

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

**Date, Time:**            Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008, 5.30pm

**Venue:**                    Austrias, Spain

<b>Present:</b>	Professor Bill Holt	Chairman
	Dr Alireza Fazeli	Secretary
	Dr David Miller	Committee member
	Dr Rhiannon Lloyd	Committee Member

<b>Apologies:</b>	Professor Sheena Lewis	Treasurer
	Dr Sue Avery	Ordinary Member
	Dr Jacqui Piner	Ordinary Member
	Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones	Ordinary Member
	Ms Vicky Sharp	Student Representative

1. **Welcome & Apologies:**

The Chairman, Professor Bill Holt, welcomed everyone to BAS AGM. Apologies were noted as above.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007:**

*2.1 Approval of Minutes:*

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were agreed to be a true record.

3. **Chairman's Report:**

Professor Bill Holt agreed for his report to be circulated electronically with the AGM minutes. However, he briefly noted that:

- BAS is improving its membership and now have a solid base of members.
- The Steering Committee has benefited from having new members.
- Last years AGM in Ware was a good meeting as BAS benefited from having the contacts of an industrial company. The plan is to repeat this kind of meeting in 1010 with AstraZeneca.
- BAS last year instigated a new award, the Setchell medal, as Professor Brian Setchell was the founder of BAS. The first medal was awarded to Professor Paul Watson. The Committee thanked the input from Professor Sheena Lewis, Dr Sue Avery and Dr Alireza Fazeli in coming up with the design of the medal.
- Professor Bill Holt noted that this would be his final report as chairman and thanked all who have helped him in his time as Chairman.

4. **Membership Report:**

Dr Alireza Fazeli reported that the BAS currently has 123 members, 33 of which are still paying the old rate. The other 90 are paying the new rate.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

This year's expenditure has been £4467 compared to last year's £2839.50. It was noted that the £1300 of this extra spend went towards the BAS Setchell medal design and production of 10 medals which will last the next 10 years. This year's BAS meeting has also incurred additional speaker costs. Last year's meeting in Ware made a small profit and therefore the BAS is down £3000 this year compared to last. Professor Sheena Lewis wrote to Dr Alireza Fazeli to state that the BAS is spending more than it is earning, this is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and may have to soon dip into the reserve.

This year 4 travel awards have been given out to attend conferences.

The report will be distributed electronically.

6. **Young Researcher Report:**

Dr Rhiannon Lloyd reported that she and Dr Vicky Sharp were looking into an international network of young researchers in male fertility to see if advertising the BAS could be done via this route. Dr Sheena Lewis is currently looking into this to negotiate a good price and to see what else can be offered.

7. **Committee Nominations:**

Given that it was anticipated that this would be a small meeting, prior to the meeting, nominations were solicited via email for the positions of Chair and Secretary. No additional nominations were received except for Dr Alireza Fazeli for the position of Chair and Dr Jacqui Piner for the role of Secretary. Following this an email was sent a week prior to this meeting, to see if anyone was to object. No objections were made and it was agreed that these two should be duly elected.

8. **BAS Charity Status:**

Professor Bill Holt informed the Committee that he had found a solicitor to help take this forward and will be meeting the firm next week. The BAS will most likely be a company limited by guarantee, i.e. the Committee's liability is £1. There will be a certain amount of reporting to the charity commission but as BAS is small it shouldn't be too onerous.

Dr Alireza Fazeli asked Professor Bill Holt to continue on the committee to follow this through.

9. **AOB:**

Nothing to report

10. **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next AGM meeting will be held in Belfast.

Minutes wrote up by:  
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