

Minutes of the British Hip Society Executive 29 January 2012

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Timperley who had been contributing by e-mail prior to the meeting.

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The minutes of 11 December 2011 were accepted.

3. Items Arising

John Hodgkinson updated the Committee on the Heraeus contribution of £1,000 to £1250 per year. We have not advertised this Fellowship this year but we will appoint it at the same time as the British Hip Society Fellowship interviews in Manchester in February/March at the Annual General Meeting.

In relation to the British Hip Society Travelling Fellowship, Fares Haddad to chase Claire Wilson to see how many applicants there are.

The issue of thrombo-prophylaxis was raised again. It was agreed that Fares Haddad would provide the communications from Robert Barrack and the summary from the AAOS from November. Fares is going to the American Academy meeting and will update about DVTs and any other issues. John Skinner and others who are going to AAOS will help.

In relation to the metal on metal issue, John Skinner raised the article in *The Sunday Telegraph* and the fact that Steve Jones had noted a cluster of lymphoma cases in Wales. A telephone conference took place between the MHRA, the NJR, the Welsh Assembly and John Skinner, Keith Tucker, Martyn Porter and others, including statisticians from HQuip. It was felt that this not a statistically significant problem, although the issue may again be discussed at BHS meeting. The analysis was based on a small number of Steve Jones' own patients, whereas there are 1567 patients in Wales that they will now look at. Ashley Blom has looked at the NJR where there is no difference. 8% of patients have cancer pre-hip arthroplasty and 5% have them afterwards.

Richard Field was forced to pay over \$400 for his dial-in to the last conference and we need to find a way of getting a toll-free number for those who are abroad in future.

4. Treasury Report

The Treasurer's Report was received from John Nolan. He is in the process of moving our account and the membership is being e-mailed. Peter Howard has raised some objections to the rise in price. This will be discussed again at the AGM of the British Hip Society.

The finances of the Society are healthy otherwise, in spite of the Bluespier and legal bills for the non-arthroplasty hip register. We have £28,000 in the current account and £45,000 in the back-up account. These accounts will stay as they are as we progress towards charitable status. It was agreed that emeritus members do not pay subscriptions. The issue of the differential between previous fees and current fees and between BOA and non-BOA members will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

5. Manchester Meeting

The Manchester meeting was discussed in detail. The provisional programme was outlined. It starts at 1400 on Wednesday 29 February 2012 with the combined BORS meeting, where there will be eleven papers. The BHS exec will form the judging panel. The emerging hip surgeons will meet between 4.00 and 6.00. Johann Witt's group will meet in Liverpool between 2.00 and 5.00. Fares Haddad to confirm with Johan Witt that he will choose the number of delegates that he wants at that session. We will interview between 4.00 and 5.00 pm for the European Travelling Hip Fellows. FH, Gordon Bannister and John Hodgkinson volunteered for that. The Executive will meet at 5.00 pm.

A different room was going to be obtained for the Annual General Meeting, as that always overruns and may delay the set-up for dinner. John Hodgkinson has organised for Paul Fletcher to be the after dinner speaker. On Friday we will have a packed lunch in order to accommodate a fuller NJR session.

6. Executive Dinner in Manchester

It was agreed that John Hodgkinson would book a restaurant. Ex-presidents have been invited and Keith Tucker plus wife, Peter Kay plus wife will attend, Martin Porter will attend, Charles Wynn-Jones will attend and Michael Wroblewski will attend. We have received apologies from most of the other ex-presidents. Mike Kimmons will be invited to the dinner.

7. BHS at BOA

It was agreed that the previous discussions would stand and that John Hodgkinson has forwarded the details to the BOA.

8. NAHSR

This was discussed. There was a strong feeling from Richard Field that there was duplication of data entry. It was felt that Richard should speak to John Timperley and that we should plan to have a meeting early one morning at the BHS meeting in Manchester in order to discuss this with all the stakeholders.

Richard Field was going to provide some feedback. It was felt that it would be wise to meet early on Thursday morning with the relevant stakeholders in order to discuss things prior the AGM.

9. Survey of the BHS Meeting

An e-mail requesting a survey was forwarded. Gordon Bannister kindly was going to provide a reply asking for a robust justification of the work to be done.

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The Executive positions for 2012/2013 were discussed. The only post that was advertised was that of Vice President. There are four nominations (John Nolan, Evert Smith, John Skinner and Martin Stone). It was felt that, as two of the above were Executive members (John Nolan and John Skinner), they would continue to hold their positions should they be elected. Both agreed to do so.

11. Honorary Fellowships

The case of Ian Clark, who forwarded his CV and was put forward by Evert Smith and Ian Stockley last year, was discussed. His CV was supported but has been forwarded to the Exec to comment further.

12. AOB

Mike Kimmons was keen to join the meeting. It was felt that he would be invited to the Executive dinner and we would waive the registration for the meeting but he would have to pay for the gala dinner if he wanted to attend.

There were some requests for advertising for various courses on the British Hip Society website and it was felt that we could not do that for the moment but there would be a pricing structure for doing that in future. For the time being, we would write back and say that if they wanted to do that, we could provide them with labels at a cost via Claire Wilson and that they would eventually be able to use the website at a cost in future once it had been re-vamped.