

Minutes of the 138th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

18 May 2006, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
M Ferenczi
G Grant
D Hornby
E Hounsell
J Ladbury
G Roberts
J Seddon
S Tilley
A Watts

Action

John Seddon was thanked by the Committee for organising the meeting room and lunch.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from C Cooper, D Hornby, M Miles, C Veigel, M Walkinshaw, A Wilkinson.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

The AGM was held on April 5th, and Tom Blundell and Peter Bayley were elected as Honorary Members.

A report on the AGM will be prepared for the newsletter.

R Cooke

4. **EBSA 2007**

Preparations for EBSA 2007 were covered in a meeting immediately preceding this one.

Progress will be reported to EBSA in July.

5. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by Sarah Tilley)**

The new website is operational and will be made live in a couple of weeks.

The "What is Biophysics" pages should be updated as appropriate.

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The guide to meetings organisers will be checked and updated if necessary

G Grant

- The rules of the Society on the website will be checked to see they are up to date. **R Cooke**
- Committee members were reminded to use the new email for contacting the BBS.
- Emails will be set up for BBS Chair, Meetings Secretary, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary and directed to the relevant officers.
- The last newsletter was successfully distributed, but some emails still bounce. These will be sent to appropriate contacts for checking. **S Tilley**
- Printing of the newsletter for those without email will be trialled at Oxford. **S Tilley / A Watts**
6. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**
- Payments for student lectures will be processed. **J Ladbury / R Cooke**
- Approaches will be made to potential new committee members (as agreed at the AGM). **A Watts / R Cooke**
7. **Treasurer's Report (presented by David Hornby)**
- The financial statement from 2005 was circulated.
- The Treasurer's duties will be transitioned to John Ladbury over the summer.
- David was thanked for his period of dedicated service as Treasurer, and was encouraged to consider a role as Membership Secretary.
8. **Irish sub-section**
- Sarah will contact Dave Sheehan regarding the next Irish Tour. **S Tilley**
9. **Meetings Report**
- The NMR scheduled for spring 2006 has been postponed and may be run as a satellite to EBSA.
- The possibility of attaching a "Young Biophysicists Meeting" to a doctoral training centre will be explored. **J Ladbury**
- An ESR meeting is scheduled for Oxford in March 2007. The BBS will offer support £250 for a lecture. **G Grant / A Watts**
- NACON VII is progressing well and will be underwritten to £1000.
- It was agreed that support could be provided for EBSA satellite meetings if requested.
- Plans for a joint meeting with the Spanish & Portuguese societies will be progressed. **A Watts**
- The Biocalorimetry meeting in Zaragoza will be added to the website. **S Tilley**

The possibility of a primarily BBS meeting in Liverpool in 2008 still exists and will be explored.

D Hornby

The expectation of involvement in the identification and organisation of a scientific meeting will be communicated to new committee members.

**A Watts /
R Cooke**

An annual fund will be established for meetings bursaries, and the guidelines on the web will be re-worded.

**G Grant /
S Tilley**

It was suggested that Bioscience 2007 and EBSA 2007 could be co-advertised.

An RSC Chemical Biology Forum will take place some time in 2007.

10. **Biosciences Federation**

The BSF has been compiling feedback from the RAE.

The BSF was present at the recent launch of Higher London.

11. **AOB**

Tony Watts described a proposal from the German and French Biophysical Societies to introduce a unifying European biophysical society with direct funding from members. A response would be generated saying it needs careful consideration, and should not be a duplication of EBSA.

A Watts

12. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The date for the next meeting has been set as Wednesday October 4th at Imperial.