

Minutes of the BARS AGM

4, Boar Lane, Trevelyan Square, Leeds, LS1 6ET

Thursday 21st September 2017

Item No	Discussion
1.	Minutes of the last AGM: Agreed as a true and accurate record
2.	Matters Arising: None
3.	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>3.1 BARS Membership Phil Gardner (PG) advised attendees that there are currently just under 800 BARS members; there has been a significant increase in interaction on the website and on attendance. PG advised that free membership has made a significant impact. Each year this is evaluated and the benefits for membership being free always outweigh the downside.</p> <p>3.2 2016 – 2017 PG advised that a lot has been happening behind the scenes on the BARS Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new website will be showcased at 2017 BARS Conference. Members were invited to take part in a competition to design the new website. • The BARS Facebook page now has over 300 likes. PG advised attendees that if they are not already following the page, to please do so as updates are posted on a regular basis. https://www.facebook.com/eyescreening/ • Iveta Olejkova continues to edit the Diabetic Eye Journal, but since 2016 elections, IO now has an assistant, Nadine Rash • PG advised that 2 people that have never attended BARS were funded to attend this year's BARS Conference, the attendees are Valeriya Simonova and Janine Kerr. The attendees will feature in the next edition of the DEJ • PG provided a huge thank you to Haag-Streit for loaning the SLB equipment for the SLB workshops. BARS are hoping to provide these sorts of workshops more frequently. • PG thanked all of the BARS council members and all members of BARS.
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Alyson Jaycock (AJ), the Treasurer for BARS advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last figures available that had been audited showed that BARS had a turnover of £35,968 in the year ending 30th September 2016. For the previous year it was £39,445. • AJ advised that the costs for 2016 were significantly curtailed by the negotiation skills from Alison Simpson regarding the 2016 conference. • The website costs were down from £900 to £360 however, the Council fully expect to see a significant increase in these costs due to the new

	<p>website. AJ expressed how brilliant it has been to have Richard Bell (RB) on board the council and that his time and effort on the website is greatly appreciated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJ advised that BARS contributes to the DEJ costs. • BARS council recognise that money left over should be put towards something that all can visibly see. • AJ advised that BARS funds the conference speakers' attendance at BARS
5.	<p>Diabetic Eye Journal Report: In 2013 DiabeticEyeJournal was established by IO, JM and SA due to need for publication within our profession. Magazine was introduced to MH - that time chair of BARS, and with his support become BARS publication. First edition had 600 copies, gradually growing to 1200 for 2017 issues. Most of them are distributed to BARS members, DESPs and HES around the country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DEJ has always been free and this is largely due to the sponsors and support from BARS. • IO requested that if anyone has idea for the topic or article for DEJ, to please contact her. • The DEJ is available on the BARS website and www.diabeticeyejournal.org.
6.	<p>Webmasters Report & New Website Launch: Richard Bell (RB), Ophthalmic/Medical Photographer joined BARS Council in 2015 and was elected as the webmaster soon after. RB was pleased as he felt that the website had been neglected. Since being on BARS council he has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensured that job vacancies are added and removed once their closing date has passed • Updated the calendar to ensure that all eye screening related events are added • Updated the links as they were out of date • Introduced "R2 or not", Cheryl Boulton came up with the idea and RB added it to the website. There has been a lot of interaction. Look out for a new set of images each month. • The link for education will shortly be updated • Introduced sponsors for the website. The sponsors pay a yearly amount and this goes towards BARS • The average number of monthly visits to the website is approx. 2000 <p>6.1 New website design RB felt that the overall design of the previous website was messy, outdated, hard to navigate and it was also not mobile or tablet friendly. The council proposed that a competition for a BARS member to design the new website be created. Vicki Prior, Screener / Grader & ROG was chosen as the winner. Barbra Hamill's design was also suited to the electronic devices and with her permission, parts of her design was integrated to the new website. Vicki was presented with her Ipad and Barbra was provided with a fully funded place to attend BARS. The new look website was presented and RB advised that there may be a</p>

	<p>few glitches as due to different viewing platforms. RB requests that if any errors are noticed, to please contact the council webadmin@eyescreening.org.uk</p> <p>6.2 RB has designed the new logo of a futuristic eye. For information on how the futuristic eye was designed please visit https://www.eyescreening.org.uk/pages/default.asp?id=38&scroll=pageInner</p>
7.	<p>Conference 2018</p> <p>PG looks forward to welcoming you all to the BARS 2018 conference where we return to the Bristol Marriott Hotel.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Unfortunately, Leonie Watson, guest speaker was unwell and therefore unable to attend this year's conference, but PG is hopeful that she will be able to attend next year</p>
9.	<p>Date and venue for next AGM</p> <p>Thursday 28th September 2018 at the Bristol Marriott Hotel</p>