

BRITISH HEART RHYTHM SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting on: 07.00 – 08.30, Wednesday 10 Oct 2018

At: HRC2018, The ICC, Birmingham

Present: Richard Schilling (**RS**) [President], Holly Daw (**HD**), Martin Lowe (**ML**), Ian Wright (**IW**), Benedict Wiles (BW) [**BJCA**], Stuart Harris (**SHa**), John Paisey (**JP**), Trudie Lobban (**TL**), Angela Hall (**AH**) Joe DeBono (**JDB**), Andrew Turley (**AT**), Pier Lambiase (**PL**), Eleri Godfrey (**EG**), Kim Rajappan (**KR**), Julie Fear (**JF**)(A-A), Vicki Carpenter (**VC**).

1.	<p>Apologies for absence [RS]</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Alistair Slade, Shona Holding, Francis Murgatroyd, Jason Collins</p>
2.	<p>Agree minutes of previous Council meeting on 14 June 2018, BCS Offices, 9 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 5HW [RS]</p> <p>Minutes agreed.</p>
3.	<p>President's Introduction [RS]</p> <p>RS</p>
4.	<p>AOB [All]</p> <p>ACTION: RS to draft a strongly worded letter to NICROR saying at least 12 months notice should be given to centres prior to closing down the follow-up facility to enable the centre to make alternative arrangements.</p> <p>NB: In fact, FM has managed to persuade NICOR to continue the current arrangement with the new IT platform. This has been implemented and is currently undergoing beta-testing with follow up users. RS - strongly worded letter no longer needed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Editorials on web site to cease as AER journal will take over.</p> <p>BW has struggled with the editorials and wonders whether we should let this drop given our link with AER. Need a link to the journal. Focus on cases and traces and boosting this offering.</p> <p>ACTION:BW will forward emails regarding editorials for governance purposes.</p> <p>EG has agreed to support JC take on the leadership role for the cases and traces section with support from BW. BW also has a AHP who has offered support so we will include them as a section editor and ask them to commission as many cases as possible.</p>
5.	<p>BHRS STAND AT HRC2018</p> <p>Stand successful and potentially four new members recruited</p>
6.	<p>Nurses Update (AH)</p> <p>AH one nurse interested in joining council however will need to circulate to all calling for</p>

	<p>applicants and election held again – however the Constitution states elections and results must be held and announced at AGM (see Clauses 9 -11)</p> <p>Would like to add 92 nurses to forum in members only section of web site TL & JF explained that written 'consent' must be obtained to be able to do so to comply with GDPR</p> <p>ACTION: AH to obtain and share with TL/JF confirmation from each nurse which will then be recorded on the database</p> <p>AH reported full half day session at HRC in room 8b with 8 speakers was very successful. Approx 80 people attended the session.</p> <p>ACTION: AH to submit nurses agenda by Dec2018 for inclusion for HRC2019</p>
7.	<p>RADCLIFFE CARDIOLOGY (RS)</p> <p>AER Journal now adapted by BHRS.</p> <p>TL&AT will draft article on AF & heart failure guidelines; ablation and the role of ablation. Arrhythmia Alliance will create a patient information brochure for A-A & AF Association use</p> <p>RS wishes to identify future editors of the journal and new people (allied professionals). Would like to co-opt the sub-editor from Radcliffe Cardiology onto Council. Further discussions via e mail - the Constitution states that:</p> <p><i>"The Council shall have the power to co-opt an additional number of non-commercial Council Members up to a maximum of six, for a time not exceeding twelve months, should any special reason require it."</i></p> <p>It would therefore be against the Constitution to co-opt a member whether employed or representing a commercial interest (i.e. Radcliffe Cardiology) even if they are a HCP. It was therefore agreed by Council in e mail communication that the Sub-Editor would be invited at set times and dates at Council meetings when a matter relating to the journal & Radcliffe Cardiology will be discussed. This person would not be allowed to remain for the whole meeting when other, unrelated matters are discussed as per charity commission and BHRS Constitution rules.</p> <p>ACTION: RS to provide contact details of sub editor</p> <p>ROADSHOWS: RS reported some enthusiasm. TL & AT highlighted direct conflict with Arrhythmia Alliance Cardiac Update Meetings which have been run successfully for 14 years.</p> <p>RS will proceed to seek local support, contacting local centre to host. AT again highlighted this is exactly what A-A CUM do.</p> <p>RS - Webinars will generate income for BHRS, several sponsors to be identified by Radcliffe and they will do the work.</p>
8.	<p>TRAINING UPDATE (JP)</p> <p>JP reported five broad areas of cardiology in core training including rhythm training, device and EP ablation doctors. Training challenging because of pressure to reduce training time and specifically sub-speciality training. Having the exam as part of the core training program and this should be a fundamental part of the training of all cardiology trainees. This is because it is reasonable to expect everyone should be able to do basic devices programming. We would provide an accreditation tool i.e. a log book and doing an exam will provide all of the accreditation they need to qualify. Trainees can accredit without the exam but it will just take them a bit longer. Is it realistic to expect medics to do a log book (HD). JP says that it probably is because it has worked for BSE so it is realistic for us. AT who will sign off the log books, JP this will be done locally if they are not doing the BHRS accreditation, but if they are doing the accreditation then this will be done by BHRS. BW the exam is quite advanced so many registrars would find this challenging. The conclusion would be that we would mandate that registrars do a log book, marked locally and the core</p>

	<p>and clinical paper which BHRS would mark and charge for. We would ask trainees to pass the core and one of the exams. JP will try and ensure this is agreed as part of the training program including the mandation of log book and that if you have achieved BHRS accreditation you will have satisfied the requirements for training. This will take 12 months to evolve.</p> <p>We cannot mandate passing an exam as part of the advanced training but we can align the exam with curriculum, particularly the EP exam.</p> <p>BCS may be a mechanism for launching core trainees into a career in heart rhythm management and how to get onto the BHRS accreditation program.</p> <p>RS reported BCS wish parallel sessions from BHRS at its scientific meeting, RS reported this would generate income.</p>
9	<p>FBHRS</p> <p>RS reported big success. Nine out of ten offered were accepted, and eight attended the HRC Gala Dinner to be recognized. Certificates should be issued and they should be listed on web site with bio's & photos. Also need to decide on annual process.</p> <p>ACTION: IW & SHa to create certificates; TL to seek bio's and photos for web site</p>
10	<p>LEAD EXTRACTION (RS)</p> <p>RS had received letter from Nick Linker stating the current guidelines had been created by expert lead extractors and they did not agree with the proposed changes by the current council of BHRS. Archie Rao does not want her name listed as an author.</p> <p>RS said to publish the updated guidelines; AT objected to non-surgical centre. JP felt that this is still a reasonable option to offer patients extraction in a non-surgical centre if they have a low risk lead. He also made to point that super-specialising will give patients less access. He thinks it is unlikely that a non-surgical centres will set up.</p> <p>RS stated that at the meeting Chaired by Nick Linker there were very few young extractors – it was a self-serving group. Not all were invited. AT confirmed that all had been invited. JP stated he had stepped back.</p> <p>JdB expressed concern at the amended BHRS document – if something were to go wrong, in court European & American guidelines would be quoted and BHRS guidelines could be used as 'good or bad' reference which ultimately could go against BHRS and its legal officers (Trustees/Council)</p> <p>FM had objected at the last Council meeting to the suggested amends.</p> <p>ACTION: General consensus from Council - The guidance to be published with BHRS amends however not have any authorship credited</p>
11	<p>SURVEY UPDATE (ML)</p> <p>Survey was complete and contains questions that NICOR do not ask. ML described the purpose of the survey. It will allow centres to declare their numbers more directly and highlight areas that may be underserved. This may potentially allow the creation of heart rhythm centres. He will coordinate and chase data. NICOR are happy to have it badged. The model would be like the PCI data. ML will link to TL to deliver this in practice.</p> <p>BHRS want to have the data and be able to do something useful with the results – could present at HRC2019 for example.</p> <p>Arrhythmia Alliance will set up survey and distribute when received.</p> <p>ACTION: ML & TL to liaise</p>
12	<p>WEBSITE (JC)</p>

	TL reported web site was up-to-date
13	<p>SECRETARIES REPORT – RS (AKBS is currently off sick)</p> <p>RS reported AKBS was off sick long-term; RS would approve new members until new secretary is appointed – highlighted that there is a lot of work for this role and asked for expression of interest from Council.</p> <p>NB – AKBS has subsequently reported he will be returning to Council in his role as Secretary at next meeting in December. AKBS has suggested Council consider appointing a 'secretary elect' in advance of October next year (when term of office is due to expire) so that the individual could shadow AKBS and then take over with considerable knowledge about how BHRS works.</p> <p>ACTION: To be discussed at next Council meeting</p> <p>TL reminded that admin@BHRS.com must be cc'd into online discussions so that there is a record of action and outcomes as per agreement at last Council meeting. To date no one had shared records and this must be done in compliance with charity commission and to safeguard BHRS Council and its members for the future.</p> <p>ACTION: Council to ALWAYS cc Admin@bhrc.com into all e mails discussions/reports/BHRS work. All Council to share past e mails to bring records up to date</p>
14	<p>TREASURERS REPORT - Dhiraj Gupta had not been re-elected so the role of Treasurer is available to a current member of Council. SHa volunteered and was accepted.</p> <p>ACTION: TL to share job description - DONE</p>
<p>Date, time & place of next meeting: 11:00 – 14:00, 12 December 2018 Boardroom 2, 1 St Martins Le Grande, London</p>	