

Minutes of the British Hip Society Meeting
- Sunday 25th January 2015

Chair – John Skinner

In attendance –

John Nolan

John Timperley

Marcus Bankes

Jonathan Howell

Fares Haddad

Andrew Manktelow

Richard field

Steve Jones

Also in attendance – Martyn Porter

1. Apologies

Alex Acornley

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed & accepted

3. Matters arising/actions

Nil

4. PHIN (Private Health Information Network)

Exec joined by Martyn Porter for discussion of items 4 & 5.

JS informed all that PHIN have been appointed by the CMA and “mandated as information deliverers” on surgeon volume and outcomes in the private sector.

Immediate concern is the impression that PHIN wants to

exceed the data set published by NHS England. At this time detail is poor but risk/concern is real given all the data validation issues that have previously been voiced.

MP confirmed that PHIN have made 2 data requests to the NJR but these have been rebutted with the explanation “that these [analyses](#) have not been performed”

Obvious continued concerns about data quality, validation and interpretation especially how these can be [constrewed](#) by insurance companies.

Whilst the FIPO appeal is ongoing and outcome uncertain their role/interaction with PHIN remains unclear.

All discussed that as this is an issue related to professional practice and surgeon level data. Therefore the BOA should be involved despite their general “reluctance” in issues effecting private practice.

JH – also highlighted whilst Orthopaedics is a major player this affects all surgical disciplines and therefore a potential role for the RCS.

MP suggestion that a unified approach by specialist societies to BOA and meeting Matt James (PHIN) could be appropriate next steps with perhaps an invitation of PHIN to Annual Meeting.

Action – JS to write to Colin Howie (President of BOA) and Claire Marx (President of RCS) detailing the BHS concern about the appointment, process and apparent mandate that PHIN have been given.

5. NJR

(i) BHS Involvement in NJR

JS highlighted to MP the desire of the BHS to have a greater involvement in the NJR and specifically have representation on several of the NJR Committees.

MP acknowledged this and stated the “Terms of Reference” for all committees [were](#) currently [being](#)

formalized. [These](#) should be finalized in February and [he](#) would be happy to report back thereafter.

(ii) NJR & Surgeon Level Data

MP – Stated that the current opinion within the NJR is that data quality is **NOT** sufficient to allow publication [of](#) revision rates for individual surgeons. Also adding that the NJR would be very reluctant to release such data.

Forthcoming meeting in February between NJR and Sir Bruce Keogh and feeling is of “increased political pressure to release more data is expected”. MP highlighted that data quality around revision rates is “vulnerable” and with current levels of validation would be “extremely weary to release revision data”. MP is happy to provide feedback after this meeting.

JS highlighted that the validation of data remains [a](#) major concern of the BHS. Also stressing that the wish is not to hide bad surgeons but to produce data that is helpful to patients.

MP highlighted unit level data₁ with dashboards of outcome for organizations next likely step. With perhaps greater [emphasis](#) on current/recent practice. With the view of looking at current trends/outcomes₁ for example taking out the effect of MoM/recalled components.

MP stated that for these discussions with the political hierarchy it would be very helpful to receive a formal mandate from the Specialist Societies. MP stated that they are looking to the Specialist Societies to inform them about their concerns. JS stated we would vote on delivering such a mandate from BHS at the upcoming AGM.

Action – Vote at AGM from membership on the issue of the publication of surgeon level data.

Possible/Probable question “Does the BHS support the release of Surgeon Level Data for Revision at this time?”

6. BHS 2015

AM – Confirmed around 200 submissions received and accepted 42 podium and 100 poster presentations. AM thanked those involved in review/ranking and highlighted an improved system & workflow of website to previous.

Chairman for sessions to be confirmed and all Exec confirmed happy to be involved.

NAHR update from MB in programme at end of 1st morning. Also possible website update from RF pending time - discussed whether this should be item in AGM [as has been the case in the past.](#)

AM been chasing up Jai regarding final program.

JS discussed Exec Dinner that is planned to be held close to the Tower of London. The Exec and guests will also attend the Ceremony of the Keys and, if event is on Tuesday night, have drinks in the Yeoman of the Guards bar. The latter will not be possible if event is on Sunday rather than Tuesday.

JT & JH not available on Tuesday night and potential for 2 events one formal/one informal will be explored by JS.

FH highlighted the continued contribution of Trish Phillips to the ACCEA Awards review. All agreed it would be a fitting show of thanks to invite to the Dinner,

Action – Final confirmation of Exec Dinner to be circulated by JS. This will determine time of Exec meeting.

Action - SJ to invite Past Presidents on behalf of the Society.

Action - JS to invite Patricia Phillips to Exec Dinner once date confirmed <PACPhillips@aol.com>

7. **Treasurer's Report**

JH – Confirmed that now £70K has been paid up front for meeting. This leaves balance of £3K in current account, in addition to reserves in saving account.

Again highlighted over 1/5th membership were in arrears with fees (62 unpaid/45 partial payment).

This will again be discussed at AGM.

8. **Website**

RF – Web page about to go live for ties & umbrella sales.

RF informed Exec that he is seeking re-election to the position of Webmaster and requested any member of Exec who was happy to act as a proposer & seconder to contact him thereafter.

9. **BHS / IHS meeting in Milan**

FH – Prior to conference call had circulated preliminary flier, further details and outline program.

Website for meeting about to go live.

All Exec present confirmed that they were happy to contribute.

Action – All Exec to contact FH with any suggestions and/or preferred topics.

10. **NAHR Update**

MB – Confirmed new user interface now live.

Next NAHR newsletter planned with update of data policy and user interface instructions.

The attendance of Amplitude at BHS 2015 meeting was discussed. MB confirmed and has been reassured that Amplitude have explicit instructions and understanding that their attendance at the meeting is solely under the banner of the NAHR and no marketing of other products is

permitted. With this undertaking in place, Exec confirmed happy for them to attend both days of meeting.

FH made comment in particular for future thoughts about “how and when we measure the success of the NAHR”

JT thereafter lead discussion around data control & the NAHR. Highlighting that the Data Controller of the NAHR is the Sub-committee and that the pathway for data release is now both clear & transparent. Also as the NAHR is not funded by public money, it cannot be forced to comply with FOI requests.

11. BHS Travelling Fellows

SJ – Confirmed 3 applications to date with closing date at end of January.

JS & FH confirmed as conducting interviews at BHS meeting.

12. Any other business

JS discussed letter sent by BHS member who as a result of manufacturer mix & match in the use of LDMoM hip replacement is facing a number of claims and that his [defence](#) society was likely to withdraw support.

All present agreed that a letter of support from the BHS to the [defence](#) organization (MPS) was appropriate, emphasizing in particular “what was known at that time” and that the overall disaster around MoM has been related to a whole class of implants rather than individual manufacturers.

RF also suggested offering the member a face-to-face meeting with Exec at up-coming BHS meeting.

Action – JS to write to Defense Organization in support of member.

13. Date of next meeting

Will take place at BHS London 2015 – TBC whether this will be on Sunday 1st or Tuesday 3rd March.