

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND BRANCH HBA COMMITTEE MEETING 21 FEB. 1984

Present: Joan, Jeanette, Carolynn, Joanne, Julie & Dave, Veronika, Jenni, Brenda, Deryn, Sian, Gillian, Sue B.

Apologies: Barbara, Ann I., Sue P., Judy, Mary

Minutes Taken: Joanne Bruce-Smith

Correspondence: Secretary

1. Domiciliary Midwife, Clare Hutchinson has been registered in Hamilton
2. Overseas <sup>trained</sup> midwife, Kay Burnside, enquiring after domiciliary work in Auckland. At present in Nelson. Has most of her own equipment.
3. Letter from Stan Gillanders, Wellington re statistics. National Health Statistics Centre have agreed to send him their publication on births in return for our National Newsletter.
4. Letter from Margaret Gillanders - Wgtn. Branch, Secretary New Address ; P.O.Box 19011 Wellington. Re issue of Waterbirths - suggested issue be discussed at Nat. Conf. to develop united policy on this.
5. Letter from Alison Locke - Christchurch Branch also re Waterbirth issue and conflicting statements in 'Listener' States need to publicly stress Planned Home Birth while WaterBirth remains a contentious issue to dissociate ourselves from this.
6. Letter from members of Hamilton Branch members re visit to Dr Ian Shearer to discuss Domiciliary Midwives Benefit and conditions of work. - to be published in next Nat. Newsletter. Dr Shearer passively sympathetic but not interested in raising issue in Parliament.
7. Questionnaire from Advisory Cttee on Womens' Affairs - Sec. agreed to fill in on behalf of Auckland Branch.
8. Letter from Maire Leadbeater from Auckland Peace Forum listing speakers available to address meetings... To be published in next newsletter for use of members.
9. Letter from Esther and Ged Alward offering use of portable ~~E~~Light Unit for jaundiced HB babies who are threatened with hospitalisation for this treatment. Cttee felt that fee for use of this should be negotiated bet the Alwards and any parents taking up this offer.
10. Book Reps - Auckland book distributors have sent Auck Branch books for the library in return for reviews. So far 3 books received. Notice to be put in Newsletter asking for people willing to write reviews in the future.
11. 2 Letters from Chch Branch re Nat Conference and AGM Each Branch to have display and speaker. Topics for workshops etc. requested. Branches to send in remits for AGM in time for them to be collated and re circulated.

Conference: No one wants a repeat of last year. Cttee felt it desirable that we get into more practical workshops on issues political and practical relating HB rather than spend time & energy debating constitutional structure.  
 Need to hear urgently from Wn Cttee formed to report on revision of consitution before we can formulate remits.

Minutes 21-2-84 Cont.

Conference Cont.

Deryn to compose letter to Northern Regional Branches asking for their opinions on questions of:-

1. National Organisation with National Executive as at present or National Organisation with Regional Committees and perhaps a Nat Coordinator. (Regional Cttees open to all members)
2. Voting - By Branch/Region/Consensus - <sup>National Referendum</sup> British organisation ARM uses consensus on controversial issues by soliciting members' votes through newsletter, those concerned enough vote - majority wins.
3. Regional Meetings 3 monthly rather than once yearly.

Results to be sent to CHCH for circulation to other branches as remits.

Auckland will also suggest that a facilitator ~~be~~ appointed to 'steer' conference to prevent Regional factionalism which occurred last year from recurring.

Tentative discussion topics - Setting up Support Groups  
Political Lobbying  
Waterbirth  
Lay Midwifery  
Homeopathy  
Ask Jenny Phillips author of 'Mothers Matter Too' to take discussion group/workshop

Auck Branch to hold special meeting on 5 March 8pm at Deryn's - 33 Lincoln Street Pons. to finalise Conf. remits.

Treasurers Report: Bank Statement No 66 30 December Bal. \$1038.58  
Last issue of Newsletter cost a massive \$460.50!  
Nice result but too expensive cheaper alternatives to ~~xeroxing~~ <sup>photocopying</sup> to be found for next issue or back to xeroxing?

Financial Statement passed Mitchell-Donley-Bretherton

983	Cathi Sadler Support Group expenses	\$12.70
984	NZ Newspapers - HB Week Ad/Chilton P.	59.20
985	Wilson & Horton - HB Week Pub.	15.75
986	Joan D. Reimburse	14.55
987	Brenda - Blank Cheque for typewriter	- -
988	Carolynn - Stamps & Stationery	25.55
989	AIMS newsletter subscription	

Veronika Muller D/E British trained midwife trying to get domiciliary contract before 1 April 1984 when new regulation in Nurses Amendment Bill apply. Feels that Health Dept stalling. To contact Anne Sharplin D/E Midwife recently given Domiciliary Contract after long wait to see how she can accelerate things.  
PBHN, J McCallum handing on inspection duties of potential DMWs to A Nightengale who is opposed to both D/E Miwives and HB!

HB Association has been offered info stall at Victoria Park Market, Weekends. PR person for market is friend of Veronika's. Will ask for material photos/birthreports and volunteers to man stall on roster basis through the newsletter.