

MINUTES OF AUCKLAND HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 35 GEORGINA STREET, PONSONBY.

PRESENT:

Glenda Aiken, Sarah Currier, Joan Donley, Mary Hammonds, Kate Jaunay, Sally Liggins, Linda McKay, Sarah Macleod, Ruth Nicholson, Judi Strid, and Hazel Walton.

APOLOGIES Jenny Churton, Nicholette Emerson, Nicole Hayter, Brenda Hinton and Sarah Hodgetts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:MATTERS ARISING:

1) CONFERENCE: Joan Donley reported the pathetic show from Auckland - no executive representation, no stalls, nothing to sell. Theresa Luxton, Lyn Doherty, and Linda Williams present. Remits passed called for immediate establishment of direct entry midwifery course, re-establishment of midwives as independent practitioners, home help for homebirth & early discharge families, lobbying the government for a full time Nat'l Homebirth Resource Worker, among others. (see Joan for full list.)

Mary Hammonds would have preferred more exchange of info from the regions and less workshops.

Sarah Currier enjoyed all the workshops, the Maori perspective was particularly important.

Whangarei is venue for next year's conference. Suggestions: should be first or last, not middle week of May Holidays, a central topic and optional workshops, session on racism. We should make our views known to co ordinators in Whangarei early so that they can incorporate them.

2) NEW VIDEO: 2 people interested in making it. Nicky (see Linda for more details) estimates cost would be \$3000-\$4000 subcommittee to decide content: Kate, Linda, Sarah, Barbara & Nicole.

3) ANTENATAL BOOKLET: Sally Liggins co-ordinating updates on contraception, improvement of diagrams, update addresses, include booklet on turning breeches, add birth stories, increase price to \$10, change distribution method.

4) POSTER: Zoe Hartley to design poster. Ideas from Sarah Macleod to be incorporated.

5) OFFICE IN QUEEN STREET: idea for office good, but Queen St not best venue-difficult for mothers & babies, target audience not there--more tourists than residents. Need alternative venue and ideas for staffing etc.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

1) AUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY: Update for listings.

2) MCKENZIE TRUST: application forms for grant - to Barbara to co ordinate.

3) KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION: Early Childhood Fair to be held at Carter Holt Pavilion; stalls too expensive for us.

4) AK. COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Consumer Health Council meeting Saturday 20 May, 9:30 to 12:30. Costs \$5.00 to join.

5) AK. UNIVERSITY: Freedom from Harassment Conference to be held in November.

6) WAIKATO H.B.A.: Questionnaire re the use of perineal massage

7) MOTHERING MAGAZINE: Complementary Subscription.

8) AUCKLAND AREA HEALTH BOARD: Acknowledgement of submission.

9) JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: Dispute Tribunal Poster.

10) GLENDA MURRAY: Nurse wishing to attend Homebirth. Referred to Mary Hammonds.

