



British Association for Sexual Health and HIV

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MEETING OF BASHH TRUSTEES 02 March 2007 RSM

Present: Rachel Challenor (RC), Chair; Simon Barton (SB); Jonathan Ross (JR); Angela Robinson (AR); Claudia Estcourt (CE)

In attendance: Jan Clarke (JC); Keith Radcliffe (KR); Simon Croker (SC)

1. Apologies for Absence

None given

2. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

i) Scheme of delegation 2007

The scheme of delegation was approved by the Trustees

b) Expenses form and policy 2007

The expenses form and policy was approved by the Trustees

5. ISSTDR 2009

i) Director's liability Insurance

The directors have been informed that a Business Plan for the meeting is required before liability insurance can be secured.

ii) BASHH Loan Agreement

The BASHH loan agreement was amended inline with recommendations to ensure that the interest on the loan of £30,000 be charged at a commercial rate. This amended agreement to be sent round to all the Trustees for signing. The accrued interest and the full amount of the loan (capital repayment) is to be gift aided back to BASHH within 12 months of the end of the conference.

SC

Business plans will be put together following the Seattle conference in 2007. The Trustees were informed that there is no requirement for collateral on the loan. It was agreed that Janet Wilson should provide a full report on proceedings for each Trustee meeting following the 2007 Spring meeting.

6. Blackpool 2007

SC informed the Trustees that 192 delegates had registered to date. It was recommended that the Trustees gather for a Trustees photograph at some stage during the Spring meeting.

SB requested that in light of the excellent work carried out by Cathy Harman for the Medfash review and in recognition of the highly collaborative nature of the relationship between BASHH and Medfash, Ms Harman is to be offered complimentary registration to the BASHH Spring meeting.

SB to write to Cathy Harman extending thanks and offering her free registration to the BASHH Spring meeting.

SB

7. Expanding the number of Trustees – following AGM

It was felt that the request to the members to support the expansion of the number of Trustees was in part unsuccessful as the memberships awareness of the role of the Trustees is unclear. It was agreed that the scheme of delegation should be made available to the membership and that the purposes behind seeking new Trustees should be clearly explained. It was agreed that a revised proposal of seeking one additional Trustee who is not a member of BASHH and is from a medico business background should be taken to the Board in October for initial assent. Rachel Challenor to speak to the Board in October highlighting the advantages of an additional non-BASHH Trustee giving examples of other associations that use Trustees from different backgrounds.

SB to write back to Nicol Thin thanking him for his comments.

SB

8. Incorporation

The Trustees agreed that benefits of charitable incorporation might be significant as liability rests with the charity and not the Trustees. Comparisons should be made of advantages of this over Trustee indemnity insurance. This item to be discussed further.

9. Development of Public Health Training for SpR – request for £7500

The Trustees approved the request for £7500 to investigate e-learning in the Development of Public Health Training for SpR's

10. General Secretary's communications

i) Business Planning 2007/2008

KR informed the Trustees that the Business planning cycle had started for 2007/2008

ii) BASHH Medals

KR informed the Trustees that Vaughtons had produced example casts of the medals to be awarded for the outstanding achievement award, honorary life fellows and the past President. The Trustees approved the cost of ~£1000 to produce these.

11 Quarterly Finance Report

The Quarterly finance report was accepted. JC informed the Trustees that the possibility of Branches and SIGs having online real time access to the finance reports was being explored. The estimated cost of this is ~£3000. Quotes are being sought.

JC informed the Trustees that BASHH is currently awaiting a cheque from the EADV for £125,000 for the 2005 conference. This amount has been confirmed and the EADV have stated that the cheques are being raised.

It was agreed that in light of strong reserves, the Trustees should recommend that the Board approach the membership asking for proposals to promote new areas of education etc. Proposals with an expenditure up to £50,000 should be considered.

12 Membership Report

There are currently 978 UK members and 71 overseas members.

13 Any other Business

BASHH elections

Following the elections of fellows to the Board in January, a complaint was sent to the BASHH office questioning the validity of the result arrived at using the Single Transferable Vote method. In response the returning officers undertook a recount on January 26th, arriving at the same result. On responding to the complainant, this was further questioned as the result seemed not to correspond with the reported results. It was agreed by the Trustees that all nominees of contested posts should be contacted 24hrs prior to the results being announced.

Date of next meeting: 1 June 2007