

# ❁ Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand. ❁

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Minutes of the meeting of the Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand held on Friday, May 10th, 1985 in Nelson.

Present: Bronwen Pelvin (sec), Chris Voaden, Adrienne Mulqueen, Carolyn Young, Fiona Barnett, Jill Marshall, Ursula Hellem, Adele Birkbeck, Anne Sharplin.  
 Also attending: Charlie, an Australian lay midwife.

Correspondence:

Outgoing - letter to Minister of Health re fees.  
 - letter in reply to Obstetric Regulations Committee urging caution and consultation with midwives before revoking Obstetric Regulations.

Incoming - request from D.M.s in Wellington doing postpartum care only to join Society.  
 - reply from Minister of Health hoping to announce "moderate increase in fees" in the near future.  
 - circular advising proposal to completely revoke Obstetric Regulations and asking for comments.  
 - written reports from midwives unable to attend - Claire Hutchinson and Jenny Johnston.

Business:

- discussion and agreement that affiliated membership includes midwives registered as domiciliary midwives and carrying out postpartum care only.
- Auckland midwives outlined their ongoing meetings with the P.P.H.N.s in Auckland and their attempts to have the claim form redesigned.
- reports from each midwife present about the past year in her area and the state of her practice.
- notification of National Midwives Day, June 17th, 1985.
- discussion of Standards of Practice for midwives and whether it would be worthwhile drawing these up - Chris Voaden and Bronwen Pelvin to look into.

Finances: unavailable due to bank accounts being shifted from Wellington to Nelson.

The meeting's business concluded around 10pm but discussion and exchanging of views, opinions and ideas continued for some time.

FINANCES MAY 1984 - 1985

Opening Balance	334.93
Income : Subscriptions	90.00
Outgoing : Bank fees	5.50
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Closing Balance	\$429.43

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Opening Balance	429.43
Income : Subscriptions	90.00
Outgoing : Conference	\$60.00
Newsletter & Stamps	50.00
Bankfees	8.55
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Closing Balance	\$400.88

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