



**Minutes**                      **British Andrology Society Annual General Meeting 2012**

**Date, Time:**                **15 September 2012, 8:45am**

**Venue:**                        Norcroft Building, University of Bradford

<b>Present:</b>	Professor Sheena Lewis	Chairman	
	Dr David Miller	Treasurer	
	Dr Jackson Kirkman-Brown	Secretary	
	Dr Alireza Fazeli	Committee member	
	Professor Iwan Lewis-Jones	Committee member	
	Professor Bill Holt	Committee member	
	Dr Roy Jones	Committee member	
	Mr Asif Muneer	Committee member	
	Dr Martin Brinkworth	Committee member	

**Apologies:**                Dr Najmeh Moein Vaziri                      Young Researcher Representative

- 1. Welcome & Apologies:**  
Prof Sheena Lewis welcomed everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> BAS AGM (2<sup>nd</sup> since changing to charitable status), at the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the British Andrology Society. Apologies were noted as above.
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 17 September 2011:**  
Correction made to those attending to remove David Miller and add Roy Jones. The minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 3. Chairman's Report:**  
Professor Lewis presented a review of the last year as chair of BAS.

Dr Roy Jones spoke about AMRC and raising the profile as a Charity which required funding as amount which they may consider small would make a large difference to BAS finances. He also highlighted that BAS should look at advertising itself to raise the profile. It was agreed that Roy Jones would take responsibility for initial communication around charitable giving.

Bill Holt discussed using the Science Media Centre which can be used through our Society of Biology membership – this is something BAS should exploit. Iwan Lewis-Jones felt strongly that more of the research and treatment efforts of the college could be highlighted as roles of BAS in the media and news. Bill Holt will assist the secretary with making links to the Science Media Centre.

David Miller discussed and agreed that the committee would try and organise that meetings they may coordinate, such as for REPROTRAIN or clinical trials, which involved a strong andrology component, should try to be arranged around the BAS Annual Meeting and people encouraged to attend.

4. **Membership Report:**

The AGM were updated on current membership by the Secretary.

- 131 members
- 4 of whom are honorary members
- 100 have paid this years membership subscription
- another 5 of these we are waiting for the BACS transfer to go through.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

**Current assets**

	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2010-2011 reported</b>
Current account at 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2012	£13384.04	£4,487.84
Business Reserve Account at 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2012	£19,610.93	£24,598.70
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£32,994.97*</b>	<b>£29,086.54</b>

\*Note this report is based on a rolling year-by-year account of our finances and so there is some discrepancy between these figures and the values generated by the bank-generated spreadsheets.

**Financial status of Society**

In summary, since Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, we have recovered £2,042 in fees from ~100 members (full, student and honorary).

During the same period, we spent £1,347.19 on travel to and from committee meetings, £1000 on clerical support from Sara (which includes 3 months back pay from the previous year) and paid £276 for a PO Mail Box to handle membership correspondence. We also gave out one travel grant of £250 and £908.12 in sponsorship to the SEB and INYRMF. The total expenditure on all of these items was £4,267.31.

Hence, our current account would have been £2225.31 in the red were it not for cash injections of £9986.01 from the very successful BAS 2011 meeting and a further £5000 transferred from the reserve account to cover contingencies in the event that the BAS 2011 monies were deposited too late to avoid an overdraft.

We have also spent £500 as a deposit for the BAS 2012 annual dinner, which has not been included in the final balance of £7760. The final balance also ignores the £5000 injection, which will be returned to the reserve account. Clearly, we do not have a cash flow problem at the moment although this is really only because of the profit from last year's annual meeting. Without such cash injections, our income will not meet the demands of expenditure. The reserve account has remained more or less the same from last year.

As a charity, we are now eligible to claim tax relief on some forms of expenditure including membership fees. Finally, as a charity, we are also required to issue financial reports that have been checked and approved by an auditor, annually. Though it is possible that the requirement will be waived if turnover is below a certain figure. This obligation will require the employment of a recognised accounting service with its own attendant cost.

6. **Young Researcher Report:**  
Najmeh has continued BAS via social networking media including Facebook. Success of this is reflected in number of new young researchers and the number of abstracts submitted for presentation at annual meeting.
7. **BAS Charity Status:**  
The process for BAS to obtain charitable status was completed at our EGM on.
8. **Committee Nominations:**  
Since the Society are in their first year since relaunch as a company and gaining charitable status there was no requirement for director's retirement. There were no nominations or resignations from the floor.  
  
Dr Najmeh Moein Vaziri retires this year as our Young Researcher member after many years supporting the efforts of BAS. The committee are very grateful for all her efforts which were noted. Strategy around this post will be considered by the committee at their next meeting.
9. **AOB:**  
There was nothing to report which had not been discussed elsewhere under the agenda.
10. **Date of Next Meeting:**  
Next annual conference will be held in the University of Liverpool in September 2013 and will include an AGM.

Minutes prepared by JKB