

Vasa Previa Foundation

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 30 June 2003

Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President / Chapter Formation Committee Chairperson
- Marlou van Dijck, Vice President / Netherlands Chapter Leader
- Cynthia Balota Paris, Secretary / Membership and Nominating Committees Chairperson
- Carol Prentice, UK Chapter Leader

Linda Ursillo, Treasurer was not in attendance

VPF Committee chairpersons present:

- Victoria Goldstein, PR, Research, and Fundraising Committee Chairperson

Meredith Kirby, Education Committee Chairperson was not in attendance

Meeting began at 19:10 GMT (1:10 PM CST)

Executive Committee Minutes from 16 June 2003 were approved for archival and distribution with one addition.

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Officer Reports:

- President reports that this month's Monthly Member's meeting will take place on 2 July 2003 at 19:00 GMT (1 PM CST). Marlou offered to host.

Treasury Report:

- Netherlands:
Donations and interest: € 55.00

Dutch expenses: € 0
Total Dutch cash on hand: € 2373.49
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 55

- UK:
Donations received: £ 0
UK expenses: £ 0
Total UK cash on hand: £ 0
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0
- USA:
Donations received: \$ 60
USA expenses: \$ 0
Total USA cash on hand: \$ 3,773.07
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 1

Chapter Reports:

- NETHERLANDS:
 - No report given.
- UK:
 - No report given.
- USA:
 - No report given.

Membership:

- There are 49 participating members of VPF.
- There are 287 IVPF email group subscribers (3 new subscriptions, 1 unsubscription).
- There are 121 Vasa_Previa email group subscribers (3 new subscribers, 5 pending subscribers, 4 follow-ups).
- There was 1 calendar entry and/or edit to the birthday calendar.
- Cindy recently sent everyone in the email groups messages asking them to create a Yahoo profile. Without it members cannot access the groups' files. She also helped fix Yahoo profiles for 2 members who were having trouble accessing the YahooGroups with them.
- Many thanks to Victoria Goldstein for covering communications to info@vasaprevia.com while Cindy Paris was out of town.
- Meredith Kirby was out of town from 23-29 June 2003. Cindy Paris took over her Membership Committee responsibilities while she was away.

Public Relations:

- This committee will hold its next meeting in mid July.
- Summer Newsletter is in the works. It will be ready week of July 3rd.
- NETHERLANDS
 - Marlou has received a letter from schoolgirls who wanted to do a project on vasa previa. They sent her interview questions and she has answered them. The document had already been submitted when Marlou received a copy of the paper. She read through it and found a lot of mistakes. Still,

they received 9 points out of 10 for their grade. Marlou asked her contact if she would like her to correct the paper with the correct data and said contact agreed. Marlou told her that it was not her top priority but that she would do it sometime.

- UK

- Carol has been contacted by a journalist who writes for the “News of the World” newspaper and she is writing a piece on women who have had amazing life experiences. She wishes to include Rebecca’s story. Carol has spoken with the journalist and the piece has been written. She and Rebecca are going to Manchester on 4 July for the photo shoot.
- Miscarriage Association website: Letter/Pack sent. Carol received a lovely reply from them. They were unaware of VP and thanked her for the pack. They will consider a link to the VPF website and will produce information in some format on their site.
- Update piece on VP publicising the Walk to go into new edition of the Lanarkshire Health Council newsletter.
- Carol contacted the Press Officer of the Primary Care Trust (one of the hospital Trust sectors) who edits the Trust magazine “The Pulse”. She met Calvin, the new Press Officer. Extremely busy with news releases about their new local hospital, but may be able to do a piece later on.
- Carol attended a presentation by Senior Management of the hospital Trust on 11 June. Since then Carol has snail-mailed Yvonne Bronsky, the Operations Manager in the Women and Children Directorate, and copied a letter and Dr. Collin’s “Umbilical Cord Accidents 2002” research paper to Paul Wilson, who is the Director of Nursing. She also sent him the VPF power point presentation and Press Pack. Carol received a reply from Yvonne Bronsky thanking her for the materials and she is passing them to the Head of Ultrasound, Dr. Dina McLellan. She does not believe VP can be detected, even by trained sonographers. However, she has not seen Jason Collins work either, so we might get more positive feedback.
- Carol continues to send out Press Kits to professionals, newspapers, television/news programmes, magazines, websites and baby experts in the UK. She follows up by e-mail and snail-mail those who have not responded.

- USA

- Victoria was contacted by freelancer Diana Burrell for an article in Lifetime magazine. She will feature survivors and angels and interview Dr. Oyelese. She has pitched the story to her editor and is awaiting response.
- Victoria has provided information on VPF to Sante magazine in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Research:

- Dr. Oyelese’s paper on VP management has been accepted for publication in Contemporary OBGYN magazine. It will be published by end of summer.
- Reworked FAQs page have been posted to the website.

- 210 women documented on the database (100 records received to date/16 more promised or on the way). Dr. Oyelese has written first draft of paper and will be submitting before end of July. BIG HURRAH!
- Updated the data spreadsheet and sent to Dr. Oyelese as of June 16th. Working on updating all records to date.
- Victoria met with Dr. Oyelese in DC on June 17th to exchange records and discuss papers. Dr. Oyelese plans to write one additional paper for Nurse and Midwifery magazine on vasa previa. Total papers on vasa previa written this year include:
 - Dr. Sepulveda's paper in Ultrasound Journal of OBGYN
 - Dr. O's paper on VP management in Contemporary OBGYN
 - Dr. O's paper to be submitted to Journal of OBGYN
 - Dr. O's MRI paper submitted to Royal College of England OBGYN
 - Paper written in Australia mentioning the VPF

Fundraising:

- Walk meeting took place on June 16th at 2:00 EST and 20:00 HRS GMT in the VP chat cafe general room. Insurance issue is being resolved. Cost of insurance total for all cities requiring it will be under \$500. Insurance is through USATF (USA Track and Field Assoc).
- Victoria mentioned that we should invite all members from IVPF@yahoogroups.com to walk informally on their own and collect donations. It was thought that this would be a good option for those who cannot organize in their area and still would like to participate.
- NETHERLANDS
 - So far people have donated €1711.20 for the Kennedy March.
 - A colleague of Marlou's who is immigrating to Portugal next fall asked her to sell the belongings she is not taking with her, via the Internet, for a fee of 10% of the amount for the Foundation. The merchandise has been transferred to Marlou's house. Marlou has taken pictures of all the objects and put them on the big Dutch advertisement site: www.marktplaats.nl So far a total of € 215 has been sold (€ 21.50 for the VPF) and € 1165 has been pledged (€ 116.50 for the foundation).
 - Marlou asked the Netherlands email group members to help with Sophie's Walk and hopes they will be interested in volunteering. If they do not she doubts that she can go through with it, with the little amount of time and energy she has left after the gruelling Kennedy March. She also feels she cannot ask her friends and relatives for more money after all they have donated after the Kennedy March.
- UK
 - Amy received the release from Charlotte Hamlin for the parachute jump she is doing benefiting the VPF. She will send it to Cindy.
- USA
 - It was suggested that VPF look into Walmart's "Good.Works." program and the Toys R Us grant. It was noted that we can't apply for these

programs until the IRS 501C(3) certification arrives (applied for).

Chapter Formation Committee Report:

- No report given.

Education Committee Report:

- Education Committee meeting to be scheduled.

Budget:

- No report given.

Tax Exempt Status:

- Nothing heard yet from the IRS except that they have received our application.
- VPF has papers from Office Depot that will be filed as soon as the IRS 501C(3) certification comes through. After that VPF won't have to pay tax at Office Depot. One application with Office Depot works with all their stores nationwide.

Old Business:

- Donor data to complete the private donation page for the VPF website is still needed. Tabled since forever.
- UK will need a VPF Assistant Secretary. Tabled since 24 June 2002.
- VPF website banner for use on other websites. Tabled 8 July 2002 pending sample submission.
- Gavel sound for Board Room in the chat café. Tabled since 24 Feb 2003.
- Sales link on website is on hold, pending catalogs, etc. Tabled since 24 Feb 2003.
- Carol to provide Phil with a copy of her TV interview for the website. Tabled since 2002.
- Victoria is working on Spanish translations of the VPF brochure and Sophie's Walk information for the website. Tabled since 24 March 2003 as this is a work in progress.
- Press releases for the Kennedy March and Carol's nomination for Scotswoman of the Year. (19 May 2003)
- New page for the website about volunteering for the VPF. (19 May 2003)
- VPF document on management of vasa previa. (Tabled 19 May 2003)

New Business:

- None.

The next regular VPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, 14 July 2003 at 19:00 GMT (2:00 PM EST, 1:00 PM CST) in the Board room of the VPF Chat Café.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:56 GMT (1:56 PM CST)