

Minutes of the 144th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

15 May 2008, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
C Cooper
G Grant
M Hicks (for A Rodger)
D Hornby
E Hounsell
J Ladbury
G Roberts
J Seddon
M Szczelkun
A Wilkinson

Action

In the absence of Tony Watts, Liz Hounsell chaired the meeting, and was thanked by the Committee for organising the meeting room and lunch.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from J Butt, J Klenerman, M Miles, A Rodger, D Sheehan, C Veigel, M Walkinshaw, A Watts.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Final clarification is required for the accounts from EBSA 2007.

J Seddon

Nominations for the BBS medal will be requested from the members by the end of July.

D Hornby

Plans for the summer school course for BBS young investigators will be developed.

**A Rodger /
J Ladbury**

Gordon Roberts was congratulated by the Committee on his election as vice-president of IUPAB.

Vincent Croquette will be the BBS lecturer at Topo 2008.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by David Hornby)**

Geoff Ford has taken over web site maintenance.

A news item has been received concerning the Biophysics Institute at Durham.

News Items should be sent to Mark Szczelkun who will assume primary editorial responsibility, and liaise with colleagues at Essex and Sheffield.

Photos of EBSA 2007 will be obtained for the report on the BBS website

A way of investigating membership payment via the website will be investigated.

David Hornby agreed to continue with the role of membership secretary

A Watts

D Hornby

5. **Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

6. **Treasurer's Report (presented by John Ladbury)**

The current account balance is £2774.08.

New plans should be made for use of the savings account.

Due to his imminent move to the US, John Ladbury feels it is necessary to resign as Treasurer and from the Committee. The Committee thanked John for all his efforts with the Committee, and for his ideas on how to promote young investigators.

7. **Irish sub-section**

The David Klenerman tour was very successful, attracting larger than usual audiences.

8. **Meetings Report (presented by Guy Grant)**

The Portugese/Spanish/British joint meeting is moving forward slowly.

Athene Donald will be contacted regarding an IOP rep for the next BBS meeting.

R Cooke

Durham will be contacted regarding the possibility of hosting a meeting Dec 2008 or January 2009.

G Grant

Mark Carr will be approached to see whether the Gordon Roberts retirement meeting can be sponsored directly by BBS.

G Grant

Mike Sutcliffe will be approached regarding BBS sponsorship of the Biochem Soc meeting at Easter 2009.

G Grant

Joint BBS affiliation with CCPB for the September 2009 meeting was approved.

The Protein Structure and Dynamics and NACON meetings in 2010 will be brought under a general umbrella for the BBS 50th anniversary celebrations. A meeting to discuss this will be convened before the next BBS committee meeting.

G Grant

9. **Biosciences Federation**

Some concerns were expressed about the proposed re-badging of the BSF as the Royal Society of Biology.

10. **International Unions**

Rob Cooke will send Tony Wilkinson the list of sponsors from the last EBSA meeting.

R Cooke

11. **AOB**

The “What is Biophysics” material will be re-visited.

**Chris Cooper /
Mark Szczelkun**

Claudia Veigel will be approached regarding the Treasurer’s position. David Hornby is happy to help out during the transition of responsibilities.

E Hounsell

John Seddon will be nominated as Secretary at the AGM, and will be added to the bank signatory list.

12. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The date for the next meeting has been set as Thursday Sep 25th at Birkbeck.