



## Meeting 1st June 2008

### Members present

Mr Paul Ofori-Atta President  
Mr Simon Derby Vice President  
Mrs Gladys Ofori-Atta Membership Secretary  
Ms Rosie Doogan Secretary  
Mr. Raymond Ofori Treasurer  
Mr Steve Townsend Welfare Officer  
Mr David Lewis Non-Executive Trustee  
Mr George Bannerman Non Executive Trustee  
Ms Felicity Mills  
Mrs Erica Brooker  
Mr Chris Hunt  
Mr Derek Russell  
Ms Sarah Olney  
Ms Julia Dixon  
Mr R. Brooker  
Mrs Patti Edwards  
Dr. Vimisha Patel  
Dr. Atul Kamat  
Mr S. P. Raymond  
Mrs Muriel Raymond  
Mr. Aaron Ofori-Atta  
Dr Christine Amakye  
Mrs Veronica Amakye  
Mr Jack Williams  
Mr Isaac Dadzie  
Mr Caesar Mensah

### Apologies

Godwin Asamoah  
Conrad Buckle  
Sue Holder  
Mercy Acheampong  
Ami Kotecha  
Akintunde George  
George Bannerman

## Agenda

1. Minutes of February meeting and matters arising.
2. Reports - April trips to Ghana.
3. June working visit
4. Motec's collaboration with;
  - a) IOM /MIDA. International organisation for migration and development in Africa
  - b) WOC-UK-World Orthopaedic Concern -UK
- 5) Trimmed October teams
- 6) Dates for 2009
- 7) Motec ID cards for collection (Subject to qualification).
- 8) Motec Account
- 9) X-Ray machine and other donations - container freight to Ghana. 10) Donation of wash machine to Pramso
- 11) Autumn Ball
- 12) A.O.B

### Proceedings:

1. Minutes of February meeting and matters arising.
  - 1 A). Self introduction and Introduction of New members.
  - 1B). Introduction and welcome to Carol from Corin.
  - 1C). Introduction and welcome to Chris and Derek the Paramedic team that has joined Motec.
  - 1D). Minutes agreed and accepted.

## 2. Reports - April trip to Ghana.

The trip in June took on greater impetus in public health services in NKawKaw and Akosombo. Felicity and Simon gave a presentation of their reports.

All the reports from the April trip are available on the web-site.

Simon, Steve and David helped at the National Catholic Secretariat with the distribution of donated items from Motec shipment that had been sent out to Accra via the Port of Tema. Items went to Akosombo VRA, Koforidua St Joseph's, Nkawkaw Holy Family and Pramso St Michael's Hospitals. The Secretariat received donation of blankets for disaster relief.

### The VRA

Lectures at the VRA took place every evening were well received and attended.

The group took a look at the medical boat based at the VRA, which hopefully 2 members will travel on to the remote areas of Ghana in October.

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**Patron:** Professor Lord David Alton of Liverpool, House of Lords, London; Daasebere Professor Oti Boateng, Paramount Chief of New Juaben State, Ghana. **Co-Patrons:** Mr. Jonathan Beacon FRCS; Mr. Peter Dyson FRCS. **Trustee Executive Members:** President: Paul Ofori-Atta FRCS; Vice President: Mr. Simon Derby; Secretary: Ms. Rosemary Doogan; Welfare Officer: Mr. Stephen Townsend; Treasurer: Mr. Raymond Ofori; Membership Secretary: Mrs. Gladys Ofori-Atta. **Trustee Non-Executive Members:** Mr. George Bannerman; Ms. Sarah Wright; Mr. David Lewis; Dr. Ami Kotecha B.Sc. MB.BS. **Educational Committee:** Dr. Ami Kotecha B.Sc. MB.BS; Mr. Raymond Ofori; Dr. Christine Amakye; Mr. George Bannerman; Mr Justice U'Lois. **International/Electoral Affairs:** Dr. Kofi Amu – Darko. **Personal Assistants to the President and Vice:** Mrs. Veronica Mac Quarshie; Dr. Louisa Draper. **Consultant in Ghana:** Mrs Estelle Appiah.

### **St Joseph's**

There was no surgery at St. Joseph's during this trip, but a range of lectures were given to the staff.

A new Hospital is under construction.

### **3. June working visit**

Meetings have been arranged during this trip to discuss orthopaedic trauma and the setting up of paramedic services workshops.

Paul to run clinics at St Joseph's.

4. Motec's collaboration with;

#### **a) IOM /MIDA. International organisation for migration and development in Africa**

A 4 year deal has been launched to sponsor people to go to Ghana for training the local working force. Motec has agreed to co-operate with MIDA to carry on with the health educational drive. Paul expressed his gratitude to MIDA especially the Project Manager and his team for the hard work steering the negotiations with the main sponsor of the project, the Dutch Government. Motec and Ghana are grateful to the people and Government of the Netherlands.

John Mitchell (Ireland) has agreed in principle to sponsor the surgical Centre at Asafo and in turn support some Motec members to deliver services and education / training at Sefwi Asafo St. John of God Hospital.

#### **b) WOC-UK-World Orthopaedic Concern –UK**

Orthopaedic concern will sponsor any orthopaedic consultant registered with the organisation that wants to work in Ghana providing orthopaedic services, training/ education. Mr Ram has been nominated by Motec for sponsorship for the October trip.

The professional fundraiser from the WOC-UK wants to meet with Motec.

### **5) Trimmed October teams**

The revised October trip members will be emailed to members shortly.

### **6) Dates for 2009**

2009 dates will be emailed to members soon.

### **7) Motec ID cards for collection (Subject to qualification).**

ID cards are now available for members to collect.

### **8) Motec Account**

Accounts still need to be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Accounts details to be emailed to members after internal audit.

Banks statements are available for members to view if they wish to do so.

**9) X-Ray machine and other donations - container freight to Ghana.**

X-ray machine to be commissioned by Pattie in October.

Other donations - laboratory equipment to be installed in October.

Anaesthetic machine and monitors

**10) Donation of wash machine to Pramso**

A donation from St Michaels School of £346 has been given to support the much needed washing machine at Pramso. Veronica will buy the washing machine during the June trip if the price is right.

**11) Autumn Ball**

The Ball is planned for October the 4th. Full details are available on the web site.

**12) A.O.B**

**Dick** – There is a change in licensing laws, which may need to be taken into consideration for the Ball. Dick and Erica will organise a raffle at the ball, can members donate items if possible.

**Steve** – Is involved with raising further funds from local schools.

**Patti** – appeal for lead aprons 8 if possible.

Help is needed to create a surgical centre at Asafo. Donations of surgical instruments for General and Oral surgery are urgently needed.

The paramedic group will be involved in training basic life support to medical and nursing staff in October.

A letter has been submitted to cover members when transporting medical drugs.

Help will be needed for the October Ball, Sarah to co-ordinate.

We need to notify companies for the next shipment planned in September.

Paramedic equipment may be available from the Ambulance trust.

Date for next meeting to be confirmed following the June trip.

**Meeting closed at 16: hrs Next meeting-** Date to be considered after June trip.