

Vasa Previa Foundation

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 17 November 2003

Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President / Chapter Formation Committee Chairperson
- Cynthia Balota Paris, Secretary / Membership and Nominating Committees Chairperson
- Carol Prentice, UK Chapter Leader / Assistant Treasurer, UK

Marlou van Dijck, Vice President / Netherlands Chapter Leader / Assistant Treasurer, NL was absent for personal reasons.

Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR, Research, and Fundraising Committee Chairperson was on leave of absence.

VPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

Meredith Kirby, Education Committee Chairperson and Kathy Blades, Support Committee Chairperson were not in attendance.

Meeting began at 18:47 GMT (12:47 PM CST)

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Officer Reports:

- The monthly Members Meeting took place on Wednesday, 5 November 2003. Marlou hosted. No one else attended.
- Articles of Incorporation amendment has been submitted to the Illinois Secretary of State, accepted by same, received back by the VPF from the Illinois Secretary of State, and forwarded to VPF legal counsel to be filed with the local county.
- Annual meeting letters and voting proxies will be mailed out by the next Executive Committee meeting. As recommended by the VPF Nominating Committee, and approved by the VPF Board of Directors, participating members will vote on 5 directors, there being 5 positions available for the Board of Directors for 2004. Amy Brown Gaghagen, Marlou van Dijck, Cynthia Balota Paris, Victoria Patricia Goldstein, and Debi Pederson will be listed as nominees. As usual, there will be a space to write in any other name. Each participating member will submit 5 votes maximum.

Treasury Report:

- Netherlands:
Donations and interest: € 20.00
Dutch expenses: € 0.00
Total Dutch cash on hand: € 2532.11
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 1
- UK:
Donations received: £ 5.00
UK expenses: £ 0.00
Total UK cash on hand: £ 467
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0
- USA:
Donations received: \$ 256.00
USA expenses: \$ 0
Total USA cash on hand: \$ 26,278.80
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0

Chapter Reports:

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

Membership:

- No report given.

Public Relations:

- NETHERLANDS

- Marlou has written an article on vp for the Kraamzorg Delfland. The contact is pleased with the way it was written and will send it to the head-editor for publication. Marlou has requested to receive a copy of the magazine and will send the same article to other Dutch Kraamcenters, asking them to publish it.

- UK

- Carol received a reply on the two motions (one on Vasa Praevia and one on Neonatal Intensive Care Cots) to which she spoke on at the Scottish Association of Health Councils (SAHC) AGM on 12 June in Edinburgh. Follow up meeting scheduled for 4 November took place. Vasa Praevia is now a standing item on the agenda. They have decided to take to a full Business Meeting of the Health Council on 19 November to gauge reactions and firm up action. Also going to contact the Scottish Association of Health Councils again and point out the errors/lack of support in the reply from the Scottish Executive and ask them to go back to the Scottish Executive with our response in order to take this forward.
- Carol has been asked to write an update on vasa previa and Dr. Oyelese's recently published paper on management for the Health Council magazine. Deadline very short but will go ahead. The paper she will be writing about (on management) is located at http://www.contemporaryobgyn.net/be_core/MVC?mag=g&action=viewArticle&y=2003&m=11&d=01&article=goyeese.html&title=Cover@Story:@Vasa@previa:@Are@most@perinatal@deaths@preventable?&template=show_article.jsp They are also keen to publicise the study and highlight conclusions once it is published.
- Carol has been asked to be involved in up-coming focus groups in Scotland on midwifery practice and the changing Midwives Rules (book of guidelines which govern practice in the UK). She will be taking part in a group in Glasgow at the start of December.
- Carol emailed additional information on the British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology congress of 2004 to the other Executive Committee members.

- USA

- Pregnancy Today published the article "A Severed Connection Early Detection of Vasa Previa Can Save Lives". Yinka Oyelese MD was interviewed for this article. It can be found at <http://pregnancytoday.com/reference/articles/vasaprevia.htm>

Research:

- Marlou has sent an email to the Dutch NVOG on Sunday November 9, telling them about Dr. Oyelese's article on management and asked them to take into consideration Dr. Oyelese's advice in the current protocols.
- Marlou has printed several copies of Dr. Oyelese's article and has given it to her OB, radiologist and assistant radiologist.

Fundraising:

- Second meeting for Sophie's Walk 2004 is scheduled for November 20 and 21.
- NETHERLANDS
 - Nothing new to report.
- UK
 - Nothing new to report.
- USA
 - Additional VPF Store PayPal account has been created for the USA chapter to avoid simple donations having to pay shipping on their donations. Cindy will change the links.

Chapter Formation Committee Report:

- No report given.

Education Committee Report:

- No report given, though Cindy did receive a reply from a medical contact of a VPF member who was able to outline different methods of organizing medical inservices. Cindy wrote back thanking her for the valuable information and forwarded it on to the VPF Executive Committee for review.

Support Committee Report:

- No report given.

Nominating Committee Report:

- Five nominees accepted nomination to the 2004 VPF Board of Directors. VPF participating members will vote on directors during the next Annual Meeting scheduled to take place on 26 January 2004.

Budget:

- No report given.

Tax Exempt Status:

- No report given.

Old Business:

- Donor data to complete the private donation page for the VPF website is still needed. Tabled since forever. A participating member offered to help compile the necessary data. In the process, it was realized that with the huge numbers of individual donors giving during the Walk and other VPF events, this project may need to be rethought.
- UK will need a VPF Assistant Secretary. Tabled since 24 June 2002.
- Netherlands needs a VPF Assistant Secretary.
- 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.

- 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 pending publication of pending medical articles)
- Two more medical doctors have accepted the invitation to join the VPF Medical Advisory Board (one invitation still outstanding). The VPF Medical Advisory Board currently has five members: Yinka Oyelese MD, Jason Collins MD, Jason Birnholz MD, Dolores H. Pretorius MD and Val Catanzarite MD PhD. It was suggested that VPF re-contact the one outstanding invitation.
- VPF must obtain the permission from the artist to use Christina's painting <http://members.fnol.net/~tree/Christina/painting.htm> for future note card sales. Pending since 20 October 2003.
- VPF participation in the British Conference of OB/GYNAES (<http://www.bcog2004.co.uk>) July 7 - 9 in Glasgow. Tabled 3 Nov 2003 pending further information. Carol emailed additional information to committee members today.

New Business:

- It was unanimously agreed that the VPF form a new temporary committee for film production. Amy will chair the committee. Cindy and Victoria have been appointed to the committee. Additional committee members are desired and will be appointed at a later date.

The next regular VPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, 1 December 2003 at 18:30 GMT (1:30 PM EST, 12:30 PM CST) in the Board room of the VPF Chat Café.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:41 GMT (1:41 PM CST)