

MINUTES OF MEETING THURS 2nd JULY 2015 2-0 pm
Venue - Mackenzie Centre

24 people present; including our specialist nurse Debbie, wives of Prostate Cancer members and two new members, Mark & Belinda. Apologies were received from Glenn and Francis.

Dave opened the meeting by informing the attendees about the fire regulations and mentioned that only 19 people were present at last month's meeting. In matters arising it was discussed about how we could increase attendances.

MATTERS ARISING; Dave asked Debbie if we could have a visit to see the new Robotic arm at Royal Blackburn Hospital and she said that she would ask. Dave thought we could have a visit and tie it in with afternoon tea at the Sanctuary of Healing.

Tackle want articles and photos to include in their magazine.

If anyone has something of information for other PC sufferers then please attend meetings and HELP other people.

Jimmy C. attended the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham on Prostate Cancer he has pictures and conference notes, should anyone be interested to speak to him.

Dave asked if someone could bring up our books from the library for the meetings – and put them on the table for the use of our group members who can then borrow them.

At this point Stuart, Secretary, gave his report on events that had occurred during the interim period between meetings. He told of a generous donation from a 92 year old lady in sheltered accommodation in Padiham amounting to £103.50 in memory of her husband. He reported on a Casino fund raising event which John G. and he had attended at Turf Moor, organised by John & Lauren Fallows; John Fallows offered to donate £250 on the evening for the Prostate Cancer Support Group in memory of his father. Stuart spoke again about publicity & awareness and why the PC stand was set up there - manned by John & Stuart and he said people showed interest and wanted further

information and this proved that we must do this when we can and keep ourselves & P.C. in the public eye.

He reported on the Classic Car Rally held at Towneley Park where £27 was put in the bucket on the table when the PC stand was set up. Finally, he requested 3 people to help Prostate Cancer UK with a collection at Tesco, Accrington. He made the observation that we need to advertise in other towns in East Lancashire to make people aware of the group, get more attendees at meetings and help each other.

The Prostate Cancer Federation new number is 0800 0355302.

Amanda from Age Concern spoke about a programme of activities for Prostate Cancer sufferers.

New member, Mark, described his journey with Prostate Cancer.

The Raffle was drawn and made £45.

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In the 2nd half of the meeting an interesting and informative talk was given by Nutritionist, Lesley Pierce, on fats & oils and dairy products.

Dave closed the meeting with one of his famous Prostate jokes and a reminder that **the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th August at the McKenzie Centre, Burnley General Hospital at 2.00 p.m.**