

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH
17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AVON GORGE HOTEL CLIFTON BRISTOL, 14 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 1740

Present;

Professor Euan Ross President

Professor Mike Dillon President Elect

Dr. Jonathan Dossetor Hon. Treasurer

Nick Baldwin Hon. Secretary

Mrs. Penny Dossetor

Dr. Douglas Addy

Dr. Martin Brueton

Paddy Brueton

Dr. Tim Chambers

Dr. Judith Darmady

Professor Peter Dunn

Dr. Anthony Hulse

Professor Denis Gill

Sylvia, Countess of Limerick

Dr. Mary Lindsay

Dr. Dennis Ross

Dr. Robert Scott-Jupp

Professor Brent Taylor

Professor Lawrence Weaver

Dr. Michael Whitfield

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Dr Andrew Coe, Dr Eddy Estlin, Dr Gillian McCarthy, Dr Virendra Soni, Professor John Walker-Smith, and Dr Andrew Williams.

2. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

3. President's Report

Professor Ross concluded his term in office by thanking Peter Dunn for establishing the Society, and expressed a wish for greater feedback from members on their interest and expectations for the Spring & Autumn Meetings of the Society.

4. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Dossetor reported that the Society's finances were stable, with audited accounts showing a balance of £10,028.21 at 1 September 2018, compared to £8,704.12 at 1 September 2017. (Both these balances are high because the Autumn meeting payments are in the account but not paid to the College/hotel on the date shown.) The 2017 Cambridge meeting cost £4450.89 and had been subsidised by £490. Subscriptions for 2017-18 had been paid by 59 members.

5. Hon. Secretary's report.

The Hon. Secretary thanked Euan Ross for his energetic service to the Society during his term as President. He reported that as Hon. Secretary he had now completed his constitutional term of two 3 year terms, and one additional year, in the post. Subject to changes in work circumstances, he would be happy to stay in post one further year until the 2019 Autumn Meeting. This was approved by the meeting.

6. Election of President.

Professor Mike Dillon was proposed to succeed Euan Ross as the Society's President. This was universally approved by the meeting.

7. Future Meetings.

The 2019 Spring Meeting would form, as customary, a session of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health's annual conference, at Birmingham SEC on May 15, preceding the College Seniors' lunch.

The 2019 Autumn Meeting would be held at St. Chad's College, Durham on **6-7 September**. [*the date given at the AGM was the 13-14 September, but this had since been changed to the previous weekend to avoid a clash with the Paediatric Visiting Club*].

This was followed by more general discussion about membership and meeting attendance. Dr. Addy noted the need to attract more younger members, and the declining number of historians attending recent meetings was noted; Professor Dillon promised to address this. Jonathan Dossetor noted that details of meetings were in practice circulated to a wider group of people than the Society's actual members.

8. Society Website.

Jonathan Dossetor reported that the maintenance of the website by Jean Hyslop at Glasgow University was still funded for a further period. Robert Scott-Jupp noted that the RCPCH could assist with website support for its affiliated groups.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 18.10.

Nick Baldwin

Hon. Secretary

18 September 2018