



Minutes of the Strand Patient Participation Group AGM held

On Tuesday 20 September 2022

1. Welcome

Norman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies; Dr Burch, Shirley

Minutes of AGM 2019

These were approved. Proposed by Julian and seconded by Graeme.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Chair's report

The last 'real' AGM was in 2019, which seems an age away now, when Rachel and Julie came to speak about their work as Macmillan Nurses in the area.

As the pandemic struck, we were unable to meet, as were many other organisations. However, when things began to get back to some kind of normal, we had some virtual meetings, which at least provided us with information on the Practice. We are certainly indebted to Justin for much of this and Anita for her communications

We have now managed to have a few physical meetings, which has been refreshing and an indication of moving forward.

It has been good to know that our Surgery has been working very hard during this time, contrary to the disinformation which we have been fed by the media. Appointments have been met, albeit often by electronic means rather than face to face, but things are now getting back to normal and it's been good to be kept informed about many of the new ventures Strand Medical has been making in taking on more varied staff with differing specialities.

Thanks to Anita for her constant 'behind the scenes work' and to Justin and Dr Burch for keeping us up to date with all that is happening here.

Norman Taylor

5. Finance

Wendy presented the accounts and explained that we have £692.61 in our account, the same as last year. Below is extra information about our accounts explaining in more detail what we've bought.

It has been three long years, thanks to Covid-19, since this Group held our last face to face Annual General Meeting on 10 September 2019 and there has been a lot of water under the bridge since then as far as Finance is concerned.

In the Minutes to that 2019 AGM I explained that our financial year ended on June 30 and the end of year Accounts showed that at that date we had £1723.96 in the account which was made up of the proceeds of the (2018) Christmas Raffle and several legacies.

This sum of £1723.96 was, as shown in the accounts, as £1692.96 in the Lloyds Bank Account plus a further sum of £31. Cash in hand from book sales

I stated that the invoice for the new screen was presented after 1 July and had at the time of the AGM been paid leaving circa £1400 in the account. There was a great deal of activity during the period from 13 May 2019 when the sum held in the Bank Account was £1692.96 as follows

2nd July 2019

Deposit £47.75 made up as to £31 plus £16.25 taken out of the cash tin for the Strand book sales. Amount in bank then increased to £1740.71.

24th July 2019 Withdrawal of £379. For the TV Screen and bracket leaving a balance of £1361.71.

Three Deposits from book sales in July, August and November 2019 brought the bank balance to £1471.31 which was depleted by £28. Payment for the raffle tickets for the Christmas 2019 Raffle, leaving a balance of £1443.31

The Christmas Raffle was a huge success with all the £1000 tickets sold and deposits totalling £1062.30 were paid in during November and December the difference of £62.30 being made up of donations and book sales. (Some generous patients gave us cash but refused to take a raffle ticket!) I did my best at the time to separate the cash taken from book sales and donations and conclude that £42.50 was received in donations so for all those volunteers who were interested in what we actually took over the period of the raffle it was £1042.50 as per my Treasurer's report to the Committee on 11th February 2020

This brought the balance at Lloyds Bank as at 10th December 2019 to a massive (for a small fund-raising group like ours) £2505.61 reduced by £20 for the registration fee under the Betting Gaming and Lotteries Act 1976 for holding the lottery.

Our generous patients who supported the raffle were of course aware that we were thinking of fund raising for a Doppler and as reported in our February 2020 Newsletter and we also reported that one of Justin's team (Justin being of course our incredibly supportive Practice Manager) had sourced this really useful piece of equipment at a discounted price and in the event, it was purchased for £1938. which after taken into account another deposit of £31 on 10th February 2020 left £578.61. in the bank.

Covid-19 then began to strike with a vengeance and the Accounts for year ended 30th June 2020 reflect this showing a balance brought over of £1692.96 together with income bringing the figure to £2956.61 and the expenditure as detailed above of £2365. leaving a balance of £600.61. In June 2021 this figure had been increased to £640.61 thanks to fund raising on the part of Mrs Jean Blaker of £40. The reduced income reflected the fact that the Christmas raffle was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the accounts for year ended 30th June 2022 which have been signed off by Mrs Sue Darling show a balance of £692.61 our sole fund raiser Mrs Jean Blaker having tirelessly in spite of not being in the best of health raised a further £52 for the year. We are extremely grateful for Mrs Darling's voluntary assistance in checking the accounts (I am sure that as a busy Practice Manager she has enough to do without taking on this extra work)

At our AGM on 20th September this year we discussed the possibility of spending the remaining cash in the bank on a privacy screen for the new Health Kiosk set up in the waiting room. We would welcome any comments.

6. List of Committee Members

Everyone has agreed to continue as Committee members: Norman, Graeme, Sophie, Wendy, Julian, Anne and Anita. I will contact Shirley to see if she wants to be included.

7. AOB

Justin explained that Covid and Flu vaccination clinics will be starting.

Anne said that she had a table at the Green Dreams festival being held at Field Place and is willing to share the table with the PPG. Anita will provide information about the Virtual PPG so that we can try to increase membership.