

MINUTES OF THE BRITISH HIP SOCIETY EXECUTIVE 12 **SEPTEMBER 2012**

1. APOLOGIES

John Skinner, but noted that report from John Skinner received.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were received and accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was felt that all matter arising would be covered within the agenda.

4. BHS 2013 UPDATE

Gordon Bannister updated that Coulston Hall would be the venue for BHS meeting in Bristol in February/March 2013.

Gordon has identified very good conferencing and hotel capacity, with hotel rates between £60 and £127.

It was previously agreed that Leif Havelin would be the presidential guest speaker for the meeting and that Jonathan Webb would be the after dinner speaker. Dinner would be at the 'Grand'.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed.

The meeting will open on Wednesday 27th February 2013.

There will be a research session that afternoon in a side room that will be subsequently occupied by the arthroplasty practitioners for the next two days. Richie Gill will be invited to co-ordinate that session with John Skinner and Fares Haddad.

There will be an emerging surgeons' forum that afternoon. Richard Baker will be invited to co-ordinate that and co-opt colleagues to help him to chair it.

Johan Witt will be invited to run a non-arthroplasty instructional that afternoon. Gordon Bannister will identify the local anatomists and put Johan in touch with them so that Johan can choose the type of session that he would want to organise.

That evening there will be the BHS Executive dinner, to which will be invited Johan Witt, Richie Gill and the president of the arthroplasty practitioners, past presidents, Ashley Blom and Jonathan Webb.

We then ran through the programme of the meeting. The topic in focus on Thursday morning will be in relation to fracture neck of femurs and the recovery pathway from them. Gordon Bannister has already invited several of the speakers.

That afternoon the session/debate will be co-ordinated by John Skinner and will relate to medical negligence. Gordon Bannister, John Hodgkinson and Simon Bridle were all suggested as speakers. Fares Haddad will discuss this with John Skinner.

Lief Havelin will give the presidential speech.

The AGM will take place on Thursday evening.

There will be an NJR and non-arthroplasty hip register session on Friday morning.

On Friday lunchtime there will be an instructional session on how to get implants out. The current state of that session is as follows. Manktelow and Muirhead-Allwood confirmed. Porter vacillating.

The detailed programme will be fleshed out much further at the next meeting.

We will try to put a call for abstracts out in the next two weeks. Richard Field will let Fares Haddad know as soon as the link is available. Fares Haddad, Gordon Bannister and John Skinner will review the abstracts. The aim is to close the abstract submissions by 15th November and then to have the abstracts reviewed by 1st December so the programme is ready early and people can take leave and register for the meeting.

As an aside, the relationship with the BOA and the limited level of support that we are getting from the BOA was raised as a side issue. John Timperley has agreed to take that forward. Fares Haddad is going to have a discussion with Clare Wilson, but it would appear that there are high level problems and debates and John needs to take that forward, particularly to ensure that we have a clean database relative to the BOA census and that we understand the relationship moving forward.

John Nolan reiterated that the memorandum of understanding in relation to our charitable status is yet to be approved and this will be key to us moving forward. John Timperley will try to work on that as well.

6. THE AMERICAN TRAVELLING FELLOWS 2013/2014

There will be interviews on Thursday 13th September at the BOA. John Hodgkinson, Gordon Bannister and Fares Haddad will interview. They will decide if there is someone suitable to send. If there is enough interest and quality, we will in future try to press the USA to take two Fellows on regularly as the camaraderie that develops between two Fellows is always desirable.

7. THE BLUE BOOK

Fares Haddad has now received all but one of the chapters. Once he has received them, he will edit and then forward to the entire committee to proof read to ensure that there is cohesive.

8. METAL ON METAL

John Skinner kindly provided an update. All seems fortunately quiet on that front at the moment!

9. Tim Spalding forwarded a request in his role as adviser to the Lifeboat Association. A detailed discussion ensued. It was felt that this is a poor environment for any arthroplasty. Fares Haddad was tasked with writing back to say that he perceived real problems with patients with arthroplasties undertaking this role but, if it helped Tim Spalding, it was felt that a standard, well-functioning arthroplasty at two years post-op could be regarded in the same category as a hip re-surfacing. We would revisit this at the next conference call.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The finances of the Hip Society were discussed. John Nolan was keen to get more standing orders in place. John Timperley will try to help with the BOA membership census.

We have rather stalled on charitable status at the moment and, again, John Timperley will work with the BOA. Richard Field has offered the use of his lawyers who may be able to help from that point of view.

John Timperley announced that Smith & Nephew recently funded a non-arthroplasty register to the tune of £4000 this year. He is looking to further industry help over the coming years to aid with the analysis. It was felt that the non-arthroplasty register was the greatest single financial risk to the British Hip Society.