

# Minutes of the British Hip Society Executive Meeting

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

## 1. Apologies

Graham Gie

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March were approved

## 3. Actions:

John Nolan confirmed there was a £4,600 or so profit from the Torquay meeting

Regarding the travelling Fellowship the programmes have been released by our North American colleagues. FH will circulate it.

The Dublin BOA meeting was discussed. The main British Hip society day is on the Wednesday and we have two free paper sessions, an instructional on impaction grafting of the acetabulum and Charnley lecture. There will also be a further free paper session on early Thursday morning and we may be involved in another at 1600 on Thursday afternoon. John Hodgkinson will liaise with the British Orthopaedic Society via the specialist society meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

FH to try and organise a room for the Executive meeting on the lunchtime of the Wednesday. 1300 – Liffy 1

## 4. Metal on Metal

The Dispatches programme and the Australian ABC release as well as the excellent BOA updates from Peter Kay were discussed. There has not been as much on this as we expected. John Skinner and the MHRA are now going to start looking at what to do with those with high ion levels and no symptoms and indeed what to do with those with low levels but component mal-position. John Skinner will kindly send information for the newsletter which Fares Haddad will compile this week.

The Manchester meeting was discussed - John Hodgkinson was looking at venues and will forward some details regarding the chosen venues. Fares Haddad and Gordon Bannister agreed to review the abstracts. At the AGM, we will need to discuss the membership fee this year and possibly raise it to a significant amount in one go to avoid future problems.

We have considered an update on metal on metal during the meeting and that there should be a topic in focus on the introduction of new technology. It was agreed that this was a good subject and will need to be discussed further.

#### **5. FAI**

This subject was discussed in detail further to the previous conference call. There has been both support and disquiet from the “hip arthroscopists”. Richard Field has been in correspondence with Richard Villar and has been discussing things with Damion Griffin, Ernest Schilders and others. John Timperley will chase the key players again and the sub group will continue to work towards setting this up.

#### **6. NICE guidelines**

CG 59 OA guidelines – it was noted that no arthroplasty surgery was not included in this. John Hodgkinson has registered his concern. It was noted that such groups need an orthopaedic surgeon within the group.

In terms of the NICE guidelines, Gordon Bannister has promised to have a look at this. It was agreed that a small group of non executive members such as Colin Howie, Peter Howard and Will Hunt maybe asked to help with such matters.

#### **7. Website and Domains**

Richard Field outlined the domains that have been purchased. The process of trademarking has started and John Nolan is coordinating this.

#### **8. EAR**

A number of issues relating to this were discussed including the fact that this is European register which is not very productive and that there is a more widely recognized international register. Gordon Bannister has been liaising with Peter Lubeck. It appears not to be in our gift to award anything to Evert Smith. It has to go through the BOA. We have agreed not to take this issue further.

#### **9. FIPO**

The letter from St Anthony’s to PPP not been written. Richard Field is going to speak to his Chief Executive. We have agreed to put the letter on hold for the moment as there are a great number of developments particularly with knee surgery and knee arthroscopy. John Hodgkinson was going to speak to Peter Kay as Peter is taking a strong view about this on behalf of the BOA. All members were encouraged to complete the FIPO survey booklet.

#### **10. AOB**

It was agreed to appoint all presidential guest speakers as honorary fellows. We are going to discuss at next meeting and Fares will then contact them.

