

BSCAH AGM - Stafford University at 17.15 on 28th June 2014

Minutes

Apologies: Leon Gervertz, Phillis Alden, David Kraft, Peter Naish, Grahame Smith, Sidney Hoddes, Karen Mackrodt.

1. Minutes of last AGM – Accepted as correct. Proposed Linda Dunlop, seconded Cath Potter

Matters arising: Bottom page 2 2015 – change to read 2018. Amended as requested.

2. President's address: The last year has been a very relaxing year as far as the Society is concerned. Things were unsettled with difficulties with members of Council etc but I am pleased to report that these difficulties have been resolved. Thanks are due to Simon as Hon Secretary and Ann as Hon Treasurer. And I hope we can look forward to years of a peaceful and active Society. Jane has taken on the role of Communications which has generated a lot of interest and excitement. The average age of the membership has come down. As President my work is easy and it's the work between the scenes that makes a difference. Thanks to all members of Council, even those not here. The Society is going to go from strength to strength due in part to funding in the NHS needing cheaper therapies including hypnotherapy.

3. REPORTS:

Chairman: Absent.

Hon Sec: Simon gave his thanks to those who have supported him. Unfortunately he cannot carry on with the role due to other commitments.

Hon Treasurer: See report. AW is happy to remain Treasurer for another year but would like to give up the post next year if someone else is interested. The role is now a lot less onerous than previously! Legacy money: See report.

Ac & Ac: See report.

CH & IT: See report. Peter is asking for contributions to go in the CH & IT journal.

Website: see report.

Communications: See report. We need more new members. The scope of this job is huge as we cover so many specialities. David Kraft is helping with Twitter and Charlotte Davies has been helping with Facebook. A member asked if it would be useful to offer a scholarship? The response was that we have talked about offering a bursary for those from less privileged backgrounds; but we need to look at how it would benefit the Society. The winners of the essay competition are offered free Foundation training so in effect we are giving them a scholarship.

Another question was put to Jane: Are you advertising to physiotherapists? The response was; We are all from different backgrounds; so if you were to write something for a publication in your field

or present a paper at your conferences and plug BSCAH that would be great. Ask National Office to send you copies of the BSCAH booklet if it would be useful to give out at conferences.

Development Officer: See report.

ISH / ESH: Bid for ISH 2018. All is going well, Visit Manchester have offered us between £10,000 and £30,000 (depending upon numbers) from the subvention fund to help if we are successful in the bid. Conference organisers are now on board who believe they can pull in some commercial sponsorship. They are doing all this work for free; we only pay them if we win the bid. Manchester has been chosen as it is far cheaper than London but has very good transport links.

Ethical Matters: Absent

Newsletter: Nothing to report except that Charlotte Davies is taking over as Newsletter Editor. She has already put in an article and she is helping to put together the July edition. Please send her lots of material.

Branch Reports: See reports.

4. Motions:

Mhairi McKenna: awarded Honorary Life membership: Unanimously approved.

Candy Bamford: awarded the title of Fellow: Unanimously approved.

5. Election of Officers:

Les Brann: President until 2016

Tony Stewart was nominated as Hon Secretary – elected unopposed

6. Future Developments:

We are arranging a two day workshop in Manchester 'Comfort Talk – enhancing clinical communications' with Elvira Lang 6th and 7th March. Also a joint workshop with RSM and Elvira Lang on Monday 9th March 2015: RSM have access to advertising and we are hoping that Elvira will have a broad appeal and we will attract people from outside the Society both in London and Manchester.

Joint Conference 2015 (BSMDH Scotland) 1st weekend in June

Every 3 yrs we have a joint conference. It should be RSM turn next year however BSMDH have offered to host a conference in Glasgow 1st weekend in June at the same time as hosting the ESH Board.

AOB: None

Date / venue. Glasgow in early June

Closed 18.08pm