

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting: ISH Committee meeting
Date: Friday 16th June 2017
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Venue: Carmelite Community Centre
Minutes by: Gillian Roufail (Secretary)

Attendance:	Niki Taylor	NT
	Gillian Roufail (Secretary)	GR
	Edel Bolger-O'Hora (Registrar)	EB
	Orla Broderick	OB
	Marina Lynch	ML
	Jackie Lally	JL

Apologies:	Helen Sweeney (Treasurer)	HS
	Anne Finnegan	AF
	Marian Sharpley	MS

	Notes	Action														
1.	<p><u>Executive's Report</u></p> <p>NT opened the meeting at 10am GR the new venue at Carmelite Centre was agreed as our future meeting venue</p> <p>GR in absence of HS gave the Treasurer's report: 2015/16 Extra 'one off' expenses.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>2nd RDS Show</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€ 858</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Logo reprint of 2 existing leaflets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€ 643</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joshi Seminar loss</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€ 763</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25th Anniversary Members Gift - Bowel Nosode Seminar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€3698</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clarke Consulting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website updating and moving of site by developers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€1689</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">€8651</td> </tr> </table> <p>HS is to get together with Maureen Travers (ex Treasurer) to clarify update further. There are 3/4 bank a/c's, can they be amalgamated to save on fees.</p> <p>Conference & Seminar accounting report to be discussed in September</p> <p>Query on Joshi Seminar significant loss of €763</p> <p>HS to contact Ann Monaghan to update us on how costings are projected for CPD workshops</p> <p><u>Proposal</u></p> <p>HS proposed (in absentia) that all expense claims be sent to the Treasurer before being sent to the office for payment.</p> <p>It was felt that it would be awkward for all expense claims to be approved by HS due to time requirements and HS may not be online/available. However this give HS more control and involvement on finances. HS is answerable to members at the AGM.</p> <p>HS's proposal was voted 'Yes'</p>	2nd RDS Show	€ 858	New Logo reprint of 2 existing leaflets	€ 643	Joshi Seminar loss	€ 763	25th Anniversary Members Gift - Bowel Nosode Seminar	€3698	Clarke Consulting	€1000	Website updating and moving of site by developers	€1689	Total	€8651	<p>HS</p> <p>HS</p> <p>HS</p> <p>HS</p>
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Banking

Some time ago there was suggestion to move bank from Galway to Dublin so the office staff have direct access to a local bank. Online banking needs to be looked at. There was a strong disagreement with pre-signing of cheques as other voluntary organisations having a legal problem with this. Pre-signing of cheques is all of our executive's concern. HS needs to discuss this with the office - Need 2 people banking, 2 people witnessing, How many cheques are issued? What are they for? Can we cut down on them?
HS to update at September meeting
All present were in favour of online banking

HS/Office

2. Conference & Seminar

GR read HS comments about the problems she experienced with incorrect start time on Eventbrite. No badge and although name on list a conference team member insisted she had not paid which she had. HS felt that the hotel toilets not of good standard and poor choice of food. She had difficulty hearing speakers and in general would not recommend this venue to be booked again.
NT felt disappointed that the committee lost out by not being at the conference on a working basis, to chat to delegates about the society and find out what members wanted from their society. This would have been a beneficial opportunity to improve our society and increase membership. In spite of her being asked to speak at the conference, she was not allowed attend the conference without buying a ticket despite the Secretary requesting a badge to be ready so she could talk on Saturday, there was no badge for her without buying a ticket.

GR said that in the UK the chair hosted the SOH conference and met the speakers and the delegates throughout the 2 days

There were 3 issues regarding the breakdown of communication between the committee and the conference team. **Issue 1** that we all representing the ISH and so fairness is paramount, **Issue 2** the new committee started in March and the conference work was already underway, there was no committee member brought forward from last committee overlooking the conference.

Issue 3 Democratic decision by the committee was overwritten by the conference team.

We have to look at the learning experience from this year. Why is the AGM in March? It is not an ideal month. New people taking over new roles, eg registration are thrown in at the deep end without much support. October or November might be a better time of year

NT will talk to the office as to why the AGM is in March

The conference guidelines need to be reviewed so this will not ever happen again and EB will look at the memos and articles regarding this and propose new wording.

NT/Office

EB

3. Members

Membership fees have not been increased for some years, Declan Mohan suggested an increase at the AGM. We are losing members so an increase could mean losing more. We need to do more to attract people to join our society before increasing fees. Everyone in agreement not to increase fees at the moment

HS to look at projection for next year to see how costs can be cut

HS

It was suggested that a Monkey Survey was set up to ask the membership what they are looking for from the Society. Committee to think of relevant questions and revert in September.

All

	<p><u>Newsletter</u> We need to restart a newsletter for members to know what is going on, we need suggestions from everyone. GR to do up a sample draft for September meeting when we can discuss who might undertake this project.</p>	GR
4.	<p>Child Protection All committee members to return 2 feedback forms to EB by mid July EB, NT, Gerry Murphy and Fergus Morrison to work together to edit by September so it can be sent out to all ISH members.</p>	All
5.	<p>Accreditation Accreditation of The Belfast School and the Reaccreditation of The Irish School has been scheduled for the Autumn. It was agreed that payment could be made over 4 years for The Belfast School and over 2 for the Irish School of Homeopathy.</p>	
6.	<p>Continuity We need to look at the structure of the Society, changing committee members, how to manage changeover, shadowing. To be discussed September NT Will contact past Chairs and the office for their input. Committee members to put together their thoughts and further discussion in September.</p>	NT All
7.	<p>RDS Baby Show It was voted not to participate at this event but to look at other events like Wear a Hug etc. JL and GR to look into suitable events</p>	JL/GR
8.	<p>Media The media team will meet in September and discuss the UK ASA meeting and see how we will go forward with ASAI. The Society are doing up new leaflets for ISH based on UK leaflet. Quotes being obtained now to be forwarded to treasurer. OB to send on to the committee to look at. Media team losing Jane McLaughlin so a new FB administrator is needed, office have sent out an email</p>	OB
9.	<p>WHAW/Public Awareness GR pointed out that need a 'public events' section on our website to advertise member's events around the country. Events for members can be moved to member's area of site. Just One Drop film GR talked to Ann Monaghan as she had looked into it with organisers.</p>	GR/Office
10.	<p>Working Groups Gerry Murphy was invited to join the meeting at this point GM (Gerry Murphy) firstly explained the roles of the NSAI, IHPI, EWG, ICH & ECCH</p> <p><u>NSAI - National Standards Authority of Ireland</u> www.nsai.ie This is an industry standards authority for all businesses in Ireland. At present, generally for standardization of the requirements of medical doctors with the additional qualification in homeopathy. All countries were in agreement with standardization for homeopaths except the UK.</p>	

IHPI - Institute of Homoeopathic Practitioners of Ireland

www.ihpi.ie

This is a new organisation for professional homoeotherapists and allied CAM providers who would use homeopathy, homoeotherapy and integrated healthcare within their practice. They have put forward a proposal to the Department of Health to regulate Counsellors and Psychotherapists

<http://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/79-Institute-of-Homoeopathic-Practitioners-Ireland.pdf>

Our Society structure should be looked at. Maybe a new strategy separating into 2 bodies as at the moment there is a conflict of interest within the Society itself.

1. Professional body that is accredits
2. Registration body with code of ethics

Coru www.coru.ie is the statutory regulator for Health & Social Care professionals, mainly physiotherapists and psychotherapists but because homeopathy is not recognised as a science we cannot go down that road.

ICH

Homeopathy contribution to worldwide healthcare. 1 day AGM every 2 years.

Our Society can feature the ICH logo on the website along with ECCH logo.

Office

ECCH

AGM every year held in a country to help homeopaths there, this year Greece.

The ECCH Strategic 3 year plan for all Society alliances on how we promote homeopathy.

We need to focus on the voice of the patient and developing those alliances.

At the AGM Mani Norland presented 4 Homeopathy that is a website for Patients, the public and practitioners all supporting and promoting homeopathy. <http://www.4homeopathy.org/> Mani also presented their new app Homeopathy UK that gives information on finding your nearest registered homeopath on a map, find a remedy to match your symptoms, remedy information and find your nearest stockists etc.

It was proposed that Mani Norland would come here to show us the app and promotion ideas, FB Strategies etc to benefit the Society moving forward. It was decided by the committee that Mani would be invited to Ireland to give a presentation to the Committee.

NT to contact Mani Norland to check dates and cost.

NT

EWG

Accreditation

The proposal for the Society to cover EB travel and other expenses she incurs as she shadows the Accreditation Board. This was approved.

Supervision Model - Fergus Morrison

This has to go to the Registration Board for discussion. There are historical reasons for current registration programme and a day cannot be just dropped without looking at feedback over last 5 years of current registration programme.

EB Request costings and modules from Fergus Morrison who has agreed to run a supervision training weekend.

EB to check with SOH & ARH in the UK to see why and how they simplified their registration programme.

This supervisor training weekend may be run in it's own right apart from the registration

REG.

EB

EB

11.	<p>programme and to be discussed at the next EWG meeting. <u>Proposal to Introduce an Internship to the ISH - Ann Monaghan</u> Change of name from 'Internship' to 'Mentorship' This proposal was agreed NT and OB to draft up letter to be sent out by office to all</p> <p>Any other business To send thank you letter to Jane McLaughlin for her contribution to her work as a FB administrator, HT advertising manager and member of the media team</p> <p>GR to find out more information re screening of Magic Pills movie</p>	<p>NT/OB</p> <p>GR</p> <p>GR</p>
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Signed by Chair Niki Taylor _____ Date: _____