

World Orthopaedic Concern UK AGM 2010

Minutes

1. Apologies:

- a. The Lord & Lady Swinfen
- b. Geoffrey Walker
- c. Rajaratnam
- d. Stephen Wood
- e. Luke & Lis McSweeney
- f. Ken Rankin
- g. Andrew Wainwright
- h. Alastair Simison
- i. David Jones
- j. Peter Evans
- k. Louis Deliss
- l. Fintan Shannon
- m. Andrew Smith
- n. Jai Chitnavis
- o. Gordon McLellan
- p. Lishman Kosipre
- q. Rupert Eckersley
- r. Misbau Babalola

2. Present:

- a. Steve Mannion,
- b. Mabvuto Chawinga
- c. Rish Parmar
- d. Tim Beacon
- e. Laurence Wicks
- f. Deepa Bose
- g. Chris Lavy
- h. Andrew Quaile
- i. Magdi Greiss
- j. Brain Earley
- k. Sheila
- l. Hillary Robinson
- m. Dalton Boot
- n. Mike Laurence

3. Med-Aid presentation Tim Beacon
Transport of medical equipment to developing nations.
Free warehouse & office
Tim arranges collection, containers & transport, delivery in receiving country
Requests help in funding
Cuurrently WOC cannot afford to fund containers, etc. Chairman proposed that WOC act as facilitator for Tim's work rather than as a financial resource. WOC recognizes and values highly Tim's work, and would be very keen to maintain close relations with him and Med-Aid.

Action: None

4. Country reports
- a. Malawi Mabvuto Chawinga
Presentation on the use of SIGN nails for femoral fractures in Kamuzu Central Hospital, Lilongwe
Funding has been allocated (decided at the WOC Exec. Meeting Jan 2010) to support the Malawian Orthopaedic Association meeting in September 2010.

- b. Cambodia Dalton Boot
Presentation on orthopaedic practice in Cambodia.
Funding from WOC has been used to improve teaching and training in Kossamak Hospital, Siem Reap, which can now start to help other provincial hospitals in turn. The improvement in training has acted as a catalyst for a subsequent improvement in hospital facilities. Kossamak has run training courses for surgeons and nurses from other hospitals.
£18,000.00 has been donated to WOC specifically for use in Cambodia. It was reiterated that WOC's remit can only be to support teaching and training, even though it is recognised that this cannot occur in isolation. Dalton clarified that financial support from WOC has only gone to support training and fundraising, not to improve facilities, although the issues are linked. Some discussion on the specific role of WOC's contribution – this to be continued.

5. Membership & handbook Hillary Robinson
Membership of WOC has increased.
New handbook should be ready for distribution at the BOA Congress in September.

Action: Handbook to be ready for BOA

6. Requests for funding:

Sam Weston-Simons

Fellowship in Malawi

Andrew Stevenson

Fellowship in Beit Cure, Malawi

Decision that they each be awarded a fellowship of £1,500.00. They each need to sign a contract with WOC, and give a presentation on their fellowship on return.

Action:

DB to provide them with contracts

7. Fund raising

Andrew Quaille

Opening up membership to podiatrists, chiropractors, etc.

Advertisements in the handbook

Wider publication of the work of WOC

Improving website

WOC to join 'justgiving'

Funds raised by the England 3000 climbing weekend (approx. £8,000.00)

Point made that charity fundraising activities are not just to raise funds but also to raise profile of WOC.

Action:

DB to arrange 'justgiving'

8. Improving attendance at WOC meetings

Next WOC AGM to be held at the BOA meeting in Dublin 2011.

Next Exec. Meeting to be 15th January 2011 at the RCS, London.

WOC Fellows and overseas visitors to give presentations at the policy weekend

Next policy weekend to be that of Friday 13th May 2011.

Website needs to be improved to make it more attractive to younger surgeons.

Action:

MG/AQ to arrange next policy w/e

9. International Health Links Centre

Decision to act as partner for NITOR, Bangladesh in their IHLFS application.

Action:

DB to reply to Dr. Qavi

10. Agenda for WOC half day at BOA Congress, September.

First session	Scientific papers
Second session	Panel debate: should the Combined Associations do more for orthopaedics in the developing world? Outreach programmes from different countries
Plenary session	SAOS

Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. DB to chase up funding from BOA for Jim Harrison & Nyengo Mkhandawire to attend. WOC to underwrite this in the meantime.2. DB to distribute agenda3. DB to look into flyer distribution4. DB to arrange e-mail lists for members via extra secretarial work, to be funded by WOC.
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WOC stand at BOA –

Dalton/DB to man on Tues. 14th

MG to man Wed.15th PM

HR/BE to man Thurs.16th/Fri.17th

11. Orthopaedics in Eastern Europe

Magdi Greiss

Provision of support for teaching & training in the Ukraine.

WOC UK to acknowledge & support teaching programmes in Ukraine.

Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HR to include MG/BE as linkmen for Ukraine in the handbook2. MG to report on specific training needs in the Ukraine at the next Exec. Meeting
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12. BOTA linkman

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