BSCAH Council Meeting = Civil Service Club 2nd June 2018

MINUTES

Attendees: Peter Naish (President), Grahame Smith (Chair), Cathryn Woodward (Hon Sec), Ann Williamson (Hon Treasurer), Hilary Walker (Nat Off Sec), Maureen Tilford (Communications Officer), Jane Boissiere (Liaison Officer), Mike Capek (Development Officer), Charlotte Davies (Newsletter Editor), Les Brann, David Kraft, Jean Rogerson, Martin Wall.

1. Apologies for absence: Simon Barnett, Cath Potter
2. Minutes of previous meeting – Proposed MW seconded LB

Matters arising –

* Ireland, Debbie came to the RSM and she still hopes that the Ireland branch will be rejuvenated. HW to send MT Debbie’s contact details.
* DK offered to do a small film which could go on the website and You-tube after the meeting.
* The letter to WHO has been written but hasn’t yet been sent to anyone. In the UK PN JB will carry on looking into sending the letter to someone in the House of Lords.
* CD has offered to help train the trainers. AW suggested we have another Ac & Ac away day to train those who are interested in training.

1. Chairman’s Remarks: GS believes that networking with different clinical groups is very worthwhile.
2. Matters arising from reports:

**Hon/National Secretary** - Honorary Life members: Phylis Alden. Proposed AW second LB. To be ratified at the AGM. AW contact to check Phyllis is happy with this and to write a paragraph in the newsletter explaining why she has been nominated.

**Hon Treasurer** - Accounts for 2017-2018 checked by Council and signed by GS.

HMRC advise that photos and scans of receipts are acceptable but the Trustees are responsible for level of security required. AW proposed that scans/photo costing of receipts under £150 will be accepted for Council meetings. Council need to decide on guidelines as to the amount of expenses we should give in different situations. AW has been asked to come up with a draft payment/expenses scheme.

The Communications budget was £3k for a year but this has lasted nearly 3 years and has only just ran out. Proposed to renew the Communication budget £3k to be reviewed annually.

**Academic and Accreditation Sub-Committee:** PN research proposal has had a poor response so it will be emailed out again by HW.

JB outlined how preparations are going for the meeting in Edinburgh in October. See Ac & Ac minutes. Council confirmed that RSM & BSMDH (Scot) should have the same rate as our members for 11th Oct.

MT thought we should write a piece for ‘Pain News’ and/or for the more academic Pain journal. MT also wants us to offer a rewrite for the hypnosis entry in 'Cancer Pain Management’ which is due to be updated.

JB asked Peter Naish and David Kraft to speak to British Psychological Society as we would like to target psychologists for hypnosis training. We could also target radiologists for introductory workshops and training.

It was also proposed that we tailored the Foundation course more to individual specialisms.

The AAGBI liked the fact that it was anaesthetist’s teaching anaesthetist’s.

LB thanked the Communications team for all their hard work in spreading the word.

GS suggested doing an oncology workshop next year.

**ESH/ISH:** There will be a new website for ESH. There is a vision that the website will be a platform for people to submit research and to engage with Europe. Who do we train and who do we accept as members? ISH have suggested that there is a more eclectic specialisms ie sports, teachers etcThere is adifference between training and members and MW wishes to discuss training other professions such as teachers. MC mentioned that we should be trying to change the publics view of hypnosis. The public have been exposed to stage hypnotism which has given the public consciousness the wrong impression about hypnosis.

**Newsletter:** Thanks was extended to AW for doing the last newsletter. The next newsletter will have a theme of “When hypnosis goes wrong: Learning from negative experiences”. Submission by 18th June 2018.

**CH & IT**: An issue has just been published.

**Ethical report:** NA

**Website –** Hilary has had various requests for links to website. It was decided that links to our website must be in line with hypnosis and clinicians.

PN wishes to step down as a webmaster. It was suggested that we ask a young BSCAH member to take over the role. Matt Whalley was suggested by JB. It was decided that asking Matt to be a paid consultant would be a plan B. Council to think of someone young who might be willing to help and nominate through HW.

**Communication** – We should communicate with the BPS and we must change the write up in the journal (cancer pain management). Otherwise see Ac & Ac report.

**Development officer**: MC wishes to stand down as Development officer at the next AGM. Thanks was extended to Mike. It seems that the roles of Developmental officer and the Communication team have merged. It was decided that the role of Developmental officer will be made redundant.

1. **Branch Reports –** See written branch reports. Verbal report given from West of England (MW). West will not be doing any further Foundation courses for the time being.

DK extended thanks to MT for helping set up and promote the one-day workshop.

1. **Annual conference**: Conference will be held Education Centre at West Suffolk hospital on the 7th 8th 9th June 2019. HW to put on the website.
2. **AOB –** Peter Naish funding request towards Montreal. £500 to MW and £750 to PN. PN to report back on the experience @Highlights from Montreal’ at our next conference.
3. **Date of next meeting:** TBA