
Meeting 18th November 2007

Members present

Mr Paul Ofori-Atta **President**

Ms Rosie Doogan **Secretary**

Mrs Gladys Ofori-Atta **Membership Secretary**

Mr Steve Townsend **Welfare Officer**

David Lewis **Non-Executive Member**

Dr Akintunde O George **Treasurer**

Mr Ray Ofori

Ms Veronica Macquarshe **Assistant Membership Secretary**

Jason Hewitt **Non-Executive Member**

Mr Raymond

Mr Vinay Gokool

Mrs Sarah Wright

Dr Amu-Darko Fiifi

Mr George Bannerman

Ms Felicity Mills

Apologies

Mr Ceasah Mensah

Mr Simon Derbia **Vice President**

Mrs Sue Holder

Agenda

1. Welcome from Chairman.
2. Welcome and Self Introduction
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Freight to Ghana
5. October Reports
6. Hernia project
7. Programme for AGM
8. AOB
9. Next Meeting

The Meeting

1. The meeting started with a welcome from the Chairman to all members.
2. Introductions and welcome to the new members present.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting 6th October 2007 were agreed.

Patron: Professor Lord David Alton of Liverpool, House of Lords, London. **Co-Patrons:** Mr. Jonathan Beacon FRCS; Mr. Peter Dyson FRCS. **Trustee Executive Members:** President: Paul Ofori-Atta FRCS; Vice President: Dr. Edward Acquah FRCA; Secretary: Ms. Rosemary Doogan; Welfare Officer: Mr. Stephen Townsend; Treasurer: Dr. A. O. George; Membership Secretary: Mrs. Gladys Ofori-Atta. **Trustee Non-Executive Members:** Mr. George Bannerman; Dr. Conrad Buckle; Ms. Sarah Wright; Dr. Kofi Amu Darko; Mr. Simon Derbie; Mr. Raymond Ofori; Mr. David Lewis; Dr. Ami Kotecha B.Sc. MB.BS. **Educational Committee:** Mr. A. V. Marchon FRCS; Dr. Ami Kotecha B.Sc. MB.BS; Mr. Raymond Ofori; Dr. Conrad Buckle FRCS, FCEM.

4. Freight to Ghana

Unfortunately the original date had to be cancelled due to time limitations. A new date of the w/end 15th December is to be arranged. Many volunteers will be needed as there is only a 3 hour window for packing the container.

5. October reports

All October reports are now available on the web site.

6. Hernia project

A surgical centre for Hernia and cataract surgery has been set up at Sefwi-Asato. The full story of Sefwi-Asato and Pramso Hospitals is now available on the web-site.

7. Agenda for the AGM 1st December 2007

The revised agenda for the AGM is available on the web-site.

8. AOB

George Bannerman- Following on from the October trip it seems to be apparent that we need to build working relationships with resident medical staff.

Paul- We need to establish principles of professional agreement. Our work must be professional and within what we are comfortable to carry out. We are accountable for all our actions and need to remember we are dealing with human lives and should not change our own practices to something we feel is not acceptable just to comply with the practices of local surgeons. We have a responsibility to the patients at all the hospitals we visit to provide the same care as we provide at our base hospitals.

Paul- Paramedic training is to be arranged with the help of St John's ambulance.

Paul- Mr Raymond to be chairman at the AGM.

George- Visited 2 hospitals in Nigeria both were interested with our support. Both hospitals are well equipped but inadequately staffed.

Paul- The fund raising evening by the Kelly family was a huge success

Mr Raymond- Many people have offered help and want to support Motec, should we have a two tier system for people to pay. Subscriptions should be relevant to each person; perhaps we could have a support subscription.

Paul- Subscriptions will be collected at the AGM; alternatively you can pay directly into the Motec account details on the web-site.

Paul – Muriel Raymond has agreed to look at the accounts, Sue will forward all the details to Muriel.

Paul- The February team will comprise of a small group. The team will be a mobile unit the emphasise being on education and surgery. Lectures and some surgery to be arranged at Pramso and Oskombo.

Steve- Only a few 'T' – shirts left next project Motec pens.

Steve- Charity fund raising gig at St Albans maltings Art centre, Tickets £12 a head, raffle on the evening. (For details see web site).

Dave- members can add email attachments to their biographies, please contact Dave if you are interested.

Paul- Remember there will always be hurdles, there will be decisions to make that may be painful, we may make mistakes but it is the only way to go forward.

9. Next Meeting AGM 1st December 2007

9. Meeting closed at 16:00hrs