

# International Vasa Previa Foundation, Inc.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 11 July 2005

### Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President
- Debi Pederson, Vice President
- Cindy Paris, Secretary / Membership, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Acting Education Committee Chairperson

Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR Committee Chairperson was on vacation but gave her proxy to Cindy Paris.

### IVPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

Kathy Blades, Support Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Beth Farman-Farmaian, Research Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Jacqueline Mullikin, Fundraising Committee chairperson was not in attendance

### Others present:

- Phil Millard

Meeting began at 16:07 GMT (10:07 AM CST)

Executive Committee Minutes from 20 June 2005 were unanimously approved for archival and distribution.

IVPF Monthly Members Meeting was held 1pm CST on Wednesday, 6 July 2005. Amy hosted. Jennifer Munson attended.

### **Agenda:**

- Officer Reports
- Treasury Reports
- Chapter Reports
- Membership Committee Report
- Public Relations Committee Report
- Research Committee Report
- Fundraising Committee Report
- Education Committee Report
- Support Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Old Business
- New Business

## **Officer Reports:**

- President
  - A moment of silence for the terrorist tragedy in London last Thursday. All of England is in our prayers.
- Vice President
  - No report given.
- Secretary
  - January's annual member meeting and Board meeting location needs to be set. St. Louis, MO, USA; Wolverhampton, England, UK; and Saskatchewan, Canada were suggested. Item tabled until next meeting.
- Treasurer
  - No report given. Treasurer is on vacation.
  - PayPal records have been changed to International Vasa Previa Foundation instead of our old “doing business name” “Vasa Previa Foundation”. Thanks went to Amy Brown Gaghagen, IVPF IRS contact for getting this sorted out.
  - USA
    - Donations and interest: \$ 0.00
    - Expenses: \$ 0.00
    - Total cash on hand: \$ 48,474.60
    - In-kind donations: \$ 0
    - Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0
  - UK
    - Donations and interest: £ 0.00
    - Expenses: £ 0
    - Total cash on hand: £ 839.64
    - In-kind donations: £ 0
    - Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0

## **Membership:**

- There are 86 participating IVPF members.
- There are 250 subscribers in the IVPF newsletter email group.
- There are 183 subscribers in the Vasa\_Previa email group.
- There were 47 edits to the Vasa\_Previa email group birthday calendar, mostly additions of web addresses for current entries with online webpages.
- This committee continues to provide routine maintenance and screen / welcome new subscribers to the email groups.
- This committee writes to people who contact the IVPF through its [info@vasaprevia.com](mailto:info@vasaprevia.com) email address and contact forms.
- This committee maintains records of contacts and IVPF members.
- Amy Brown Gaghagen volunteered to take over updating the Vasa\_Previa email group birthday calendar.

## **Public Relations:**

- No report given.

## **Research:**

- No report given.

### **Fundraising:**

- Jeannette Schwartz (taking over grants) has been out of town.
- 1000 Sophie's Walk brochures have been received and will be distributed to walk captains requesting them.
- Walk location pages on the website continue to be updated to provide specific walk location, day, and time of local walks.
- Sophie's Walk meeting took place on 7 July 2005. Jacqueline Mullikin hosted and one captain attended. There was some confusion about the chat cafe being down.
- New chat café research is being done. Cindy and Phil will meet 12 July to discuss the possibilities.

### **Education Committee Report:**

- This committee needs a chairperson because performing this function presents a hardship on the current acting chairperson. It was noted that IVPF could use an additional help with website updates as well.
- Claudia DiVirgilio submitted her story of her lost twin Matthew to the IVPF to be published on the website. She also has a website dedicated to him and vasa previa at [www.ourangelmatthew.com](http://www.ourangelmatthew.com)
- Melissa Hetrick submitted her story of her daughter Kayla who tragically died because of vasa previa. She has given IVPF permission to publish on the IVPF website.
- Octavio Moraga Guzmán of Chile submitted pictures of his surviving daughter María José Ríos's vci birth to "Dr." Victoria Goldstein. He sent "the photos of my daughter and the placenta so you can inform that a timely and good diagnosis lead to a safe delivery." His wife became pregnant after an ICSI treatment performed by Dr. Waldo Sepulveda. It would be nice to include these pictures on the website.
- IVPF has 2-3 sets of vp / vci photos. Permission requested to add them all to a page on the IVPF website.

### **Support Committee Report:**

- No report given.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

- No report given.

### **Old Business:**

- Canadian hospital list for mailing still to be purchased. Susan is working on compiling addresses for Excel list of 95 UK hospitals representing 150 or more births per year. Info packet will be sent out to USA, UK, and Canadian hospitals as soon as list is complete and printing bids for materials is approved. No action to report on this.
- ISUOG 15th World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology taking place in Vancouver, Canada 25-29 Sep 2005: Still haven't heard back about a reduced fee for IVPF attendance. The question of IVPF attendance at full price was discussed. It was agreed that the cost is worthwhile because awareness of vasa previa saves lives. However, ISUOG knows that vp can be diagnosed. They were one of our first and strongest supporters. Amy will contact a member of the IVPF Medical Advisory Board about the advisability of pursuing participation in this conference in the event we are not able to secure a reduced rate for attendance.
- Info packets for the SDMS meeting, pending authorization from them.
- IVPF.org has been purchased but is not yet pointed to [www.vasaprevia.com](http://www.vasaprevia.com).

**New Business:**

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to include submitted photos of vp/vci on an IVPF website page.

**The next regular IVPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, 25 July 2005 at 16:00 GMT (10:00 AM CST, 11:00 AM EST). Until further notice location of Executive Committee meetings will take place in Yahoo Instant Messaging Conference rooms as the Vasa Previa Chat Café is closed until further notice. Executive Committee members and IVPF Committee chairpersons should make sure they will be have Yahoo instant messenger installed and available for conferencing during the meetings.**

Meeting Adjourned at 16:56 GMT (10:56 AM CST)