

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 8 LISNOE STREET, MT. EDEN, 20 June, 1989.

PRESENT: Glenda Aiken, Jo Bruce-Smith, Kim Conway, Joan Donley, Mary Hammonds, Zo Hartley, Brenda Hinton, Kate Jaunay, Barbara Lodge, Sarah Macleod, Linda McKay, Jenny Mills, and Marjet Pot.

APOLOGIES: Jenny Alison, Sally Liggins, Hazel Walton.

MINUTES APPROVED.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) ANTENATAL BOOKLET needs final line-by-line assembling. Meeting to do this will be Monday, June 26, with a followup on Wednesday 28th.
- 2) POSTER DESIGNS of Zo and Sarah approved, Zo to get cost estimates from printer. Sarah and Linda to photocopy Sarah's on coloured paper. Need translations into Samoan, Tongan etc.
- 3) VIDEO: Sally Liggins' sources estimate \$20,000 for quality tape, so that amount was quoted to McKenzie Foundation.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- 1) NATIONAL LIBRARY requires 3 copies of each newsletter, to fulfill legal deposit requirements. Note on label to enclose 3 each time.
- 2) VAL FLEMING, DIVISIONAL NURSE MANAGER, NWH would like to meet with the Committee. She suggested we write to Edna Davis, head nurse, re Neonatal Consent Forms. There is also strong indication from student midwives at St. Helens that Vitamin K is being given to neonates with or without the parents' consent. We should contact Ian Hassel, children's advocate.
- 3) DAIRY ADVISORY BUREAU sponsoring lectures by Louise Burke & Dr. Charlotte Sanborn (Food for Sport Tour) on 6 July, at 7:30 pm at the University.
- 4) JENNY KIRK, M.P. sends a press release praising Titter keeping North Shore Accident & Emergency and obstetrics depts open.
- 5) HELEN CLARK M.P. sent press statements & speech notes.
- 6) N.Z. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE sent info on their Restart programme; willing to pay for someone to do jobs in our organisation, within certain criteria: structured finite job lasting 4 to 12 months.
- 7) AUCKLAND COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES sent an application. Proposal to set up a Home Help programme.
- 8) NELSON COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES denied consumers right to be members, but as it is in NZ COM Constitution they are out of order to do so.
- 9) MIDWIVES' JOURNAL from NZ College of Midwives will be delayed til September instead of July.
- 10) SOUTHLAND HBA asks consent to be incorporated into NZ HBA, but it no longer exists in that form.
- 11) CARIL COWAN, NURSE-PRACTITIONER running clinic in Victoria St. phone # 732-524.
- 12) T.V. wants our support; will list our contact numbers between 9 and 9:30 am as part of their community notice board. Committee declines to support them.
- 13) SHEILA MANDENO sends a copy of a letter from Minister of Health about mileage allowances for midwives.
- 14) ANNE BUSCH asks for info on direct entry midwifery etc. referred to Judi Strid, Midwifery Task Force, c/-Clulow, P.O.Box 69, Kaukapapa, ph. (0880) 5507.
- 15) NORTH SHORE SOCIAL SERVICES send Local Body Reform information.
- 16) VERONIKA MULLER sends a copy of Rainbow Network advertising info distributed to 6000 places in Auckland. willing to print an article for us if we advertise in the same amount of space. Consider trade of space in HB Newsletter for space in Rainbow Network.

- 17) MARY FLETCHER birth story.
- 18) GENERAL ENQUIRIES: Linda Rhodes, Johanna Hermans, Margaret Hoogendoorn.
- 19) PUBLICATIONS: West Auckland Health Forum, Midwifery Today, Save the Midwives, Mothering, Midwifery Task Force of Ontario, Caesrean Birth Group, HBAs: Canberra, Darwin, Canterbury, Christchurch, Manawatu, Nelson, Southland, Tauranga, Waikato, Wellington; Homebirth Australia, Homebirth Access Sydney.
- 20) 12 Subs, 28 Registrations, 12 orders.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- 1) NATIONAL LIBRARY newsletters
- 2) JILL STEWART: info on Vitamin K and HBA.
- 3) GENERAL ENQUIRIES: Linda Rhodes, Johanna Hermans, and Margaret Hoogendoorn.
- 4) SOUTHLAND HBA: info on incorporation.

TREASURER'S REPORT incomplete: no total.

Preliminary figures: Midwives' Negotiating Fund \$43.76 in credit. Cheques for approval: \$65.45 for EAHBA expenses for doctors & midwives meeting; \$38.88 to Linda McKay for stamp; \$55.00 to UBIX for copier.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) PAMPHLETS need sending out to OAB's etc. Suggested by Jenny Mills that each subgroup, i.e. North Shore, East Ak, etc. should be given set amount to distribute, rather than as a Central Committee job.
- 2) SUBSCRIPTION FORMS to be sent out: being printed along with newsletter to get better price.
- 3) EFFICIENT RUNNING OF HBA: Co-ordinator idea mooted and rejected as unnecessary. Suggestion that all subgroups try to send at least one representative to each Committee meeting, not necessarily same person each time, to keep everyone informed of projects etc.
- 4) 1990 COMMISSION has funds for worthy causes. suggest video is good one. Stressing multicultural aspects etc.
- 5) EARTH FIRST EXPO late in 1990. Suggest we have a stall with focus on Homebirth as natural ecology for families. see Mary Hammonds.
- 6) RESEARCH GROUP had first meeting. Original idea of statistical comparison of Homebirth vs. Hospital birth rejected as being too difficult to get accurate information. Idea then to judge subjective impressions of home and hospital births. Questionnaire to send out twice: 6 weeks and 6 months after birth. questions: how was the birth how is the baby (colic etc) any postnatal depression, breastfeeding, general satisfaction about experience, etc. could also include immunisation etc.
- 7) ST. HELENS HOSPITAL CLOSURE: Helen Clark, M.P. commented on the high-tech aspect of St. Helens, rate of inductions etc. and Joan Donley proposes that it be bought and used as a midwifery centre.

NEXT MEETING is at the same venue, 8 Lisnoe St. Mt Eden, on 18 July.

MEETING CLOSED at 10:15.

RESEARCH GROUP is having its next meeting on June 28, at Di Nash's, 8 Scarborough Terrace, Parnell. For further information contact Barbara Lodge at 451-447.