



BSCAH

British Society of Clinical & Academic Hypnosis
Constituent Society of the European and International Societies of
Hypnosis

Incorporating the British Society of Medical & Dental Hypnosis (BSMDH) founded 1952
and the British Society of Experimental & Clinical Hypnosis (BSECH) founded 1977

AGM held at the Cophorne Hotel at 17.10pm on 4th June 2016

Draft Minutes

Apologies for absence – Charlotte Davies, David Kraft, Jane Boissiere, Cathryn Woodward, Martin Wall

Attendees – David Rogerson, Cath Potter, Phil Jones, Paul Berry, Mike Capek, Linda Dunlop, Candy Bamford, Nic Cooper, Maureen Tilford, Jane Cantrell, Helen Greenall, Lee Saggars, Peter Naish, Mark Chambers, Karen Mackrodt, Sally Hanks, Jenny Page, Jean Rogerson, David Byron, Grahame Smith, Ann Williamson, Les Brann.

1 a) Minutes of previous AGM (held Clydebank on 6th June 2015)

Proposed as correct by Ann Williamson seconded Linda Dunlop.

1 b) Matters arising

GPTV we are still waiting for communication from them we are wondering whether legal action will be needed. Ann Williamson to pursue.

2) President's Address

Les thanked everyone for their support over his 6 years as President. He also thanked the membership for their loyalty. Les wished the Society a great deal of success.

3) Matters arising from Reports

a) Chairman

Thanks to Les B and thanks to Hilary W.

b) Hon. Secretary/Nat Off Sec

Nothing to add to the report.

c) Hon. Treasurer

BSCAH is in a healthy financial situation. BSCAH has been spending a lot but most of that is coming out of the Treasurer's account rather than Marcia's Legacy. Ann recommended that the membership fee should remain the same for the next year. Ann W wishes to resign from the Hon Treasurer role next year. There has been no volunteers as of yet to take over. Les pointed out that our Council is getting older and feels that the younger members need to start taking these positions.

d) Academic and Accreditation Sub-Committee

Nothing to add to the report.

e) Website

We have very good web support now. Hilary is progressing the website with Peter N moderating. We are getting a new page for sister societies to advertise on. Login details were reiterated. Someone asked about links to other societies. It was explained that in the member's area there are lots of info. Link to podcasts was a suggestion. There are also articles, some of which have been published. Les thinks the new website is a great improvement.

f) Communications Officer

Any suggestions to improve our media and communications would be welcomed.

g) Development Officer

Nothing to add to the report.

h) ISH/ESH Representative

The earlybird is due to finish 31st July 2016. Already a lot of work has been done on it but as we get closer to the conference we will need volunteers to help. We are taking over the first floor of the Hilton. Is there car parking? You have to pay and you get a reduced rate if you stay in the hotel. We needed somewhere central. Any ideas for social programmes would be great. If you wish to present a paper please get writing. We need abstracts so please submit them. 300-500 people are expected. We have to be aware of our European audience.

i) Ethical Matters

Our criteria are guided by ESH/ISH. There may come a time when we need to rethink our criteria as the use of hypnosis is now more public. If lay people are being trained in hypnosis then maybe it should be addressed and it should be BSCAH who trains them. We have had members who have taught techniques to lay practitioners who didn't know about the guidelines. No action required.

j) Contemporary Hypnosis

Nothing to add to report. There is an issue in the pipeline.

k) Editor of the Newsletter

Charlotte D is doing a different topic for each newsletter to try to encourage people to send in articles etc. Please add specialities to your details on the website so Charlotte D can ask you to contribute.

l) Branch reports

Eastern – unable to have meetings presently. This should be remedied in Sept. Been supported to help in Western branch training in Sept, Nov & Dec to help create and develop their services. Some members from our Eastern branch are presenting at the Slovenia National Conference in September 2016.

North – Gill has moved to Edinburgh and is liaising with JB and BSMDH (Scot) and wondering whether to set up a cell. BSMDH Scot is mainly located around Glasgow.

Midlands- course is now validated which starts in Sept. All info is on the website.

4) Motions – none received

5) Election of Officers

Nomination received for Peter Naish for the role of President.

Proposed Les Brann Seconded Ann Williamson; duly elected.

A big thank you was extended to Les.

Confirmation of Branch Representatives – Ireland branch. Nothing to report as of yet. Mike C suggested a ‘central’ branch should be considered for those members not living near any centre that has a Branch, that could maybe use Skype or something similar for meetings..

6) Future Developments

Peter N - One development, we haven't mentioned training. Midlands have a new university course at BCU where you can get a degree and they are donating it to the Society as a flagship course. They are looking for slightly more structure than we have at the moment. an educational structure starting from the one day tasters, then Foundation training and then Degree. This is a thought through progression.

Ann W believed the courses are great but what we need is to train people to train... people are very busy and it is difficult to increase the members available. For the development of the Society we need to get those who have trained to become more active in the Society. Jean R goes into local GP practices and hospitals and gives talks and short workshops. Ann W suggests our trainees want a more structured CPD workshop programme and maybe it is time to revisit this idea. We also need to gather information as to where members are working with hypnosis within the NHS.

7) Any Other Business - None

8) Date and Venue of next AGM – August 2017 at the ESH conference 23rd-26th August.