

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Selwyn College, Cambridge at 1745 on Friday, 8 September 2017

Present:

Professor Euan Ross President
Dr. Jonathan Dossetor Hon. Treasurer
Nick Baldwin Hon. Secretary
Committee Members:
Mrs Penny Dossetor
Dr. Mary Clare Martin

Dr. Nick Barnes
Dr. Jo Barnes
Dr. Martin Brueton
Dr. Tim Chambers
Professor Mike Dillon
Professor Peter Dunn
Sylvia, Countess of Limerick
Dr. Virendra Soni
Dr. Chris Verity
Professor John Walker-Smith

1. Welcome .

Professor Ross welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Future Meetings.

The Society's Spring Meeting would be held as a session of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health's conference, at Glasgow SEC on the morning of Thursday, 15 March 2018, contiguous with the College Seniors' lecture. The 2018 Autumn Meeting would be hosted by Dr. Tim Chambers at the Avon Gorge Hotel, Bristol, on 14-15 September. Jonathan Dossetor encouraged wider circulation of the Society's meetings to other medical/history groups with potential mutual interests. Mary Clare Martin supported earlier notification than hitherto for potential speakers, and also proposed the provision of student bursaries to encourage attendance from a younger audience. Professor Ross sought potential venues for the 2019 Autumn Meeting, with a northern city preferred.

3. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Jonathan Dossetor reported that the Society's finances were currently in good health, with a Current Account balance as of 1 August of £7214.12, and a Reserve Account balance of £6979.03. This was, however, prior to payment of Selwyn College for the Autumn Meeting. An improper payment from the Society's account to the AA had been successfully reclaimed from the bank. Sylvia Limerick raised the potential benefits to the Society of seeking charitable status, but considerable bureaucracy would need to be negotiated to achieve this.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report

Nick Baldwin reported that the Society's membership had remained stable during the year. The 2017 Cadogan Prize had been awarded to Dr. Edward Estlin, who was unable to present his prize essay at

the Cambridge meeting due to illness, but was hopeful of doing so at one of the 2018 meetings. The Hon. Secretary was completing his second 3 year term in the post at this meeting, but in the absence of an immediate successor was willing to continue up to and including the 2018 Autumn Meeting. This was approved by members.

5. Any Other Business

Euan Ross reported that a potential attender of the meeting (who had not actually come) had asked about potential CPD benefits for those attending the Society's meetings, noting that an incentive for more current medical professional to attend meetings would be welcome, but that making suitable arrangement with the Royal College of Paediatrics might prove complicated.

It was also reported that Society member Dr. Robert Scott-Jupp was seeking potential short historical articles for publication in 'Archives of Disease in Childhood'

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1810.

Nick Baldwin
Hon. Secretary, 9 October 2017