marion Moth

Proposed: Damian Haywood

Seconded: Liz Todd

These appointments were agreed unanimously and thanks were given to all committee members for volunteering their time and skills.

7. Any Other Business

It was proposed and **agreed** to amend the constitution to reflect that the Charity Commission advises that where annual income does not exceed £10,000 there is no requirement to have accounts independently examined or audited.