

## MINUTES OF AUCKLAND BRANCH NZHBA 21.6.83 at Barbara's

Apologies: Mary, Pauline, Therese C., Joy, Anne S., Jeanette,  
Alison J., Carolyn Y.

Present: Joan, Barbara, Ann, Sue P., Dorothy, Joanne, Yvette, Jenni,  
Ellen, Julie, Tina, Sue B., Teresa, Carolynn

Typewriter: Auckland Branch Sec needs a typewriter.  
Sue B. to find out about \$45 machine which may be avail.  
Sue P. suggested contacting IBM re trade in machines  
which they apparently sell at low prices or University  
Purchasing Officer to see if University is replacing  
any old machines.

Archives: Could specific individuals be responsible for collecting  
news items relevant to HBA from specific publications.  
Listener - Alison Riley  
Star -  
Herald -

Matters Arising: Local Body Elections: Cost fielding a candidate \$100  
Meeting felt that at least one person should be  
sponsored.  
Picket: To be South Auckland Health Dept, Manakau City  
Thursday 30 June 11am.  
Support Groups to undertake to telephone people to  
attend.  
Alison R. & Mary to organise placards.  
Mary to compose Press Release & Publicity  
Group of central to handwrite notice concerning  
picket on Newsletter before it goes out this week.

HB Trust : Joan read transcript of meeting with lawyer re establishment  
of HB Trust. See Attached.

Hospital Transfers/Births: Letter from Carolyn outlining course of  
action to be taken by one couple in an effort to get birth  
the way they want it in hospital (Letter in Parent Info. File)

Discussion Document on Reorganisation of Health Services:  
Joan feels it vital that HBA nominates members to Cttee being  
called to discuss this document by A. Malcolm.  
Julie & Joan Volunteered from Auckland Branch for Auck Area H.B.  
Barbara to write to Henriette suggesting same from other  
branches. (Joan sent letter to Ed. Ev. Post - see Corr. File)

NZNA Executive Minutes - See attached

Meeting of NZNA Midwives Section - Joan to submit paper. See Sub. File.  
HBA should prepare submission to  
Dept Health re MSC Report - Fast

Wither Obs: Read by Joan - See Attached.

MSC Report: Jenni (768 245) Sue B (605 349) & Joan D to prepare  
submission form Auckland Branch.

August Regional Meeting: Ann I. to write to Ham. Branch to see if  
they are prepared to sponsor.  
Alternatively Sue B. to find out if Hunua  
camp available and Sue P to find out if  
Knock NaGree available.

Flea Market: Steve Covacich can arrange HB stall at Avondale Flea  
Market. Theresa C. will organise labour on stall.  
Any saleable items to be given to Carolynn M who  
will arrange transport to market on appointed date.

Flea Market Cont: HBA can also be "Charity of the Week" if sec. writes to Steve C. outlining what use money would be put to.  
Suggested funds be applied to for midwife's kit for Yvette.  
Yvette to advise sec. of items needed an costs.  
ADDRESS: Steve Covacich  
18 Patuone Avenue  
Devonport

ACWAFilm Directory and Funding Handbooks: Ann sent money to get copies of these publications. (See Correspondence File)

Monetary Gifts to Midwives: Ann suggested Auck Branch give belated "Xmas" present to midwives  
Joan waived hers.  
Grant of \$100 to be given to Carolyn.

Newsletter: Alison Jones is no longer able to edit newsletter  
Barbara, Sue B. and Sue P. to take over as co-editors.

Treasurer's Report; See Attached  
Passed Hinton/ Mitchell  
492 JBruce-Smith = Postage and Paper \$ 68.37  
493 " " = 190.75  
494 A Jones - Stencilling 13.96  
495 Joan D. 33.80  
496 C Mitchell Stamps & Stationery  
497 Joanne - Ink 21.60  
498 Carolyn Young - Gift 100.00  
499 Brenda Hinton - Stamps 22.85

Next Meeting 19.7.83 at Sue B's - 10 Henley Road Mt Eden 8.00pm

## Treasurers Report meeting 21st June 1983

Balance last statement (59) dated 1st <del>April</del> June	2,132.45
Plus June Banking	426.73
Plus Cash in Hand (not banked)	214.00
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	\$ 2,773.18

Minus cheques not presented? (sorry havent done reconcili  
minus cheques approved at this meeting:

RE: HOME BIRTH TRUST

7.6.83

Rhys Harrison, LLB, Milne Meek & Partners, 42 Shortland St. City  
Phone: 32 994 Home 486 975

Dr. Philip Railton, 308 Lake Rd, Takapuna, 495 059, Res: 488 587

Joan Donley, Domiciliary midwife, 3 Hendon Ave., Ak 3 887 759

Purpose: To provide domiciliary midwives and parent support on the form of antenatal preparation, postnatal support and home help; and to fulfill an educational role in both preparation of midwives for domiciliary work and parents for home births.

R.H. Should have Charitable Trust status so donations are tax deductible. This is obtained through Inland Revenue, therefore, will need to stress the parent education aspect so that at this point it is not seen as a threat to the O & G monopoly i.e. hiring and paying midwives.

Suggested there be five trustees: lawyer, doctor.....

Should be Auckland based at this point. Other areas could adopt similar schemes.

J.D. Maternity services in a state of flux with recommendations of M.S.C. (Mother & Baby at Home...), also the move to set up Area Health Boards to meet local conditions. This gives us some leeway to offset the MSC recommendations which would place domiciliary midwives under present hospital boards and to be assessed by OSRCs. Midwives want to stay with Health Dep't but this is not practicable, therefore need to come up with a viable alternative.

Suggestion that Trust establish clinics from which home birth doctors can work. This would provide communication and support for these doctors. The doctors/clinic could hire midwives under the practice nurse scheme with modifications. This would give midwives more involvement in antenatal care and education. This type of service is in line with Dep't of Health Discussion Document in Health Services, i.e. community based medical service with consumer input!! Re Childbirth Education Trust being set up by Judy Larkin, 24 Ashton Rd, Mt Eden, ph 602 301, we do not want to conflict with this. Could probably work together. JD to contact Judy re her progress so far and what organisational data she has gleaned from U.K. National Childbirth Trust, etc.

RH That parents wanting a home birth should be asked for a minimum contribution of \$50 which would be tax deductible. If they are unable to pay, it could be waived. Argument, that home birth is not much longer going to be a viable legal alternative in view of MSC recommendations and poor pay for midwives.

Also discussed was possibility of having private insurance benefit for home birth. This to be investigated. There is the Australian example (See Report Austr. HB Conf 1983)

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED:

- 1) Re Anne Sharpia, direct entry, UK midwife currently trying to obtain N.Z. registration to become a domiciliary midwife. Although each case for registration is now assessed on its individual merits the Nursing Council have not been very positive to date. RH is prepared, if Anne is refused, to take the matter up legally on the basis that in 1972 the High Court was opened up to review statutory decisions made by ad hoc bodies. Could order a re-hearing! He would make no charge for this.
- 2) Re domiciliary midwives 17% pay increase. RH is prepared to challenge Malcolm on this as he feel there is no necessity to put the matter before Cabinet once it has been approved by Trade & Industry.

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June 30, 12:30 to 1:30

David Haigh of ARA will be speaking on the Area Health Boards at C.A.B., 286 Dominion Rd.