



BRITISH GLOBAL AND TRAVEL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the BGTHA Annual General Meeting

Saturday 4th June NECTM6

Present:

Chair - Mike Townend (MT), George Kassianos (GK), Larry Goodyer (LG), Tania John (TJ), Katy Peters (KP), Derek Evans (DE), Paul Richards (PR), Adrienne Willcox (AW), Anne Maclean (AM), Becky Swadling (BS)

AGENDA

Item	Item discussed	Action by:
1.	Welcome and Introduction: GK 1.1. GK welcomed BGTHA members to NECTM 1.2. Acknowledgement was made to achievements BGTHA and NECTM have made as a product of cooperation. 1.3. Announced departure of distinguished members who have worked with BGTHA for many years: Mike Townsend and Eric Walker who have both been members since 1997. They have contributed tremendously and both were thanked very much. Although MT and EW are withdrawing from the committee they continue to strengthen Travel Medicine and will still be around. 1.4. Julie Gallagher also thanked and will be missed. She is leaving to concentrate on her children and Rabies campaign, 1.5. Paul also thanked. He has worked tremendously hard and will continue to work in Travel Medicine in General practice. .	
1.	Apologies: KP 2.1 Apologies given from David Channon, Diane Coulthard	
1.	Acceptance of minutes: MT 3.1. Minutes from previous meetings to be found on BGTHA website.	

1.	Current Chairpersons report: MT 3.1. MT stated this was the last meeting he would oversee and gave a few words re annual report 3.2 It was noted the BGTHA had made considerable progress on last year's agenda. 3.3 Education: Had introduced webinars in Travel Health / developing online E Learning course in the basics of Travel medicine. It continues to develop the journal. MT stated he was proud and wishes the committee every success. He encouraged members to continue writing for the journal and to commission others to contribute. 3.4 Thanks to Martin and Derek for keeping good financial situation. Thanks to James Moore / Katy Peters for secretary work and George Kassianos for guidance and support.	
1.	Treasurer's report: DE 4.1. Full report on BGTHA website 4.2. Monies have now been placed in a deposit account to generate interest and produce an income. 4.3. Have received grants / from vaccine companies which have been used to help with educational projects. Looking into online formats for journal to reduce costs. 4.4. Monies were used to pay for three overseas Doctors to attend NECTM.	
1.	Secretary's report: KP 6.1 Report available online. The next meeting will be late October / early November. 6.2 BGTHA continues as charity status 6.3 Supported by members' subscriptions and private financial support. 6.4. Acknowledged that new this year: supporting end rabies now campaign.	
1.	Questions to Executive committee 7.1 BGTHA member asked where on the website the reports could be found. KT responded. To be found in members area of site by the end of the day.	
1.	Proposed resolutions: LG 8.1 MT as beloved chair steps down 8.2 LG from vice chair to chair 8.3 TJ to vice chair 8.4 New committee named: Katy Peters as secretary, Derek Evans as treasurer, Adrienne Wilcox Becky Swadling Anne Maclean David Channon Diane Coulthard 8.5 Larry thanked the members for electing him and stated he felt honoured. He stated Mike was leaving at a high point and a round of applause given.	
1.	Fellowship award: LG Award is for Jane Wilson-Howarth who is well known for lecturing / writing and ongoing presence in Travel Medicine. She has authored books accessible to the lay traveller, also in wanderlust magazine. She has contributed enormously to BGTHA authoring and reviewing the journals. Jane was unable to accept the award in person.	