

Minutes of the 139th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

4 Oct 2006, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
M Ferenczi
G Grant
E Hounsell
J Seddon
C Veigel
A Watts
A Wilkinson

Action

Mike Ferenczi was thanked by the Committee for organising the meeting room and lunch.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from C Cooper, J Ladbury, M Miles, G Roberts, A Rodger, M Walkinshaw.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising

If EBSA satellites request financial support from the BBS, they would be underwritten to the sum of £500 per day.

Payments from the BBS to student societies would be progressed.

**R Cooke /
J Ladbury**

Julea Butt has accepted the invitation to join the BBS committee. Richard Berry has declined.

Mark Sczelkun and Finn Werner would be approached to establish whether they also wish to join the committee.

R Cooke

The Royal Society will be contacted to claim the rebate for subscriptions to IUPAB.

R Cooke

4. EBSA 2007

The web page is almost ready, and the first circular is imminent.

The registration fees have been set.

Sponsorship is currently slow.

5. **Publicity Officer's Report**
- Email accounts from the new website still have to be established.
- Tony will contact Sarah and David about tracing uncontactable members. **A Watts**
- Sarah and Guy will liaise to ensure details of bursaries are publicised appropriately **G Grant / S Tilley**
6. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**
- The status of previous payments to IUPAB will be resolved. **J Ladbury / R Cooke**
7. **Treasurer's Report**
- EBSA dues require payment. **J Ladbury**
8. **Irish sub-section**
- Sheena Radford or Paula Booth will be suggested to Dave Sheehan as speakers for the next tour. **A Watts**
- It was suggested that three essay prizes (of £50 each) would be a good incentive for students to participate in the events.
9. **Meetings Report**
- The London Muscle meeting was successful, with Ken Holmes as the BBS speaker. A report will be requested from John Squires. **G Grant**
- Tony and John will discuss the "Young Biophysicists Meeting" meeting. **A Watts / J Ladbury**
- The ESR meeting is scheduled for Oxford in March 2007 should be the venue for the BBS AGM.
- It was agreed that Tony Watts should continue to progress a joint meeting with the Spanish & Portuguese Biophysical societies in Lisbon in 2008.
- The desirability of a general Biophysics meeting, to follow on from the EBS congress was raised again.
10. **Biosciences Federation**
- The AGM was held on June 6. Chemistry and sustainability and access to journals were the subjects of discussion.
- The BSF has been accepted as a member of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee.
- Liz will attend the next BSF meeting on November 6th.
- Richard Dyer will be happy to address the BBS committee if required.

11. **IOP Biological Physics Group**

Tony Watts briefed the meeting on recent discussions with the IOP. It was decided that at this stage the BBS should keep in contact with the evolving group and observe how matters develop.

11. **Honorary Members**

Several names were discussed. The list of current Honorary members will be circulated, and a final decision will be made at the January meeting.

R Cooke

11. **AOB**

Two nominations have been received for the BBS medal. These will be reviewed by Claudia and Guy, before a final recommendation.

**C Veigel /
G Grant**

The level of membership fees should be reviewed in the near future.

J Ladbury

12. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The date for the next meeting has been set as Tuesday January 9th at Imperial.