

Scottish Surgical Paediatric Society



Business meeting agenda

20th April 2012

1700-1800

Present: CD/MEF/YP/AS/RT/GW

1. Apologies
 - a. GAM,FM, MMcH, AM, AS, SOT, CD, GH, SC
2. Membership
 - a. Update of the membership list.
[Still in progress](#)
 - b. New membership
[Mohammed Shalaby, Rania Kronfli, Charlie Keys all proposed and seconded](#)
 - c. Honorary membership
[Gordon McKinley](#)

3. Accounts

- a. Still trying to move to internet/phone bank management.
[Clydesdale bank remains main account but very difficult to deal with. Explore other options e.g. manage through Yorkhill CF.](#)
- b. Autumn meeting final account

Costs	£1302.90
Registration	£1170.00
<u>Sponsorship</u>	<u>£200.00</u>
Balance	£67.10

Lessons learned: Don't have 'variable' pricing; this led to great confusion on the day.

[Confirmed. Currently insufficient attendance to allow 'talk for your dinner' the £30 does not seem to be putting off trainees.](#)

- c. Balance
 - i. £5376.06 (05/10/11)
 - d. Fees remain at £30 per annum. Still working on the list.
[Difficult to assess who pays who does not as many of the payments are a/c numbers only](#)
- ### 4. Scottish medical journal (RC).
- SMJ raised the issue of Scottish societies sponsoring the journal and asked for a better rate for the smaller societies. This was accepted and if we wish the SSPS could join for £350 per year. This will allow a member on the board of management the logo and name of the society on the website (now smj is fully electronic with limited printed copies to those who wish. SSPS would be one of 12 Scottish societies to be on the board. The most recent to join was the Scottish paediatric society.) More important it will record the 2 annual meetings and publish the

proceedings and abstracts if peer reviewed, What do you think? The bigger societies pay about 1 to 1.5k a year for a similar privilege.

Discussed in some detail. £350 would be a recurring expense but would potentially raise the profile with the possibility of publishing abstracts and improve the level of trainee engagement. Unanimous support to apply to the SMJ but to be reviewed annually to ensure that the cost is balanced by income.

5. Future meetings

Confirm with the Viking surgeon club and offer any dates. Pick date for Autumn.

- a. Autumn 2012 Edinburgh – need local organiser
- b. Spring 2013 ?SIPS ?Viking
- c. Autumn 2013 Glasgow?

I will contact Edinburgh to ensure that they can support the Autumn meeting. CD will approach the Viking club to see if we can plan a meet with them ?Fort William.

6. Website

- a. Email addresses: Fixed addresses can be forwarded to different emails. Should make it easier to contact the secretary and the organiser of the next meeting.

- i. Secretary@ssps-info.org.uk
- ii. meeting@ssps-info.org.uk

Continue to publicise the change to try and improve communication. Note that the Gmail account may have problems with some email systems. I will try and chase this up and see if the problem can be sorted.

- b. Working on PayPal to register for a meeting ?direct debit type payment. This should pay direct to account and may improve registration.

Looking for easy options to easy payment and registration. Also to manage our annual subs ?direct debit ?Pay Pal

7. Expanding the meeting

- a. Approach the Scottish Paeds Ortho/ENT/Plastics etc.

Definite interest from the other specialities – might be even more when on board with SMJ. Will circulate Edinburgh meeting date when confirmed.

8. AOCB

Nil

