

**British Andrology Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Lecture Theatre F7, Conference and Visitors Centre,**  
**King's College, Aberdeen University.**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2003, 17.30 –18.00

**Present:** Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones (Chairman), Dr Mark Curry (Treasurer), Dr Lindsay Robertson (Secretary), Dr Melanie Griffiths (Programme Secretary), Dr Ian Brewis, Dr Anthony Hirsch, Dr Lisa Thurston (committee members). Eight ordinary members.

1. Apologies for absence received from Dr Alireza Fazeli.
2. 2002 AGM Minutes were accepted.
3. **Chairman's Report** (copy attached)

Further to the printed report, Dr Lewis-Jones reported that David Morrell had been appointed Chairman of the ABA and that it was planned to have a reciprocal arrangement of representatives sitting on the ABA and BAS Committees. Further, he hoped that in future joint meetings would be held.

Professor Barratt asked what the situation was with NEQUAS in relation to BAS. Dr. Lewis-Jones replied that the Royal College of Pathologists had been asked by the Government to regulate the scheme and that Dr Lewis-Jones was on the panel. Dr Hirsch asked if automated semen analysis was regulated: Dr Lewis Jones replied that it fell into the same bracket.

4. **Treasurer's Report** (copy attached)

Dr Curry reported assets of £14,617.44 in the Current Account and £21,108.25 in the Business Reserve Account. Two travel grants had been given. Newsletter costs had increased slightly. Dr Curry thanked Dr Alireza Fazeli for updating the membership list which stands at approximately 270, although all subscriptions had not yet been collected. Committee expenses were not yet complete.

He stated that the only substantial outstanding item was the settlement of the finance outstanding on the transfer of ownership of microscopes from BAS to ABA. The original cost of these microscopes was in the region of £15,000; estimated second hand value is £8,000. Terms of transfer were under negotiation and the repayment would be returned to the Business Reserve Account.

Prof. Barratt asked how much money would be carried from Fertility 2003. Dr Curry replied that this was unknown but the meeting should be in profit.

Dr Hirsch asked if the interest on the Business Reserve was the maximum possible. Dr Curry said that the interest had gone down over several years with the general trend. Dr Lewis-Jones stated that the Society needed easy access to the account and was not prepared to take a high risk.

5. **ABA update**

Dr I Lewis-Jones covered this in item 3.

6. **Membership**

Dr Curry covered this in item 4. The Committee intended to list new members on the website.

## **7. Committee Membership**

Dr Robertson reported that there was a vacancy on the Committee for one committee member and a postgrad/doc. representative. Nomination forms would be circulated to the membership shortly.

## **8. A.O.B.**

Prof. Barratt asked when the next meeting would be held. Dr Lewis-Jones replied that Dr Fazeli was planning an Advanced Workshop likely to be held in Sept. 2004. The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 2004. As yet no venue had been arranged.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The current year has been a good one for the Society following the Liverpool Meeting last November 2002. We have held two full Committee meetings since the AGM, and we are revisiting the possibility of making BAS a registered limited Charity, bearing in mind that we are now working entirely as a learned Society.

I have represented BAS on the BFS Committee, the National Quality Assurance Panel for Andrology, the HFEA Laboratory Standards Committee, the National External Quality Assessment Scheme, and the National Gamete Donation Trust.

We believe having our Meeting abstracts published has improved recruitment to the Society as well as increasing the number of papers put forward for presentation. We look forward with interest to the BAS sessions in Fertility 2003 here in Aberdeen. These joint meetings with SRF and the BFS will be biannually in future co-ordinated by our Meetings Secretary.

The BAS has also worked as a Stakeholder for the NICE Guidelines and we have been active in replying to the preliminary guidelines very recently published. Dr A Hirsh has sat on the NICE Guidelines group to represent Andrology.

The Education Sub-committee has now been disbanded and has formed into the Association of Biomedical Andrologists to become the professional body for Seminologists. It will be involved in the training and accreditation of Seminologists and it has its own Committee with David Morrell as its Chairman. The question of the transfer of training equipment has not been completed yet.

Representatives from the BAS and ABA will hopefully be present on their Committees to ensure close association between the learned Society and the Professional Association.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the Committee who have worked so hard for the BAS over the last 8 months.

**DR D I LEWIS-JONES**  
**CHAIRMAN, BRITISH ANDROLOGY SOCIETY**

## British Andrology Society Treasurer's Report 2002-2003

### Current Account

National Westminster Bank Plc  
Bristol Queen's Road  
PO Box 188, 40 Queen's Road  
Clifton, Bristol BS99 5AD

60-17-12  
Account Number 66948150

Balance (17.4.03) £14,617.44

### Business Reserve Account

National Westminster Bank Plc  
Bristol Queen's Road  
PO Box 188, 40 Queen's Road  
Clifton, Bristol BS99 5AD

60-17-12  
Account Number 00753564

[2000-2001]

Brought forward 21016.51

Interest 91.74 [86.32]

Balance (17.04.03) **21108.25**

Total Assets 14617.44

21108.25

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£35725.44

£30925.20

### Income

Subscription 1683.00 [1645.00]

Meetings 2338.06 [4799.97]

**£4021.06**

**[£6444.97]**

### Expenditure

Committee Expenses 342.88 [1181.43]

Newsletter 1427.35 [1283.02]

Travel Grants 500.00 [650.00]

**£2270.23**

**[£3114.45]**

Income £4021.06 [£6444.97]

Expenditure £2270.23 [£3114.45]

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[£3330.52]