

MINUTES OF THE 39th COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE MILLENIUM ROOM, ARDEN HOTEL, COVENTRY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, ON SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2015 AT 14.45

TRUSTEES PRESENT	Mr J Higgins	Chairman – Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr D Marshall	Vice Chairman - SAKA
	Mr M Abbott	Treasurer - Gloucestershire KPA
	Mrs D Abbott	Gloucestershire KPA
	Mr R Price	Six Counties KPA
	Mr W Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mrs A Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA
	Mr M Walker	Leicestershire KPA
	Mr John Burdett	Northamptonshire KPA
	Mrs Vanessa Hardy	Tyneside KPA
	Mr J McGann	NEKPA
	Mr R Sanghani	Derby KPA
	Mr R Van Roon	Six Counties KPA

In attendance	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Assistant Office Manager
	Mrs D Blizard	Senior Office & Accounts Administrator
	Mr N Palmer	Head of Advocacy
	Mr E Maclean	Advocacy Officer – Scotland
	Mrs L Callow	Advocacy Officer - Wales and Northern Ireland
	Mrs K Cresswell	Advocacy Officer – South West England
	Mr M Davies	Advocacy Officer – Midlands
	Mrs S Lines	Advocacy Officer – East of England
	Mrs L Pickering	Advocacy Officer – North East, Yorkshire and Humber

Plus 26 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 51 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

- 623 Welcome and Apologies for absence** - Jim Higgins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from: Barbara Morris – Lancs. & South Cumbria KPA , David Errington – Tyneside KPA, Michael Horton – Coventry & Warwickshire KPA, Ian Cundell – West Riding KPA, David Myers – Royal free Hospital KPA and Nick Flint – Queen Elizabeth Hospital KPA.
- 624 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th October, 2014** - It was proposed by David MacDonald Wessex KPA, seconded by Denise Abbott Gloucestershire KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 12th October, 2014.
- 625 Matters arising** – Kirit Modi stated he did raise the issue regarding the need for renal social workers with Richard Fluck. Renal social workers are losing their jobs as funding for them is not secure. Nicholas Palmer stated social workers were not doing social work but bed management duties, he suggested resolving this by using KPAs to assemble information to be passed to CRG'S and Richard Fluck , he mentioned the British Kidney Patient Association had funds set aside and maybe they could fund the social workers. Sharon Orpen Dudley KPA asked if letters could be sent to all renal units to familiarise them with NKF and see what Renal Social workers were available. Timothy Statham stated this could be tried but was not guaranteed to work. Jim Higgins suggested asking the renal registry for information; Timothy Statham will liaise with the register of renal social workers to see what data they can give.
- 626 NKF Conference 2015 venue and programme** - Tracey Sinclair gave an update on NKF Conference 2015. The Conference will be held 9th – 11th October 2015, the venue will be Hilton Reading Hotel at Reading. This venue was

chosen to encourage more southerly members to attend. The programme this year is based on the theme 'Living Life to the Full'. For the first time on the Friday there will be no Chairman's meeting, in its place will be a quiz. On Saturday in the main conference room there will be a full and varied programme, starting with an NKF update followed by talks on pre dialysis from Jyoti Baharani, consultant Nephrologist, Fergus Caskey from the Renal Registry will talk about how the Renal Registry has improved the life of renal patients, Katherine Griffith GP will be discussing Primary Care, the benefits of exercise with Andy Eddy from Transplant Sport, Rachel Gair will be giving the view of a young patient and living life to the full with Angelo Josef. Chef Lawrence Keogh will be advising on the alternatives to junk food. There will be a Gala dinner Saturday night followed by a disco and an after dinner speaker, this is to be confirmed. Prices were given for the weekend and will be available in the next edition of Kidney Life magazine and on the website. Tracey Sinclair asked everyone to promote this conference as much as possible.

627 Open Forum – Timothy Statham stated he was concerned by Richard Jeavons presentation, he said nothing had been learned, nothing had changed and there was no evidence that anything would happen, the head of Commissioning admitted he knew nothing about dialysis. There were two ways to take this forward, one was with the new APPKG or await the new Executive Committees thoughts. Frank Howarth expressed concern that even at the top they were not listening.

Jim Higgins thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

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