

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE ORAL SURGERY CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**Meeting held at Fittswilliam Hotel in Belfast on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

## **Item 1 - Apologies**

I Martin, P Banks, M Davidson, A Babajews, K Webster, S Holmes, D Barnard, J Frame, T Markus, S Dover, W Gray, T Hall, A Smyth, L Newman, I McVicar, S Langton, M McGurk, J Cawood, P Ward-Booth. C Penfold, S Fisher, P Revington, K Moos, J Bradley, B Simpson, C Pratt, M Wake, J Williams P McAndrew, C Kerawala, A Sugar, A Cronin

## **Item 2**

Andrew Baldwin was welcomed as a new member to his first meeting

## **Item 3**

Minutes of last meeting - Cambridge 2011. There is a correction in the minutes. Peter Ramsay Baggs President elect 2012 was left out of the minutes and John Hamlyn was left out as the Honorary Members Representative.

## **Item 4- Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **Item 5 - Announcements**

- 5.a The secretary reported the passing of Patrick James during the last calendar year and the club members present stood in silence and remembrance for one minute.
- 5.b Andrew Monaghan had informed the Treasurer that he wished to resign from the Oral Surgery Club.
- 5.c It was noted that there were three retirements from the active list - these were Glenn Lello, Barrie Evans and Peter Weller.
- 5.d The President announced that Professor Bob Ord would be asked to become an honorary member of the club. The AGM agreed to this proposal.

Four new members were nominated for active membership of the Oral Surgery Club. The people who would be asked were Ken Sneddon, Keith Altman, Austen Smith, Brian Swinson.

- 5.e The Honorary Archivist Andrew Sadler announced that the history of the Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain would be made available on an archive website maintained by Kings College so that future researchers may be able to research the activities of the Oral Surgery Club and its members and their contribution to British Oral & maxillofacial Surgery.
- 5.f It was decided at the preceding Committee Meeting that there was sufficient funds within the Club accounts in order to provide every active member and every honorary member a copy of the history of the Oral Surgery Club of Great Britain which has been written by John Bradley. It was estimated that cost of purchase of the books and postage would be in the order of £500.00. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

### **Item 6 - Honorary Treasurers Report**

The Honorary Treasures report is that the balance at the end of September 2012 stood at £12,066.14. The interest accrued during the previous year was £4.95!

The club had accrued bank charges during the previous year because of rebadging of the business account. The Honorary Treasurer took this up with the bank and converted the club back to a small society account and therefore no charges were levied and the money was refunded.

The club accounts stood at approximately £12K and as we are not a charity it would be up to the club to decide what use the money was put to. The option of providing an endowment for a travelling fellowship was proposed but it was considered that it is not always easy to find a suitable candidate for such funds. It was suggested that up to £2,000 be made available towards travelling costs of the President during his presidential year in order to help cover the costs necessary in travelling to venues in order to set up the meeting with the local organisers. It was suggested that perhaps surplus funds could be used to pay for host's costs on overseas visits. For example £500 had been donated to Bob Ord's Department at the University of Maryland to cover the costs of our visit to the USA. Ken Lavery said that this should be handled with sensitivity so that we did not encourage units to encourage the club to visit in order for them to generate funds. It was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain sponsorship for meetings. Bob Woodward suggested that perhaps some of the club funds could be used to enhance the quality of the club dinners and to help subsidise the whole meetings to encourage people to attend. Andrew Stewart made the suggestion of temporarily stopping subscriptions. John Hamlyn made the suggestion that the funds should be used to subsidise presents for host units especially on away trips.

### **DECISION**

The AGM agreed that up to £1500 would be made available to the President and Treasurer to use for setting up of overseas trips.

The accounts were proposed as being correct by Ken Lavery and seconded by Bob Woodward and were signed off as being an accurate record of the club accounts.

### **Item 7 - Honorary Secretary's Report**

At the time of this AGM there were 46 active members and 74 honorary members within the Oral Surgery Club.

David Adlam held his home meeting in Cambridge in November 2011 at the Double Tree Hotel. 41 members with 23 spouses attended there was an annual dinner at Queens College on Thursday night and a very successful scientific meeting followed by a trip to the Jockey Club in Newmarket on Friday night. Overall the meeting was a great success.

The overseas trip was to the University of Maryland in Baltimore USA in May 2012. We were hosted by Professor Bob Ord. 17 members and 14 spouses travelled to the United States for a very successful scientific meeting. In addition to the excellent scientific programme that Professor Ord provided we had the opportunity to visit the Shock Trauma Unit, which is a world famous trauma unit at the University of Maryland. We also had the opportunity to visit the simulation centre where we were shown a simulation of a tracheostomy procedure in an operating room. Some of our members were involved in the surgery. A very entertaining period ensued especially when an airway fire occurred in the simulation, which produced several interesting minutes and some hilarity. We were also able to visit and have lunch in the former University of Maryland Dental School, which is the oldest dental school in the world.

### **Item 8**

There was no significant announcement other than John Hamlyn had tendered his resignation as the Honorary Members Rep on the committee. The President thanked him for his contribution and David Patten was elected as the Honorary Members Rep for 2012 onwards.

### **Item 9 - Increase in active membership**

At the previous meeting in Cambridge in 2011 it was proposed that we would discuss the increase of active membership from 50 up to 55. The numbers of Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in posts in the United Kingdom had increased dramatically over the last 75 years and it was considered that in order to increase the numbers of active members in relation to the numbers of honorary members that we should have an increase in numbers of active membership. Brian Avery supported the balance of active and honorary members but Andrew Sadler spoke against the motion because he thought that the increase in numbers would perhaps reduce the club atmosphere. Andrew Brown recounted the history of the club, which started out with 40 active members and had increased to 50 by the present day. But with the consultant expansion in recent years even increasing to 55 would only perhaps produce 1 to

3 new members attending every meeting. Bob Woodward supported Andy Brown's proposal but suggested that perhaps there should be a gradual build up rather than five new members next year.

## DECISION

A vote was taken amongst the active members present at the AGM. All 11 members supported the expansion of active membership within the club. There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions. The AGM agreed that the committee next year would decide on the numbers of active members up to 55 that would be invited to join the Oral Surgery Club.

### **Item 10**

#### President Elect for 2014/15

The secretary announced that Mick Gilhooly had been proposed as president for this period and the AGM were unanimously in agreement.

### **Item 11**

Inauguration of new President. David Adlam presented the Semelvie Medal to the new President for 2012/13 Peter Ramsay Baggs amid applause from the membership.

### **Item 12**

It was announced that the committee of 2012/13 would be joined by Stuart Hislop. The committee would be:

President Peter Ramsay Baggs 2013 President  
Jim Herald 2014 President elect  
Mick Gilhooly 2015 President elect  
Tim Mellor Honorary Secretary  
Andrew Brown Honorary Treasurer  
Jonathan Hayter Ordinary member  
Stuart Hislop Ordinary member  
Andrew Sadler Archivist  
David Patten Honorary Member Representative

### **Item 13 - Future Meetings**

The overseas meeting in May 2013 would take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May at the University of Ferrara Italy.

Peter Ramsay Baggs gave the meeting a presentation about the Unit and the town and that region of Italy.

Jim Herrold reported that the Brighton meeting would most probably be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November using the Seattle Hotel as the conference hotel. The overseas trip would be most likely to Prague in the Czech Republic and a date at the end of May was suggested but it was noted that this would be during the May half term and may make it difficult for some members to attend because of children and of course colleagues with school aged children, meaning that the on call at home may have to be covered by the more senior colleagues.

**Item 14 - Any other business**

Lawrence Oldham commented that it was disappointing that nobody had spoken about the deceased member earlier on during the AGM but it was noted that there was no one present who particularly knew Patrick James well enough in order to give a eulogy.

Ken Lavery did discuss the option of perhaps moving the home meeting from the early Winter to the Spring which would certainly be perhaps better for the golfers. It was commented however that it would be difficult to run the AGM except at the home meeting and that might cause some problems in organisation.

The meeting closed at 18.35 hours.