

BHS Executive Conference Call
Monday 10th July 2017 at 21.00hrs

Chair

Peter Howard

In attendance

Jonathan Howell

Andy Hamer

Andrew Manktelow

Richard Field

Stephen Jones

Ben Bolland

Fares Haddad

Vikas Khanduja

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the last meeting, 8th May 2017.

These were approved.

3. Matters arising

1. FIPO membership

FH reported that FIPO had kindly waived the subscription owed this year from the BHS in view of the society's financial difficulties. Once the society was more financially stable then subscriptions could restart.

2. Future Joint BHS meeting

VK had discussed the possibility of a joint BHS/Indian Association meeting with Dr Rajesh Malhotra. Discussions about revenue sharing were ongoing.

Action: VK to feedback after follow up meeting with Dr Malhotra

3. EHS representative

SJ reported that this had been discussed at the Norwich AGM. There is possibly a need to nominate a replacement UK representative who needs to be an EHS member. The current representative (Evert Smith) is due to demit in the next few months.

Action: FH to discuss with EHS executive. Possible ballot in Derby 2018

4. Treasurer Update/Financial Rescue Measures

JH presented the following summary of the BHS finances:

British Hip Society			
2017			
Incoming Resources			
Membership Subscription	1	6,300	
Non-arthroplasty Hip Registry		10,000	
Annual Congress		14,950	
Other Income	2	-	
Total Incoming Resources		31,250	
Outgoing Resources			
Membership		180	
Non-arthroplasty Hip Registry		54	
Annual Congress		6,644	
Fellowship, Awards & Prizes		20	
Governance			
Other Trading Costs			
Other Costs		55,878	Fraudulant Transactions
Total Outgoing Resources		62,777	
Net Incoming Resources	-	31,527	
Brought forward Funds		54,201	
		22,674	
Fixed Assets			
Stock		1,230	
Debtors		1,339	
Cash		24,920	
Liabilities		- 4,814	
		22,674	
Notes			
1. General BHS expenses totalled £180.99 this has been apportioned as shown below			
Society Meeting	45%	180.19	
Visiting Fellowships	5%	20.02	
Membership	45%	180.19	
NAHR	5%	20.02	
2. Not included in the accounts above; invoices paid by the BOA on behalf of BHS			
Amplitude	21/03/2017	4,128	
Concept Meetings	10/04/2017	29,737	
		33,865	
3. Not included in the accounts above; donations received on behalf of BHS			
Donations		28,345	44 Donations received so far
Gift Aid to be claimed		4,849	26 Gift aid declarations received so far
		33,194	

This was a summary of the first 5 months of 2017 with the input of Liz Fry at the BOA.

JH reported that there was approximately £24,000 available to the society at present and that the first 10% of the fee had been paid for the Derby meeting (£4590).

The balance of the fee was due in two parts, the first on 14/12/17 and the second on 14/02/18. These were both after most members would pay their annual subscriptions in October 2017.

JH reported that Jai Mistry was confident that meeting bills for Derby 2018 could be covered by registration fees.

Discussion followed:

PH: Possible donation from BASK, whilst supported by the BASK President, had been refused after consultation with the BASK Executive. This was very disappointing.

JH: Reported that Liz Fry at the BOA had offered an interest free loan of approximately £50k to £100k to the BHS. This had been approved by the BOA auditors and would be available to the BHS on condition that it had been discussed at the BHS executive and approved. This was universally accepted with thanks by the BHS executive committee.

Action: JH to formally request loan from BOA on behalf of BHS

PH: Suggested three financial options for the BHS moving forwards that could be presented to the BHS members at the Liverpool EGM:

- Take BOA loan and contain costs for meetings
- Limited industry involvement in BHS meetings (eg involvement in Wednesday workshops etc but not remainder of meeting)
- Full industry presence at BHS meetings

BB: Suggested that subscriptions might be raised to cover financial deficit

JH: Reported that this would be very difficult as subs were paid by Standing Order rather than Direct Debit. BHS was too small to be able to use the latter.

SJ: Suggested that the poor response to request for donations might indicate that the members were not averse to industry involvement.

JH: Derby meeting costs estimated at £154k and that income from Norwich (2016)

was £111k with London (2015) at £134k. Assuming £120k income from Derby, BHS would lose approx. £25-30k. The society finances would be just able to cope hence the BOA loan was a good idea.

AM: Suggested that possible Nottingham venues were no more expensive than than Derby, and would suit the possibility of industry attendance if needed.

PH: Venues are expensive for a meeting of the size of the BHS and members expect high standards of organization which therefore are also expensive. This needs clear discussion with members.

VK: Suggested a Google poll of members to gauge opinion in the society.

PH: Had the BHS had an EGM previously? No record of one.

AJH: Constitution examined (post meeting note added from BHS website);

“Amendments to the Constitution: No change in the rules of the Society will be made except at an Annual General Meeting and after at least 28 days notice has been given to the Ordinary Members and then approved by two thirds majority of the Ordinary Members present at the Annual General Meeting. A quorum for the purpose of amendment of the rules shall be 30% of the Ordinary Membership. If such a quorum is not present at the Annual General Meeting a postal ballot of all Ordinary Members shall be held”

AM: Suggested that the EGM would be the forum to discuss possible financial options with possible a Google Poll thereafter to refine choices. He suggested that there was a possibility of further funds coming to the society from fellowships. Final debate and vote to be held at the Derby meeting AGM with the membership present.

5. New Financial Procedures

JH: These were circulated prior to the meeting and discussed.

PH: These measures appear expensive for the BHS but are probably understandable.

JH: Reported that he was due to meet Liz Fry at the BOA on 11th September to discuss the measures further.

6. Membership audit

AJH: Reported that new members approved in 2015 and 2016 were now on the website based database. He had received help (albeit slowly) from the website hosting

company to modify the database to allow easier confirmation of membership. Work was ongoing on the 2017 applicants.

RF: Suggested that if the website hosting company were slow or inadequate in response then he would be happy to pressurise to obtain results.

7. NJR

PH: Reported little new to report at this stage.

8. NAHR

VK: Discussed some data/consent issues. Procedures were in place to protect data but concern raised about involvement of Amplitude and their access to patients data.

Action: VK to update after NAHR conference call in two weeks

9. BOA 2017

The draft program had been circulated prior to the conference call with a 0845 start on Tuesday 19th September.

EGM to be held at 1700 on Tuesday in Meeting Room A for approximately 45 minutes.

JH: He will be unable to attend as on call that week. Will discuss financial details at meeting with BOA 11th September.

Action: Exec meeting and/or exec call to take place prior to EGM. PH to suggest timing.

Post meeting note, Exec Dinner booked at 2000 Tuesday 19th Sept at Meet

Argentinian Restaurant

50 Brunswick St, Liverpool L2 0PL, UK

10. BHS 2018

PH: Venue confirmed, programme to be discussed at future exec call.

11. Website

RF: Concerned that website hosting company somewhat slow, but AJH confirmed that progress was being made. Helpful modifications had been made with

membership application process.

12. AOB

1. PH: Reported a recent call from Tim Briggs discussing prosthesis choice in patients over 70. Not clear whether he was seeking BHS approval or whether he wanted certain GIRFT principles to be presented to BHS members.

AM: Asked whether BHS should express a view concerning prosthesis choice?

FH: Suggested that age alone should not be a factor in implant choice.

SJ: Concerned that the call was a formal request for support.

Action: PH to keep exec informed of further conversations.

2. AJH: discussed BHS communication with members. He had canvassed a number who wanted regular short communications. Use of Twitter was discussed but is poorly used by BHS members.

PH: Suggested that he was going to produce another email to members concerning the appeal for finances

Action: AJH to produce example of proposed News Update for distribution.

13. Date of next meeting

Further exec call TBA.

Exec meeting to be held at BOA Liverpool, time and venue TBA

Andy Hamer

Hon Sec

11th July 2017