

Minutes of WOC (UK) Annual General Meeting 15.9.11.1. Present:

Steve Mannion	Deepa Bose
Chris Lavy	Dalton Boot
K. Rajaratnam	Andrew Wainwright
Geoffrey Walker	Tim Beacon

2. Apologies:

Paul Ofori-Atta	Andrew Quaile	Hillary Robinson
Mike Laurence	Gordon MacLellan	Ian Leslie
Richard Gardner	Mike Wroblewski	John Challis
John & Doreen Guy	Jai Chitnavis	Alan Gardner
Julie Parker	Brian Earley	Magdi Greiss
Fintan Shannon		

3. Chairman's report:

3 current projects : Ethiopia, Malawi & Cambodia.

Ethiopia: Black Lion Hospital - Only teaching hospital in Addis Ababa. Welcomes visitors.

Malawi: – Appointment of Leonard Banza, College of Surgeons of East, Central & Southern Africa (COSECSA) trained Congolese orthopaedic surgeon, to the orthopaedic department at Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH) in Lilongwe.

SM & DB ran an orthopaedic workshop in Lilongwe in August for the orthopaedic trainees and Orthopaedic Clinical Officers (OCOs) – well received, invited to run it again.

KCH now accredited for all stages of general surgical training and the first few years of orthopaedic training by the COSECSA accreditation committee.

Cambodia: – Very successful project headed by Dalton – In Pnomh Penh and other district hospitals. May be completed in 2 years.

WOC (UK) to support COSECSA in terms of examiners, and is seeking links with West African College of Surgeons (WACS) for similar projects.

Registrars who have been on WOC (UK) supported fellowships presented their experience at the WOC weekend in May 2011.

Tribute paid to Professor Kenneth Rankin, obituary written for the BOA by Geoffrey Walker.

Exploring how to engage better with disaster response in the UK via (International Emergency Trauma Register) IETR

Need to expand funding base by seeking grants from various sources. THET applications made for Malawi & Ethiopia.

Seeking to engage wider WOC membership in overseas projects, as well as better links with other organisations which are involved in overseas work

4. Bangladesh report: (GW): Training programme now run by locals – mostly in Dhaka. WOC representatives to attend Bangladesh Orthopaedic Society Conference (BOSCON) in February 2012.
5. Financial report (KR) Accounts from financial year 2010 – 2011 presented. Discussion re: interest for our accounts. Consideration to be given to placing a sum in a bond with a high rate of interest.  
**Action: KR to look into this**
6. Honorary membership for Hillary Robinson, Stephen & Anita Wood & Prof Geoffrey Walker approved.
7. WOC (UK) Handbook . Suggestion made to stop producing the handbook, so that costs can be diverted elsewhere. Suggestion to have a members' section on the website for the contact details of other members.  
**Action: DB to e-mail all members to ask this.**