

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOWEN FORUM

25th June, 2018

Present:

Martin Grasby (Forum Member, BTPA) Chair
Sheila Whyles (Forum Member, BAUK)
Alastair Rattray (PSB)
Paul Dunn (PSB)
Nicolas Tobin (BTPA)

Apologies:

David Howells
Angela Cannon
Sue Gassick
Caroline Ison
Pam Stirling
Ray Edwards
Michael Morris

MINUTES

Minutes of the AGM held on the 20 June, 2017, were taken as read and approved.

Proposed: Alastair Rattray
Seconded: Martin Grasby
Carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Because the descriptor for Annual General Meeting refers to the accounting date from the previous year, often members call the Chair in the belief that there has been an error. The Forum's Accountant has suggested we remove any confusion by changing the end of our accounting period, so that both the AGM and the end-period it refers to, occur in the same year. To do so will extend the next accounting period to 15 months, which in turn would result in an end-of-accounting period date of 5th April 2019. It was proposed that this change should be actioned.

Proposed: Martin Grasby
Seconded: Alastair Rattray
Carried unanimously.
(NOTE: A copy of these Minutes to be sent to Auditor for his records)

CHAIR REPORT

The Chair, Martin Grasby, delivered his report to the meeting (copy in Minute Book) recording thanks to Nikki Ariff and Penny Gibbings who have left the Forum during the past year after long service. There was little forum activity to report, and general agreement by Forum members that it was beneficial to keep the vehicle of the Forum 'live' should it be needed to consider specific issues

– rather than have to create a new forum from scratch. Paul Dunn, attending as a PSB Member, speculated that perhaps the Forum should consider a new, perhaps more dynamic role for itself in the future, particularly as it was able to pull all strands of Bowen together in one place.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Chair confirmed that clearly, as the Forum was inactive, expenses were minimal, consisting of website and AGM expenses only. The website needs minor updating and the Chair has this in hand. The reserves are sufficient for the foreseeable future.

AUDITOR

Esau continues to be our Auditor and kindly waives his fee. The Chair will thank him on our behalf.

Proposed: Alastair Rattray

Seconded: Sheila Whyles

Carried Unanimously

MEMBERSHIP

The Chair asked if Forum, members present were willing to continue in the role. This was agreed and the Chair will email others who were unable to be present at the meeting.

PSB REPORT

Alastair Rattray reported that the year had been quiet. Membership of the CNHC had increased overall, but the Bowen Membership of the CNHC had reduced. Alastair is keeping a watching brief on the CNHC due to concerns that they may attempt to change the core curriculum – fears being that they may attempt to dilute it. Paul Dunn reported that the CNHC, as a condition of membership, were wanting members to make lifestyle recommendations to client – Paul Dunn believes it is a political move to align with government aspirations.

It was noted that the CNHC appear to be doing more marketing to GPs and the NHS. This was welcomed as it had been felt that this early promise had not been delivered previously.

The CNHC have also issued guidelines to changes in GDPR.

The Chair thanked the PSB for their continued efforts on behalf of Bowen Therapy and all present for attending this evening.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm