

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

BRITISH HIP SOCIETY

2 MARCH 2007

LEEDS

1. PRESENT

Colin Howie, Keith Tucker, Charles Wynn-Jones, Peter Kay, Peter Howard, Fares Haddad, Dave Sochart and John Hodgkinson. Apologies received from Ian Stockley.

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING

The minutes of the previous executive meeting telephone conference on 28 January 2007 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

FIPO – Fares Haddad reported that he had attending the FIPO meeting on 7 February 2007. He reported that there were three main areas of concern and these included:-

1. Bupa network and new hip codes.
2. Fixed length of stay.
3. GMC issues and white paper.

The BHS Executive felt that it was important to stress that length of stay should be expressed as a range depending on case mix and other medical co-morbidities. The BHS also felt that both patient and GP should be given a choice of surgeon and that surgeons should not be recommended simply because they are on the Bupa panel.

Fares confirmed that further meetings had been arranged. He will try to attend these meetings in order to represent the BHS and report back.

4. LEEDS MEETING

The final details and arrangements for the Leeds meeting were discussed and confirmed. The judges for the best podium presentation will be Colin Howie, Charles Wynn-Jones and Paul Gaston. The judges for the best poster presentation will be Dan Berry, Fares Haddad and John Hodgkinson.

5. AGENDA FOR AGM

The agenda for the AGM was agreed.

6. AMERICAN AND BRITISH TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

Six candidates were short listed and interviewed for the above travelling fellowships on 28 February. Mr M Hemmady and Mr J Wimhurst were awarded American Travelling Fellowships in September 2007 and Mr Gurdeep Biring and Mr Timothy Board were awarded European Travelling Fellowships.

Last years European Traveling Fellows, Paul Gaston and Matt Moran will be asked to prepare short reports for the newsletter.

7. McMINN BURSERY

Two candidates have been short listed for this years McMinn bursary, Alistair Hart and Richard Baker. The interviews will take place later today and the name of the successful applicant will be announced at the AGM.

8. NEWSLETTER

John Hodgkinson reported that so far there had been very few contributions to this years newsletter. He hoped that Matt Moran and Paul Gaston would prepare short reports following their European Travelling Fellowships. The newsletter will hopefully be published soon after the BOA in September.

9. ODEP

The Executive Committee confirmed that Evert Smith had been duly appointed as the BHS representative on ODEP. This is a three year appointment and is renewable for a further three years. It was agreed that any future applicants for this post should be asked to declare any "*consultancy agreements*" that they may have with orthopaedic manufacturers or other interested parties.

10. BOA September 2007

Hip Society day – Wednesday. Timetable as follows:-

7:30am ODEP debate – joint meeting with industry "*how should we deal with minor changes*".

8:30am to 10:00am Instructional course – metal on metal Keith Tucker.

10:00am to 10:30am Coffee.

10:30am to 12:15pm Free paper podium presentations.

12:15pm to 1:15pm BOA lecture.

1:00pm to 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm to 2:45pm	BOA lecture.
2:45pm to 3:45pm	BOA AGM.
3:45pm to 4:15pm	Tea.
4:15pm to 6:00pm	Podium presentations - ? joint meeting with Oncology Society regarding femoral and pelvic reconstructive surgery.

The elected reviewers of abstracts were reminded that the reviewing process has now started.

One of the instructional course at the BOA will be “*metal on metal articulation*”. The organizers and contributors to this session will be Keith Tucker, Ian Stockley, John Skinner and Andrew Cobb.

11. PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURERS MEETING

Colin agreed to write to the Committee requesting a copy of the minutes of their last meeting.

12. BHS ANNUAL MEETING 2008

It was agreed that the dates for next years meeting in Norwich would be Wednesday 27 February to Friday 29 February 2008. Keith confirmed that an appropriate venue had now been secured.

There were further discussions regarding the 2009 meeting. Keltic Manor was suggested as a possible venue and it was suggested that a local organiser should be invited to help.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dave Sochart reported that he had been approached by the manufacturer of Palacos cement who were keen to offer an annual travelling fellowship valued at £5,000. It was suggested that further details should be requested.
2. Education and training of orthopaedic registrars – it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the President of the BOA expressing the BHS concerns regarding basic orthopaedic training and the standard of instructional courses.
3. American Travelling Fellows – Ian Stockley presented the expense account following the visit of the American fellows in September 2006. There was some concern in respect of some of the expenses that had been claimed. It was agreed that a letter outlining the “*basic ground rules*” of future visits should be prepare by Ian as a guideline to what is considered appropriate and legitimate expenses. It was also considered appropriate to politely inform any future American Travelling Fellows of all expenses that will be covered and also expenses which will not be covered “*i.e. mini bar bills*”.

14. PAC'S

John Hodgkinson reported that there had been some correspondence via Martyn Porter from a Consultant in Lancaster. A new PAC system has recently been installed and many x-ray films are no longer available for review. It was noted that x-ray films should be kept for a minimum of seven years and that in certain circumstances (paediatric x-ray films) they should be kept for much longer. It was felt that it may be appropriate for questions such as this to be asked in a "*question and answer section*" on the BHS webpage.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be 25 March 2007 at 8:00pm.

John P Hodgkinson