

Minutes of the British Hip Society Meeting

– Sunday 21st June 2015

Chair – John Nolan

In attendance –

John Skinner

Fares Haddad

Marcus Bankes

Jonathan Howell

Richard Field

Dominic Meek

Stephen Jones

In addition – John Timperley (for initial part of call)

1. Apologies.

Andrew Manktelow

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Noted & Agreed and action points covered

3. NAHR (Joined by John Timperley)

FH commenced discussions underlining at the outset overall the continued support for the NAHR, but also the need to appreciate & critically review its success, uptake & impact. Also in the setting of financial constraints considering the on-going burden to the BHS funds is also important to consider. The NAHR lead also remains an unelected position on the Exec.

JT summarized direction of travel since conception and re-stated the original aims of the NAHR. JT highlighted the evidence is of continued growth with an active user group.

MB informed Exec that currently approximately 57 active users with both existing & new users. Noted that some major centers are not contributing.

MB highlighted the continued need to drive engagement with surgeons and also increased awareness to patients. In terms of potential alternative funding streams both arthroscopy companies & private hospitals maybe options. MB stated current running costs around £5.5K p.a.

FH questioned what proportion of UK joint preserving surgeons are currently captured. MB response is that this is unknown. RF highlighted difficulties with HES data and coding that also complicates this.

MB stated keen overall for compliance with NAHR to become mandatory, possibly via re-imburement. NAHR group working towards strategy to enable this.

RF discussed other future options of industry partner and potential future developments with Arthrex.

FH re-stated that in terms of measuring success and output of NAHR felt that a firming up on targets and end-points is required and continued drive to increase uptake is needed. MB highlighted the progress over the past 2 years and NAHR groups continued steps forward.

JN highlighted two areas of discussion – firstly with regard to NAHR contract & re-negotiation. Within the BOA these are progressing in a positive manner in particular with regard to data collection, liability and intellectual property. JN stated that in the future it may well be that data would have to be released (as per the NJR) and the courts may take a dim view if it is destroyed. Secondly, JN highlighted insurance costs for NAHR thought to be around £500 p.a. and all agreed that this is a “no-brainer” to protect Exec & data issues.

JH confirmed that the BHS is registered with the Information Controllers Office.

Action point - MB to continue to report back at Exec meetings continued efforts of NAHR group for engagement & growth of register.

Thanks to JT for joining conference call at this point before he left meeting

4. NJR/Surgeon Level Data

JN update – Number of initiatives by NJR to drive improvements in data quality & validation that are at piloting stage. E.g. approx. 40 centers that were early adopters and approx. 50 poorly performing hospitals visited to assess data quality.

Enhanced hospital level dashboards next steps with no particular further plans at this stage to do anything further with surgeon level data.

JS re-stated the problem/concerns with case mix adjustment in current data set, together with the limitations of BMI & ASA.

Individual surgeon compliance rates JN commented that Elaine Young planned to consider NHS/HES/NJR data for certain surgeons as compliance exercise. FH highlighted that for the most part compliance is likely to be because of institutional constraints rather than surgeon issues.

JN stated likely timescale for these NJR activates next 6 months.

RF suggested that may well be worthwhile contacting Paul Aylin and to work with him to determine moving forwards what actually would be appropriate surgeon level data.

Action Point – RF to contact Paul Aylin & will feedback to Exec. JN, JS & FH happy to attend if meeting is scheduled with Paul Aylin.

5. Beyond Compliance

Orthimo – FH has previously posted his personal view on Orthodirectors Blog/website. Adam Brookes reply requested the BHS

view point on the issue of generic implants.

Noted that Tim Briggs has meeting at RCS on 9th July.

Action Point – FH will attend on behalf of the BHS and feedback at next Exec.

6. Treasures Report

JH current account approx. £43K.

Losses of London meeting around £30K but not completely finalized.

Alternative funding streams discussed – Firstly, sponsorship via Annual meeting program where Jai could act as a contact.

JN also highlighted discussions with Jai where exhibitors with no conflict of interest could attend annual meeting (e.g. Wealth management).

JS & FH lead discussion on industry funding of Fellowships. Both had previous positive discussions with Zimmer and are happy to contact them once again.

JH in process of setting up PayPal.

7. Website

RF update provided and stated aims to try and further enable “tools for Exec” as functionality on website. E.g. live updates regarding progress of membership applications.

8. BOA 2015

JN confirmed free paper session requirements & revalidation BHS session. All Exec aware of requirements. Ashley Blom & Rob Middleton chairing free paper session.

Action Point – SJ to arrange Exec meeting & BHS Dinner at BOA

9. Combined Meeting HIS/BHS

FH - Final deadline for papers 30th June. Faculty are required to register (and maybe reimbursed). All attending confirmed receipt of email from organizing committee and were aware of preliminary program.

10. BHS 2016

JN confirmed dates 16th-18th March.

Same venue as 2007 (seating for 420 plus additional available)
Javad Parvizi accepted invitation as Presidential Guest Lecturer.

Action Point – Exec meeting at BOA plan discussion of topics in focus.

11. BOTA

JN discussed request from BOTA to have a trainee representative on BHS Exec “for purposes of liaison”

All agreed that no real need for this role and that Hon Sec can convey any required information to ensure good lines of communication with trainees as and when required.

Action Point – SJ to respond to BOTA enquiry confirming the above.

12. BHS Newsletter

SJ to co-ordinate and compile. Aim for completion and distribution to members by end of July.

13. AOB & next meeting.

FIPO – update from FH confirming that they are going to prepare an appeal. Not thought at this time that there is going to be a further request for funds.

Next meeting – at BOA Liverpool