

**BEES Annual General Meeting
held at the
Radisson Edwardian Grafton Hotel, London**

17th November 2009

MINUTES

Present: Hywel Williams (chair), Sue Handfield-Jones, Terence Ryan, Adam Bray, Sinead Langan, Wanda Robles-Wolfe, Rod Hay, Julia Schofield, Margaret Whittingham

1. Minutes from 9 September

The minutes from the 2008 AGM were approved. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

2. Treasurers Statement

The current account balance at 23rd October 2009 is £27,649 (expenditure financial year 2008/9 £7,787, income financial year 2008/9 £10,000). The treasurer's statement was unanimously accepted.

3. BEES Course

As in the past, this year's BEES course, held 4th-6th February 2009 in Nottingham, was a great success and fully subscribed (25 participants). Two Travel Fellowships were funded by BEES for Drs Agnes Chomba and Samson Kiprono from the RDTC, Moshi Tanzania. The Fellowships awarded cover travel and subsistence as well as the course fee. In addition, UK dermatologists in Liverpool hosted our Tanzanian colleagues for a week's clinical attachment in their department after the meeting, which greatly enhanced the value of the trip to our overseas guests. The BEES course in 2010 will be held 3rd-5th February 2010 (fully booked), and we plan to support two further doctors from the RDTC in Tanzania.

4. What shall we do in 2010?

It was agreed that next year's BEES meeting should be held again in a similar format to the one in 2009. The smaller numbers attending the seminar and having a discussions/debate style meeting was agreed as being enjoyable and successful. Having a range of viewpoints from different stakeholders was especially refreshing. Ideas for the 2010 BEES Meeting/Seminar will be submitted to the BEES membership for

voting. Suggestions for the theme of the 2010 seminar from those in attendance were :

- (i) How should UK Dermatology Training/Education be configured?
- (ii) What is the role of community pharmacists for improving skin health?
- (iii) Global dermatology health – implications from the WHO project
- (iv) Generic prescribing in dermatology
- (v) How do we train dermatologists in the UK with different systems?

It was also suggested that there should perhaps be a BEES course for consultants – maybe a one-day course for consultants and trainers.

5. AOB

BEES Travel Awards

The travel fellowships are advertised on the BEES website, but in 2008/2009, there were no applications.

There were no other matters raised.