

MINUTES OF THE 37th COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARDEN HOTEL, COVENTRY ROAD, BIRMINGHAM,
ON SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2014 AT 14.45

TRUSTEES PRESENT	Mr K Modi	Chairman – Lister KPA
	Mr J Higgins	Vice Chairman - Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr M Abbott	Treasurer - Gloucestershire KPA
	Mr M Walker	Secretary – Leicestershire KPA
	Mrs A Carter	Leicestershire KPA
	Mrs D Abbott	Gloucestershire KPA
	Miss T Sinclair	Wessex KPA
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA

In attendance	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Assistant Office Manager
	Mrs S Allen	Administrator
	Mrs H Mooney	Accounts Administrator
	Mr N Palmer	Head of Advocacy
	Mr E Maclean	Advocacy Officer – Scotland
	Mr D Crane	Advocacy Officer – North West
	Mrs L Callow	Advocacy Officer - Wales and Northern Ireland
	Mr M Davies	Advocacy Officer – Midlands
	Mrs S Lines	Advocacy Officer – East of England

Plus 19 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 20 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

Kirit Modi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

612 Apologies for absence - were received from: Margaret Parkin – NKF Office Manager, Frank Howarth - NKF President, Jean Aplin – Exeter and District KPA, Sheila Spurr – Chesterfield KPA, Marie Cox – Humberside KPA, David Spensley – St Helier & Surrey KPA, David Marshall – SAKA, Alison Blezard – SESKPA, George Anderson – SESKPA, Barbara Morris – L&SCKPA, Peter Spray – Royal London KPA, Eileen Heaphy – Royal London KPA, Jason Kidd – WLKPA, Guy Hill – NWRKPA, Anne Glover – Southport Kidney Fund, George Brown – Guys & St Thomas KPA and Angela and William Beale – Bristol area KPA.

613 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th October, 2013 - It was proposed by David MacDonald Wessex KPA, seconded by Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 13th October, 2013.

614 Matters arising – After much research It had been discovered that it was not possible for kidney patients to obtain life insurance, if anyone does succeed they are to inform NKF.

615 NKF Conference 2013/2014, venue and programme - Tracey Sinclair gave an update on NKF Conference 2014. The Conference will be held 10th – 12th October 2014; the venue will be Hilton Blackpool Hotel. The programme this year will be based on the theme 'Taking Control'. There will be a Chairman's meeting on the Friday evening followed by a quiz in a room with a pay bar available solely for the use of the delegates of the conference. The usual trade stand exhibition will be available on Saturday with a full and varied programme in the main conference room, to include a talk from Marc Clancy, Consultant Transplant Surgeon, a debate on a hot topic, a cookery demonstration from celebrity chef and kidney patient Lawrence Keogh and a patient journey from pre dialysis to dialysis to transplantation. There will be a Gala dinner on the Saturday evening followed by a comedian and disco. Sunday will see the next council meeting and an open forum to include speakers from Saturday and NKF staff. There will also be free parking at the Hotel. Prices were given for the weekend and will be available in the next edition of Kidney Life magazine and on NKF website. Tracey Sinclair or NKF office is to be contacted if any more information is required.

Kirit Modi then presented Dennis Crane, NKF Advocacy Officer with his retirement gift from the NKF, and thanked him for his hard work and commitment over many years. Dennis made a moving speech on his time with the NKF and the warm applause reflected the appreciation of everyone present. For what Dennis had done to improve the lives of kidney patients. Dennis has served ten years as an Advocacy Officer for the NKF: he will retire this summer.

616 Open Forum – Vanessa Hardy Tyneside KPA spoke about the repatriation of drugs back into hospitals. There was much confusion and many inconsistencies on this subject for patients from area to area. NKF will take this to a national level if needed, for now it is to be monitored locally. Ken Tupling SAKA spoke about problems encountered with appeals against benefit claims, one patient can be turned down whilst an identical claimant can be granted. Kirit Modi requested Nick Palmer to consider this.

Kirit Modi thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

ChairmanDate