

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND BRANCH HBA CTTEE MEETING 15 November 1983 at Joan's

Present: Carolynn, Joan, Ann I., Teresa W., Barbara, Mary, Sue B., Julie & Neil Foster-Clark, Carolyn Y., Cheryl, Sue P., Alison B., Alison R., Jenni,

Waihi: Barbara, Joan & Ann attended Regional Conf at Waihi.
Report given to meetin - very satisfying conf.
Meeting agreed to send Thames/Coramandel Branch 450 to help offset organisational xosts.

Village Fete: No confirmation of stall yet. Agreed to share stall with STM. Roster for manning arranged -
10.00 - 12.00 - Ann & Barbara
12.00 - 1.00 - Sue B & ?Julie Foster-Clark
1.00 - 2.00 Sue Bretherton
2.00 - 3.00 - Carolynn & Teresa W.

Ann I to chase up T.Shirts.. Teresa to deliver badges & pamphlets to Gerry Ireland.

Whither Obstetrics: Sec reported that overseas experts to whom Barbara send copies of Prof. Bonham's "Whither Obstetrics" paper for criticism have replied - all are aghast at his proposals and some have sent copies of recent research which dams his proposals. It was decided that when all replies had been received we would publish information in newsletter.

Save the Midwives Questionnaire: What are we going to do with results?

Newsletter addressing: Latest newsletter held up at addressing stage. We need to get together a group of people willing to do this job in half a day for the next issue.
Ann to contact Jeannette about this.

Save the Midwives: Barbara gave update on activities.
Pat Carrol from Nat Exec of NZNA was sent to Auck to smooth feathers ruffled feathers over non-support of midwives division sub to Nurses Amendment Bill.

Working Party on Shortage of Midwives: NZ Hosp Bds Assoc. P.O.Box 714 Wn
There are only two midwives on this cttee.
Meeting agreed that HBA, STM and DMWs Assocs should write asking why this is so and stating shortage exists.
Barbara to write on behalf of STM
Mary & Sue on behalf of HBA
Joan to ask Gillian to write on behalf of DMWs
Questions to be addressed: Whether there is a shortage of midwives.
Reasons for this shortage.
What can be done to ameliorate this shortage.

Nurses Amendment Bill: Who is going to address the Select Cttee?
STM - Judy?
HBA - Mary?

MSC Submission: What has happened to it? - Overshadowed by NAB
Is it still worth printing hundreds of copies or is it now outdated?
Decided to send as is, in entirety to Ministers & Opp members
Precis for other organisations and general public.

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Tasmanian DMW: Joan reported that Tasmanian DMW, Terry Stockwell has been charged on many counts for delivering a stillborn baby at home. When she arrived to deliver babe, no fetal heart beat. Mother asked that she be allowed to deliver stillborn babe at home rather than go to hosp. - Terry S. agreed.
Aust. HBA making international case of this to get support
Auck Branch HBA sent telegram supporting Sr Stockwells's action.
STM and DMWs Assocs also.
National HBA initially reluctant because of cost of telegram - but were persuaded to send one.

West Auckland Womens Centre: Open day 21/11/83 10am - 2 pm
111 McLeod Rd Henderson
Maybe HBA should send someone along to talk about antenatal care. - Carolyn Y volunteered.

HB Week Seminar; Very successful - bigger venue needed next year.
Vote of thanks to Dorothy, Jenni, Daphne & Joy for their work.

Treasurers Report; Cheques passed Mitchell-Hinton-Mcfarlane.
Cheque to Sian for Sonic Aid - Some midwives not happy with setting this sort of precedent. Est that sonic aid Association property and should be made available to any midwife wishing to use it.
Alison B reported that audit not yet done - Joan/Carolynn to try to find someone else to do it...
Carolynn suggested that we have new signatories for cheques since she and Barbara were only active cttee members still registered. Brenda and Jenni to become signatories.

Fundraising; Neil Foster-Clark to coordinate fundraising activities if anyone has any ideas for him to implement!

Assistance for DMWs: Barbara written something for next newsl asking for volunteers to do odd jobs for our overworked DMWs.
Anything from cleaning and babysitting to car maintenance.
Should anyone volunteer we will need people to coordinate.

T.Shirts:Brenda to contact Jeanette about T.Shirts - in future to be pre - sold.

Nat Womens: Pauline Proud reported at recent STM meeting that postnatal ward nursing staff alarmed at increasing numbers of 'damaged' babies coming from delivery. Unit meeting arranged to discuss this problem and Dr/Obst responsibility esp as postnatal staff left to cope with worried parents.

Dates for next three meetings: Jan 17 - Sue B's - Henley Road
Feb 21 - Jenni's - Wood St
Mar 20 - Barbara's - Manapau Rd.