**BSCAH Council Meeting - Civil Service Club 9th March 2019**

**Minutes**

Present: Peter Naish (PN), Jean Rogerson (JR), Ann Williamson (AW), David Kraft (DK), Maureen Tilford (MT), Charlotte Davis (CD), Les Brann (LB), Martin Wall (MW, Hilary Walker (HW).

1. Apologies for absence – Simon Barnett, Jane Boissiere, Grahame Smith Cathryn Woodward.
2. Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed AW Seconded JR
3. Matters arising - None
4. Chairman’s address NA
5. Matters arising from Reports

Hon Secretary – Reminders should be sent out to attendees including relevant information such as timings, parking etc. HW to remind branches/organisers.

Hon Treasurer

Millage allowance: Millage allowance to be increased to 45p per mile in line with Inland Revenue increase. LB suggested that only petrol cars get an allowance because diesel is bad of the environment. This suggestion was noted but not carried.

Bank accounts: AW to contact branches to remind them that they cannot use a bank account designated for charities unless they submit detailed accounts and supporting documentation to the BSCAH accountant each year. At present all Branches just submit income/expenses spreadsheet to obtain their capitation.

**Academic and Accreditation Sub-Committee**

Foundation training to stay how it is currently and Ac & Ac to devise 2 or 4 day training courses aimed at specific target groups. These shorter courses will be aimed at those working in secondary care. Ac & Ac to confirm the accreditation pathway appropriate to those undertaking these shorter courses.

CD suggests we cover elements of the Foundation training online/video as a blended learning strategy.

It was suggested that Whatsapps group were a useful tool for those groups attending courses.

Discussion took place on introducing hypnotic language and communication to teachers, who have a registered body, without teaching formal induction procedures. The midlands branch have been approached by the education department at BCU. (MW) asked (JR) to keep council informed.

**Communications Officer**

Paul Slater & Caron Moores have a 25 minute slot in the RcA national update conference in Sept 2019. IASP (International Association for the Study of Pain) are very active and hold regular events. MT is in the process of making contact with them to provide a speaker for one of their events. HW to send a list of members who are GPs to MT

**ESH/ISH**: Martin Wall resigned as rep. Thanks extended to MW for all his hard work at ESH and condolences and support were offered. HW and AW to draft a letter asking members if they would like a seat on Council in the capacity of ESH/ISH rep.

**Website :** The page “What is hypnosis” and FAQs to be reinstated. HW to draft an FAQ page and send to the membership for any additions. It was decided not to go ahead with any website audit reports as offered in various emails.

**CH & IT**: The next issue is in preparation.

**Newsletter** – CD wishes to introduce a regular blog which is collated into a newsletter twice a year. AW, CD & HW to liaise on the practical applications.

DK has observed that his patient list has increased significantly over the last few months. He attributes this to blogging every day. SEO goes out of date very quickly and blogging is one cheap way that we can increase our online presence.

1. **Annual conference 2019**

Costs do not include the conference dinner or the trip to the brewery. The AGM is yet to be confirmed. Parking at the hospital is yet to be confirmed.

1. **Nominations for Officers for AGM**: David Kraft for treasurer. Nominated AW Seconded ? Martin Wall for Chair. Nominated PN Seconded DK. MW will confirm whether or not he will be able to take up the position.
2. **Discussion on membership criteria**

Discussion ensued. LB proposed that we keep the constitution as it is. Seconded JR

1. **Motions for AGM:** No motions received.
2. **Future developments** – workshops/annual conference: MW is keen for West of England to host 2020 National Conference. Alan Cyna & Irving Kirsch who both visit the UK regularly suggested as speakers.
3. **AOB** – MW suggests that we could training non HCP when they have a regulatory body. LB wants there to be a HCP who takes responsibility for the team of non HCP.

The final accounts will be submitted to Council electronically and AW to sign them off if everyone is satisfied with them.

1. Date of next meeting – TBA post AGM