

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

President: Miss Brigitte Scammell MB ChB DM FRCS (Orth)



Minutes of the BORS Annual General Meeting

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, 23rd June, 2009

Present

Miss B. E. Scammell, President and Chair
Dr R. Bayston, Hon Secretary
Dr T. Roach, Hon Treasurer
Dr M. A. Birch
Professor G. Blunn
Mr R. A. Brooks
Prof B. Caterson
Mr A. Getgood
Mr H. S. Gill
Professor A. Goodship
Mr G. Li
Professor A. McCaskie
Miss Y Mohanlal
Dr R. G. Pearson
Mr Xiang-Chen Qiao
Miss S. Saha
Dr. X. Yang
Ms H. Zou

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Professor Simpson, Professor Marsh and Professor Miles.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate representation and signed by the President.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Committee Members

The new Executive Officers are as follows:

President: Professor Allen Goodship
Secretary: Professor Gordon Blunn
Treasurer: Mr Xuebin Yang was nominated as Treasurer for 2010 – 2012

It was suggested that in future we try and avoid Officers of the Committee changing at the same time. Professor Goodship will look into how to do this.

Action: Professor Goodship

The new Committee Members are as follows:

Mr Mark Gaston
Mr Ben Bolland

5. Honorary Secretary's Report

Dr Bayston reported that he is not standing for re-election as he has duties with another Society. He reported that the Constitutional changes introduced last year have worked well. Dr Bayston reported that the Society now has seven Senior Members, adding that it had been a pleasure to read their letters, which often revealed their considerable past contributions to BORS and to orthopaedics in general. BORS already had one Honorary Member, and it was proposed that the AGM ratify John Kenwright as a second Honorary Member in recognition of his contribution to Orthopaedic research. Dr Bayston reported that at the time of the meeting there had been nineteen new members.

Dr Bayston thanked Beth Norton for her hard work as BORS Administrator who, in collaboration with the Honorary Treasurer, had striven to pursue members for their correct details and subscriptions. She will remain as a central resource (with most contact by telephone or email with the new Executive Committee members). She will continue to work one day per week (Wednesday).

Dr Bayston thanked Mark Birch for all his help with the Website and also as unofficial IT expert at our meetings.

It was proposed that the members' database be placed on the website (to be password protected). It was felt this would be a useful resource but that only members' names and email addresses would be accessible.

Action: Dr Birch

In conclusion, Dr Bayston said that he had enjoyed his period of office and was pleased that Professor Gordon Blunn had agreed to stand in his place

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report - 2007/2008

The year has been extremely busy trying to set up the new Direct Debit arrangements, the biggest problem being the inertia of many BORS members in responding to letters and emails. (If you are amongst those who responded promptly, well done!) Many old members, still paying £6 or £20, decided to cancel their membership. The current situation is the following table:

Payment	June 2008	June 2009
£40 new DD	0	103
£40 old S/O	48	21
£20 old S/O	>175	91
£6 old S/O	>75	54
Other £	10	10
No payment	>53	8 (Seniors + Hon)
Total members	419	292

We have obviously made considerable progress during the year. The BORS administrator sent out over 400 initial letters. This was followed by emails. In spite of this, 91 members are still only paying £20 and 54 members only £6. Unfortunately, we often do not have current contact addresses or emails.

21 members are paying the correct amount, but using a standing order to our old account at the Royal Bank of Scotland. We are paying £120 a year to keep this account open, whereas there are no charges for the new account at Lloyds. It would be a great help if these members could fill out the new Direct Debit Form and cancel their old standing order.

Even though many old members were lost, the overall income from membership had increased, partly due to members paying the correct amount, partly due to recouping the short-fall for 2008. The £4,353 profit from the Manchester meeting (joint with BRS) was most welcome, especially since Janet Crompton did all the hard work. Sponsorship from Furlong was for oral and poster prizes for both the Manchester and the Newcastle meeting. Unfortunately Smith & Nephew were no longer able to sponsor the BORS Travelling Fellows.

BORS Income	2008-09	2007-8
Membership: new direct debit	4,000.00	
recouped membership 08	2,256.00	
Membership fee RBS	3,968.00	6,207.00
Total membership	10,224.00	6,207.00
Profit from Annual meeting	4,353.67	3,004.32
Bank Interest	962.92	289.46
Sale of 3 BORS ties	45.00	
Sponsorship - Furlong Smith & Nephew (Fellows)	1,500.00	10,000.00
Total income (June 08-June 09)	17,085.59	19,500.78

The costs of sending six BORS Fellows to the USA was this year underwritten by BORS, since sponsorship could not be obtained in time.

Outgoings:	2008-9	2007-8
BORS administrator - salary	5,175.00	5,287.50
Web site maintenance	1,140.00	
Newcastle deposit	1,000.00	
Secretarial (normal) (related to setting up Direct Debit)	342.94 2433.03	
Awards + prizes annual meeting	700.00 Manchester	900.00 Dundee
BOA prizes		400.00
BORS/ORS Fellows	7355.58	10,468.58
Bank charges	130.00	120.00
Direct debit set-up	250.00	
Direct debit running costs	59.52	
Sundry (refunds, taxi ,etc)	385.14	
Totals	18,971.21	17,186.00

With an income of £17,085.59 and outgoings of £18,971.21, BORS overspent this year by £1,885.62. Nevertheless, our financial situation is still very healthy with a total of £50,077.17 in the various bank accounts.

It was suggested that Dr Yang tried again to obtain Charitable Status for BORS. It was also agreed that the accounts must be audited.

Action: Dr Yang

7. Future of ORS/BORS Travelling Fellowships

It was reported that the present funding of the travelling fellowships from BORS was not sustainable and that we needed a minimum of £12,000 per annum to run the fellowships. Ways of funding this were currently being explored and these included trying to attract funding from the Furlong Foundation, the BOA and through JBJS. Miss Scammell and Professor Goodship are to follow up these leads.

Action: Miss Scammell/Professor Goodship

8. Future Meetings

BOA 15th-18th September 2009. Manchester BORS/BOTA/APOS Registrar Research Prize Session 17th September 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

Professor Goodship and Miss Scammell are to attend. Miss Scammell agreed to write to Ben Caesar, President of BOTA to ensure that they had representatives from BOTA able to mark the prizes and also agreed to write to Donjoy to secure further funding for the prizes.

Action: Miss Scammell

BORS 2010 Meeting to be held in Cardiff 12th & 13th July, 2010

This will be held in the School of Optometry, Cardiff University. Discussion followed regarding the need to find sponsors for this meeting

BRS Joint Meeting - Cambridge 2011

This will be organised principally by Janet Crompton. Professor Marsh's term of office on the BRS Committee has now ended and Miss Scammell has been co-opted on to the Committee. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Dr Nigel Loveridge from BRS be co-opted on to the BORS Committee and this was agreed.

Action: Miss Scammell to write to Dr Loveridge

7th Joint Combined Meeting of Orthopaedic Research Societies, Kyoto, 16-20 October 2010

Miss Scammell and Professor Simpson are representatives for this. Some discussion followed regarding the 2013 Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Societies which is due to be held in Europe and it was decided that BORS would like to put in a bid to the ORS to hold the meeting in London. Professor Goodship will take this forward.

Action: Professor Goodship

Miss Scammell informed the meeting that next year would be the 50th Anniversary of the founding of BORS and felt that something special should be done for the Cardiff Meeting to mark this occasion.

9. Any Other Business

The possibility of student membership was raised and will be taken forward by the Committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in Cardiff on 12th & 13th July, 2010.