

**Minutes**                    **British Andrology Society – Annual General Meeting**

**Date, Time:**            17<sup>th</sup> November 2006

**Venue:**                    University of Leeds

**Present:**                Professor Bill Holt, Chairman            Dr David Miller  
                                 Professor Sheena Lewis                 Dr Mark Curry  
                                 Dr Jaqui Piner                                x 7 Ordinary members

**Apologies**              Dr Alireza Fazeli  
                                 Ms Vicky Sharp

**1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence**

Professor Bill Holt welcomed everyone to the BAS AGM and noted the apologies as above.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Committee noted the following two minor corrections: “Dr Miller” and that Dr Piner is employed by “GlaxoSmithKline”. Following these minor corrections the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

**3. Chairman’s Report**

For the full Chairman’s report see appendix I.

The Committee discussed the recommendation of changing the BAS to charitable status and discussed the implications (e.g. constitution revisions) and associated costs (£2000). It was felt because of the small representation of the BAS that the recommendation could not be endorsed. It was proposed that an email be sent to BAS members strongly recommending the change to charitable status and asking for objections.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Annual meeting in 2007 will be 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BAS and that the Annual meeting in 2008 is likely to be a joint meeting in Spain with other Spanish reproductive biology societies.

The future of the BAS was discussed and the lack of clinical membership was raised. It was also felt that the status of student membership where funding is a major issue.

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

For the full Chairman’s report see appendix II.

The Committee noted the following:

- BAS expenditure is greater than income.
- Income depends on subscriptions which in turn depend on the number of membership which is falling.
- A further source of income is generated from meetings. However there have been losses resulting from meetings in the last 3 years.

Expenses of the BAS were discussed and the following was noted:

- Committee expenses are already kept to a minimum and it was agreed savings could not be made in this area.
- Savings could be made by not producing a hard copy of the newsletter.
- BAS would continue to provide travel grants as this is seen as a fundamental responsibility of the society. It was agreed that applications should continue to be carefully scrutinised by the Committee.
- Donations are made occasionally to relevant meetings (e.g. epididymis workshop).
- The Bioscience Federation – payment depends on actual paid up members. Membership is seen as beneficial to the BAS.

The following proposals to increase income were approved by the AGM:

- Increase subscriptions to £25 (£15 for students)
- Joint meeting with Spanish groups in 2008.
- An electronic copy of newsletter should only be produced.

## 5. **Committee Membership**

Dr Mark Curry was thanked for his contribution to the BAS for acting as treasurer as he stepped down from the steering committee.

Dr Steven Troup also stepped down from the Steering Committee.

Dr David Miller who had been co-opted to the Committee as local organiser of the 2006 annual meeting was welcomed as a formal member.

## 6. **Any Other Business:**

### 6.1 AGM Budget:

Dr David Miller presented the status of the expenditure and income for the 2006 AGM meeting. It was noted that losses would be minimal.

[Started 17.50 and ended 18.40]