

# **WORLD ORTHOPAEDIC CONCERN (UK)**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**17th. September, 2008**

**Present:** C.Lavy - Chairman, S.Wood - Treasurer, H.Robinson - Minutes Secretary, D.Auswick, R.Brueeton, R.Duncan, P.Dyson. G.Evans, R.Freeman, R.Gardner,

D.Jameson Evans, Luke & Lis McSweeney, J. Mulimba, K.RajaRathnam, K.Rankin, P.Rosell, D.Sammon, A.Smith, M.Swann, G.Walker, A.Wood,

**Apologies:** received from M.Beverly, D.Boot, N.Davis, B.Earley, M.Greiss, C.Howell, M.Laurence, S.Mannion, S.Tennant, K.Tuson,

**Minutes of the AGM, 2007:** Accepted

### **Chairman's Report:**

- The Chairman asked Members to recognise the deaths of H.Gillies, J. Woodyard, P.Wright and Prof.T.K.Shanmugasundaram.

- In addition to the published report he added that the Furlong Foundation

Scholarship has been established in Oxford for Trainees wishing to work in Malawi or in Zambia; The BEIT Foundation also offers bursaries to Trainees wishing to work overseas.

- The Chairman expressed the thanks of WOC (UK) to Stephen and Anita for their work in maintaining the accounts over the years.. A small presentation was made to Anita.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Displayed and explained. The accounts had been accepted by the Executive Committee at the meeting this morning.

- The accounts were formally accepted - Proposed by Lis McSweeney,seconded by K.RajaRathnam.

### **Membership Report:**

- The new edition of the Handbook is now available, There are 319 members listed including 7 Honourary Members and 48 Life Members.

13 names have been removed from the list through lack of contact over more than 2 years, despite repeated attempts. Subscriptions have to be followed up from several others. A further 4 members have been recruited at the meeting.

K.RajaRathnam had been proposed for Executive Committee Membership - no opposition was raised.

Honorary Membership has been awarded to Brian Earley & John Jellis.

### **Overseas Reports:**

**Ethiopia-** Some difficulties over the past year in that trainees did not attend sessions. M.Laurence made a visit of inspection. Improvement is expected next year.

**Cambodia** - work ongoing, no report. Fund raising was successful.

**India:** - no report.

**Malawi:** More funding is available for volunteers.

**Nepal:** - no report. No advised activity.

**South Africa:** Ken Rankin reported great appreciation for the WOC efforts in support of Orthopaedics in Mpumalanga Province with improving levels of knowledge amongst local young doctors.

**Zambia** - no report given due to lack of time.- The latest FlySpec report is available on the website. (Hard copies available from H.Robinson)

**Equipment & Books:**

- Catalogues of Equipment and of Books are now on the website and will be updated as appropriate. A Volunteer living within striking distance of Bedford is needed to continue help with the cataloguing.

**Meetings 2009:**

- Executive Committee - BOA Boardroom, Nuffield House, January 9th. 2008, at 6.00 p.m.
- Policy Weekend: 9th./ 10th. May in Manchester. Day 1 to be a "Pre-Overseas" Day, Day 2 - General Meeting
- Annual General Meeting - Manchester, 16th./17th. September (tbc)