

# MINUTES

# BHRS Annual General Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 17:30

Held via Zoom

29 participant BHRS members

# 1. Approve minutes from AGM 2021

Approved.

# 2. Presidents report (AKBS)

Alistair Slade, BHRS President (AKBS) opened the meeting, welcomed and thanked participants for attending. AKBS thanked fellow officers and the admin team for their support over the last year as we come out of the pandemic. Formal thanks was given to Francis Murgatroyd for many years of hard work as the National Audit Lead for Cardiac Rhythm Management. The process to appoint his successor has begun and interviews will take place in November.

AKBS reported BHRS has continued to work with BCS to publish several documents including:

- Cardiac arrest in the cath labs
- Women in cardiology
- MRI CIED
- Radiotherapy and CIED (coming soon)

The BHRS Education Committee has been formed of which John Paisey is chairing.

The BHRS exam and accreditation process continues to improve and is now fully paperless and is now held twice per year.

AKBS noted that HRC is face to face again. BHRS has decided that 2022 will be the last meeting with formal BHRS input to HRC and we will be launching our own educational programmes from 2023 onwards.

# 3. Secretary's report (EG)

a) 2022 Election Results

Eleri Gregory (EG) reported a fantastic response to nominations for elections with a large number of very strong candidates. The results are as follows:

- Welcome to: Amy Dutton, Phil Durkin, Chloe Howard (Physiologist Rep), Bridgette Smith, Anya Murray (Nurse Rep)
- Welcome back: Ross Hunter, Ashley Nisbet, Paul Foley (Doctor Rep) who were reelected for a second term
- Eleri Gregory (elected as President Elect)
- b) Council Member Overview
  - President Alistair Slade
  - President Elect Eleri Gregory
  - Secretary to be elected at next council meeting
  - Treasurer Steve Murray
  - Nurse Catherine Laventure, Bridgette Smith, Anya Murray
  - Physiologist Cristiana Monteiro, Amy Dutton, Phil Durkin, Chloe Howard
  - Doctor Ashley Nisbet, Joseph de Bono, Ross Hunter, Paul Foley, John Paisey, Pier Lambiase, Steve Murray, Vivienne Ezzat

c) Membership Report (EG)

EG reported that the admin team continue to work at getting the membership levels reflective of those that are paying. Current membership: 1,120.

# 4. Exam Report (SA)

Stuart Allen, Chair of BHRS Accreditation (SA) reported the exam was now fully online. An exam database had been built which now reflects the syllabus so exams can be built more easily to reflect his. The Accreditation Committee has been formalised and meets face to face again. The exams since the last AGM have given BHRS a surplus of £11,769 most of which is planned to be reinvested to continue with improvements. Results are going out faster and post-exam candidate surveys are extremely positive.

#### 5. Education Committee (JP)

John Paisey (JP) reported that the Education Committee have now met twice and comprises of a great team from all professions, across many locations and levels of seniorities. The committee are working towards several events.

It was confirmed 2022 will be last year that BHRS will support HRC due to the time needed to support BHRS education events.

The committee has decided to start with smaller events and build up to a flagship event in 2024. The first BHRS symposium will be held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the Royal College of Physicians and will be aimed at all three professions. Early autumn will see a more trainee focussed event.

#### 6. Audit report (FM)

British Heart Rhythm Society Registered Address: 24A Market Street, Disley, Cheshire SK12 2AA UK Email: admin@bhrs.com | Web: www.bhrs.com Registered Charity Number: 273307 Francis Murgatroyd (FM) reported NICOR is being transferred to a new authority, away from HQIP, early next year. This change means that annual reports are likely to become shorter, but more regular, which will mean data will be required quicker. This should result in more relevant and live data.

FM reported he will stay in the domain expert group for a period of time to ensure continuity while his replacement is appointed.

The 2021/22 annual report is due to be submitted in March 2023. Validation reports will be out in the next couple of weeks. Hospitals are asked to check they are correct. Extraction of data will take place at the end of the year.

# 7. Research report

No report received. AKBS thanked both Pier Lambiase and Ross Hunter for their continuing and valued work.

# 8. Treasurer Report (SM)

Balance is very healthy at £229,582 after a sizeable donation. Outgoings due include payment for the BHRS App which is close to launch, Education Committee plans, an advertising budget and putting in place bursaries. Any ideas of spending of funds that will benefit members please send them to treasurer@bhrs.com

# 9. AOB

None.

# 11. Closing remarks (AKBS)

AKBS expressed his joy at Eleri Gregory being formally elected as President Elect. Eleri will take office in the Autumn of next year and will be the first non-medical appointee in BHRS history (and the second woman to become president). AKBS thanked everyone for attending.