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**Minutes of the 145th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society  
held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Birkbeck College**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:** Liz Hounsell (Chair); Guy Grant; David Klenerman; Gordon Roberts;  
John Seddon.

**Action**

Liz Hounsell chaired the Meeting and was thanked for organising the meeting room and lunch.

The following changes to the officers of the BBS were ratified:

**Chairman:** Liz Hounsell

**Vice-Chair:** Rob Cooke

**Treasurer:** Dave Hornby (until a replacement for John Ladbury is found)

**Secretary:** John Seddon

**Meeting's Secretary:** Guy Grant will continue

**Publicity / Editor:** Mark Szczelkun

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Julea Butt, Rob Cooke, Chris Cooper, David Hornby, Alison Rodger, Dave Sheehan, Mark Szczelkun, Tony Watts, Tony Wilkinson.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### 3. Matters Arising:

The membership of the BBS Committee needs to be clarified. Mike Ferenczi is no longer a member, but will be asked if he would be willing to be co-opted as the EBSA representative.

**J. Seddon**

- *Mike has agreed. Waiting to hear from him whether there is anything the BBS needs to do for the 2009 EBSA Congress.*

Tony Watts should ideally stay on the Committee for the time being, to advise with the planning of 2010. We assume that Mervyn Miles has left the committee, and if so, Paul O'Shea (Nottingham) will be invited to join the Committee as the IOP representative. Steve Harding and Julea Butt should be contacted to check if they wish to remain on the Committee. Mark Wallace (Oxford, Chemistry) to be invited to join (or Achilles Kinapis, Oxford Physics, if Mark not available).

Sabine Flitsch to be asked to suggest a suitable candidate from Manchester.

**E. Hounsell**

Judith Howard to be asked to suggest a suitable candidate from Durham Biophysics Institute.

**J. Seddon**

- *Suggestion: Dr. Ehmke Pohl (ehmke.pohl@durham.ac.uk)*

### **2010 BBS Anniversary plans**

The 2010 Anniversary Committee was confirmed as: Guy Grant (Chair), Liz Hounsell, Dave Hornby, John Seddon, Rob Cooke (Sponsorship) and Tony Watts (Advisory).

It was agreed to hold a BBS General Meeting around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July 2010, probably in Oxford or Cambridge. The meeting will run from lunchtime on day 1 to lunchtime on day 3. The format will consist of three sets of dual parallel sessions, plus one single session focussing on the Society's history and taking a historical look at British Biophysics. Possible themes for the parallel sessions include: Protein Structure; Muscle; Membranes; Electron Transfer; Novel Biophysical Methods (eg, single molecule studies, imaging); NMR. A tentative Meeting plan, and a preliminary budget, assuming 200 participants, will be presented at the next Committee meeting in January. A Scientific Committee will need to be chosen.

**G. Grant**

Rough costings for Oxford are available via Tony Watts; David Klenerman and Guy Grant will investigate the possibilities in Cambridge.

### **BBS Medal**

Nominations should have been requested from members by the end of July, but appears not to have been done yet. Clarification needed from Rob Cooke and Dave Hornby.  
Send request for nominations to the BSF, etc

**J Seddon /  
E. Hounsell**

Present Medal at Durham March meeting?

- *Needs to be dealt with at January Committee meeting*

### **BBS Website**

Payment of the renewal fee of £37.95 for hosting of the BBS website is now urgently required, otherwise the account will be disabled on 17<sup>th</sup> October, and deleted 90 days later.

**J Seddon  
to remind  
D Hornby**

- *Dave has paid the fee.*

The following should be put on the BBS website:

- A updated list of BBS Committee members and Office holders;
- A complete list of BBS Honorary Members;
- A report by Guy Grant on the Lisbon Joint Meeting.

Liz needs editing rights from Dave for the BBS website.

**E. Hounsell**

'What is Biophysics' to be revisited by Chris and Mark

**E. Hounsell**

The 'Discount Journals' section on Molecular Membrane Biology needs to be revised along guidelines supplied by Jack Lucy.

- *This has now been done.*

A note of Sarah Clare's new email address is needed.

- *Email address: Sarah.clare@btinternet.com.*

#### **4. 1<sup>st</sup> Portuguese-Spanish-British Joint Biophysics Congress, 10-13 July 2008**

The meeting was very successful, notwithstanding the late timescale of the organisation, with 300 participants.

Guy Grant was thanked for his sterling efforts.

It was agreed to pay contributions to BBS Committee members for attending the Lisbon Joint Meeting (£200 for Chairs, £150 for speakers).

#### **5. BBS 2008 AGM, Lisbon, 11 July 2008**

- *Report by John Seddon circulated*

#### **6. Honorary Secretary's Report (John Seddon)**

Nothing additional to report.

- 7. Honorary Treasurer's Report** (verbal report by Liz Hounsell)  
2008 IUPAB subscription has been paid and 49% Royal Society contribution (£1.4K) received.

Subscription to BSF of £446 not yet paid?

**D. Hornby**

Balance: £23K; Current account: £6.5K.  
A sum of £900 was paid in May for auditing.

- 8. Meetings Report** (Guy Grant)

It was proposed that we should alternate our planned BBS general meetings with the EBSA meetings, from 2010. Some of these meetings could be joint (with French, German, Iberian societies, etc).  
The Sept Analytical Summer School run by Alison Rodger went well.

The BBS emailing list is not working properly.

**E. Hounsell**

The IOP Biological physics group is organising a meeting on 'Imaging' on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

Durham Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009. BBS to contribute £500 - £700; BBS-sponsored speaker to be identified.

- *We need to identify the speaker (BBS Prizewinner?), and inform the Durham Meeting organisers. Judith Howard has not yet supplied details of this meeting.*

John Squire has requested that we sponsor Ken Holmes as the BBS Lecturer at a Workshop in Austria in September 2009. It was felt that we would probably be happy to contribute £700, but that we should perhaps discuss further at our January Committee meeting.

John Seddon is submitting a proposal to the RSC for a Faraday Discussion to be held in 2012 on 'Lipid and Membrane Biophysics'.

- 9. Irish Sub-section** (Dave Sheehan)

The following names were suggested as possible Irish Tour lecturers: Claudia Veigel, Mark Szczelkun, David Westhead, Mervyn Miles, Hagen Bailey.

- *We need to send some names to Dave Sheehan.*

- 10. Biosciences Federation** (Liz Hounsell)

- 11. Honorary Members**

The following names were suggested: Alan Fersht; Jean Thomas; Fran Ashcroft.

- 12. Date of the next meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009, Birkbeck College.