

PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NSW (AUST) INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

5th FEBRUARY 2007

Location: 13 Lambert Rd, Bardwell Park
Present: M. Apperley, J. Sackett, J. Lowe (by telephone)
Apologies: M. Spacavento

1. Minutes of Previous General Meeting: None
2. Matters Arising: Nil
3. Presidents Report

The AGM held in September was very successful. 12 members plus children attended. The BBQ dinner afterwards was very successful and enabled good discussions. MA recommended we adopt this format again for 2007.

Inquiries for assistance and new membership continue to be received via the website. This approach seems to be working however we do not always have the resources to assist all inquirers.

The Association hosted Pam Eissen (President of IPWSO) at an end of year dinner held in a restaurant at The Rocks on Nov 10, 2006. The dinner was attended by 18 members and guests and the Association partly subsidised the dinner.

Pam also met with members at a lunch function hosted by L & D. Robertson on Nov 10, 2006.

5. Treasurer's Report

The two term deposit accounts that the Association had for some time reached maturity and have been combined into a single (higher earning) term deposit. The interest being earned by the two original accounts was very low and the new single account now earns approx 6% interest. The Association accounts are still held by Westpac

All the identified components of the term deposits e.g. the quilt donation, will continue to be identified.

As of Feb 5, 2007 the Association has 54 financial members, 2 life members and 2 Professional members. 75 renewal notices were sent out so 17 membership renewals are outstanding.

Outgoings (expenses) since August 2006 have been:

18/8 \$113.80 Stamps and envelopes

29/9 \$191 AGM food and refreshments
3/10 \$43 Dep't of Fair trading annual Association registration
7/11 \$50 stamps
14/11 \$151 Association dinner. Hosted P. Eissen and partly subsidised members
21/12 \$109 Stamps and envelopes

6. Other Business

A. Networking Day Planning

Agreed that we will not be able to run this day on March 17 as originally planned and will need to postpone until later in the year. Suggested that we confirm a keynote speaker then plan around that. After some discussion decided to send out an Expression of Interest to members (by email and post) seeking their interest in attending a networking function and ideas as to content.

Actions:

- EOI to be drafted by J. Lowe
- MA to send notes from previous planning meeting to J. Lowe
- J. Sackett to send email list to J. Lowe
- J. Lowe to distribute EOI and request response by email where possible
- Try to use hospital contact lists: Childrens Hospital Westmead, Tumbatin Clinic (SCH), PWS Clinic (RPA), John Hunter Hospital

Once responses received will then use this information to plan the networking day.

B. MA to contact B. Greensmith to get a report on the outcome of the GH submission to the PABC that was declined last November.

C. JL mentioned that a pharmaceutical company Sandos? Are providing GH free of charge to eligible people. MA to contact B. Greensmith to gather details.

D. In next mail out to members we should include the conference flyer (1st Asia Pacific. MA to send flyers to JL in preparation.