

**GBSN Annual General Meeting
Gloucester Deaf Association
Barnwood
Saturday 4th December 2010 9.15am**

Present	Nicole Hastie (NH) Kirsty Bassett (KB) Linda Jackson (LJ) Ellen Butt (EB) Jo Abbott (JA) Sue Maxwell (SM) Sue Barrett (SB) Elizabeth Mayo (EM)
In attendance	Michelle Neal (MN) Ruth Ryder Jess Hoskins Beccy Hooper Marisa Dexter Lucy Wade Bronwyn Hargreaves Sophie Hebden
Apologies	Nikki Bradley Sally Nutt Katy Morgan Christine Mitchell

Minute no	Item
1	<p>Review of 2009 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution was past for all Trustees to become Members of GBSN • Financial year 2008/2009 accounts were accepted
2	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>GBSN's financial year end is 31st May 2010. NH explained that the accounts had been submitted and accepted by the accountants and they foresee no reason why GBSN could not continue financially even with the PCT funding being withdrawn in June 2010.</p> <p>KB provided a breakdown of the accounts (up to 31/05/10) which are available on the Charity Commission website. The cost allocation was as follows: 71% on groups 16% towards central costs eg. Administration, Marketing, Bookkeeping 13% on fundraising (which was primarily Bra sales)</p> <p>The financial outlook would be very different from June 2010 onwards, with revenue primarily being raised through various fundraising activities. KB explained that the board would look to decrease central and fundraising costs and ensure that any revenue raised was primarily spent on running the groups.</p> <p>The question was raised whether enough money had been raised to re-open closed</p>

	groups. KB advised that this was not the case.
3	<p>Resignation of Trustees & Members</p> <p>Linda Jackson has resigned as a trustee, however will still be a full part of GBSN as a Specialist worker. The board extended thanks to Linda for her contributions as a trustee.</p> <p>Nicole Hastie resigned as a Trustee and Treasurer. Kirsty Bassett resigned as Trustee and Chair.</p> <p>MN informed the board that written confirmation had been received from Clare Trafford, who has withdrawn her membership from GBSN.</p>
4	<p>Co-option of new Trustees to GBSN board</p> <p>Jo Abbott was appointed: EB nominated; SM seconded Sue Barrett was appointed: EB nominated; SM seconded Kirsty Bassett was appointed as Treasurer: EB nominated; SM seconded Nicole Hastie was appointed as Chair: SB nominated; JA seconded</p> <p>Encouragement was given for new trustees to join the board. Ideally a trustee is needed from each GBSN group so that the board has wide representation within GBSN. SM advised that Pauline Holden has agreed to join the board as a trustee.</p>
5	<p>General Update from GBSN Chair</p> <p>NH explained that there were 12 GBSN groups running when the 2009 AGM has been held. In early 2010, GBSN made a bid in conjunction with the NCT to the Gloucestershire PCT to provide breastfeeding support in the county. This bid was unsuccessful, and was awarded to the Breastfeeding Network (BfN). Subsequently, due to the loss in funding a decision was made to close one group. MOMS was closed due to it being the group with the highest running costs. BAMBI also closed which was a decision made by the group's peer supporters.</p> <p>The following groups are also due to close: BILLS – there is no specialist worker available to continue this group (which had temporarily merged with BIBS due to the Childrens Centre (CC) renovation) BIBS – this group has a BfN specialist worker. The GBSN board has chosen to withdraw from this group in December 2010. ROBINS – a BfN specialist worker was running this group. A GBSN specialist worker will now run this group until March 2011 as there is a contract in place with the CC to provide breastfeeding support there.</p> <p>There are enough funds to enable 8 GBSN groups to run until March 2011.</p> <p><u>Post March 2011</u></p> <p>NH advised that the GBSN board will not know how many Childrens Centres will re-nue the service agreements and funding they currently provide to 6 GBSN groups until at March 2011. No decisions regarding the viability of the groups will be made until this is known. NH advised that the board will try to give any groups that close at least a month's notice.</p>
6	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>SM extended a big thank you from all the hospitals to all the peer supporters for all their hard work throughout the year. The support that all the peer supporters provide to local women is very much appreciated.</p>

