

**ST GEORGES  
KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance: 52 attendees signed in but an estimated further 20 arrived late or did not sign in**

**Chris Eliot (chairman of the KPA) welcomed everyone present.**

**Mrs Roberts and Mrs Eliot were appointed as Tellers should their services be required**

**Chris Eliot began his report by saying that it had been a mixed year. The credit crunch has caused the postponement of the cricket match at the Oval. A year ago there were 12 major sponsors, currently there is only one.**

**On a more positive note two committee members had persuaded their ex employers to make donations of £5000 and \$2500. Once again the London Marathon and the Carol Concert had been very useful sources of income. Overall the sum raised this last year slightly exceeded the previous year. The Committee continues to have good relations with both medical and senior trust staff with regular meetings. Such as Transport issues and the Patient Forum. The KPA had provided various pieces of equipment such as the transonic machine (£18,556) and an AOB machine which filtrates patient's blood and makes more patients suitable for transplantation.**

**Members of the committee have been involved with the Trust and local PCTs on the local placement of satellite dialysis units and visited one in Poole run by Fresenius.**

**The KPA has negotiated with Patient Line (providers of TVs for patients) and agreed on a one year contract to provide free viewing for renal patients.**

**Mike Hanking-Evans is organising a team to represent the Unit at the Transplant Games at the end of July in Coventry**

**Stephen Chang (Treasurer) presented the accounts for 2008 (copy attached) and explained that he had claimed back Gift Aid from several years and hopefully more would be coming if the necessary records were available..**

**Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Chris Eliot, seconded by Mike Hanking-Evans and was carried by a show of hands.**

**Chris then stood down as Chairman and Dr John Eastwood took the chair.**

He asked for nominations for the post of Chairman. Chris Eliot was proposed by Laurence Spicer and seconded by Mrs Roberts. There being no other nominations Chris was re-appointed and re-took the chair.

He then asked for nominations of Deputy Chairman. Laurence Spicer was nominated by John Roberts and seconded by Mrs Eliot. There were no other nominations and Laurence was appointed.

Nominations were asked for the post of Treasurer and Stephen Chang was nominated by Mrs Eliot and seconded by Ms Taylor. There being no other nominations Stephen was duly appointed

Chris then asked for nominations for Secretary. Ms Lewin nominated John Roberts and this was seconded by Mrs Harvey. There were no other nominations and John was appointed.

The whole committee had stood down and all except Mr and Mrs Harvey were willing to stand again. John Roberts proposed that they be elected on block, this was seconded by Laurence Spicer and approved by all present.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone who would be prepared to join the committee. Mr Patterson (a haemodialysis patient) was nominated and approved by the meeting to be a committee member of the KPA.

There being no Other Business the formal meeting was closed.

David Astley the Chief Executive of the Trust was invited to speak and to respond to questions previously put to him in writing.

He first dealt with the refurbishment of the main reception that had come under criticism because of the cost. He pointed out that the cost had been borne by a charitable trust within St Georges and no NHS money had been involved.

David then gave an outline of the Trust's financial position. Over recent years it had accrued a significant overspend that had been rolling over from year to year. This is now being clawed back by annual underspends on the Trust's budget. Regionally St Georges is developing into a centre of excellence with several areas of speciality.

Waiting times for elective surgery is now down to 18 weeks. Well within government standards

Infection rate is now one of the best in England

New contracts are being drawn up for cleaning and catering

The hospital is now a major trauma centre for the region

Successful outcomes for stroke victims is improving

The promised new renal building is now going to be a refurbished area within the existing hospital but the work will not be started until 2013. The delay is blamed on the priorities demanded by government

There will be another operating theatre opening next year

There are now closer ties with the academic school.

Mr Astley then answered questions from the floor mainly of a minor importance which he promised would be looked into.