

Minutes of the Auckland Home Birth Association held at Sues on 16th October

Present: Tom Hartley, Jenny, Ian, Anne, Joan, Mark, Daphne, Sue, Judy, Barbara, Marjet, Brenda, Jo

Apologies: Dorothy, Jenni

Confirmation of Minutes: Judy/Barbara that the minutes be approved - Passed.

Matter Arising: Meeting with Deborah Farnsworth. Deborah gave a report from the ICM and also discussed the home birth scene in Canada.

Correspondence -

- 1) A letter from an unattended home birth in Hastings
- 2) NZHBA - A copy of Brenda's letter to Marilyn was sent to all branches
- 3) Kaitaia H B Group wish to belong to the NZHBA but require the support from Auckland HBA
- 4) Henriette - a letter to Dr Bassett and his reply
- 5) Acknowledging receipt of submission *from Aki Hosp Bd*

Treasurer's Report

As at 30/9/84 \$1393.33 in the bank.

Cheques to be passed

\$20 - Barbara McFarlane	}	Reimbursement Expenses at Thames HB Meeting
\$20 - Joan Donley		
\$109.20 K Wright Graphics - Printing of letterheads for HBA & STM		
\$17.10 B Hinton - Postage, printing & stationery		
\$48.50 Alder Business Machines - Typewriter Repairs		
\$12.00 NZPO Postage Concession		
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Moved Ian 2nded Joan - that the Treasurer's Report be received and the cheques passed for payment.

Reports from Sub Committee

Events: Seminar for HB week is on 2nd November. Joan is to speak at Myers Park.

Media & Publicity: Brenda is to be on Radio Pacific on Sunday 28th at 8 PM. Jenny has organised several radio talkbacks & press releases

Fundraising: Waiting for replies from Mental Health & Dept. of Internal Affairs for funding for the video.

Midwives support Group: This group is putting together a Handbook for Midwives. Teresa Robertson is to be the stores person for the midwives and will keep all relevant information up to date.

Video: A volunteer is still required to have their pregnancy videoed.

Newsletter:

Brenda will cut down her role in the producing of the newsletter. Shareen Maloney, Sue B. ^{Finlay} are now new members to this committee.

General Business:

Freddie Graham - Concern was expressed over the unfair bias which Freddie Graham shows by focusing on the home birth intrapartum death in his lecture to 5th year Med students. Barbara said she may be in a position to alter this perspective.

Submission from Ak Hospital Board - Review of Obstetric Regulations. A document was presented to the meeting which had an article in it on the monitoring of midwives and also Drs who officiate at HB. This information will be used in a press release.

Women's Open Forum - Saturday 17th Nov - Open to all. Venue Akd North Shore Teacher College. The HBA should get as many people as possible along to this forum.

Next meeting at 11 Manapou St, Phone 509 296 on November 20th.