MINUTES OF THE WELSH OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY SOCIETY
BUSINESS MEETING

Held at the Institute adjacent to the Maelor Hospital, Wrexham
Friday 6 March 2020

Honorary Treasurer
Makiya Ashraf

President
Peter Lindsay

Honorary Secretary
Euan Kevelighan

Present at meeting:
Makiya Ashraf, Dwijen Baruah, William Taylor, Kalpana Upadhyay, Hemant Maraj, Sujeewa Fernando, Roopam Goel, Aderemi Alalade, Ros Goddard, Euan Kevelighan, Peter Lindsay, Lutfi Shamsuddin, Chris Roseblade, Rishu Tandon.

1. Apologies for absence
   Action
   None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting
   These were read and agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising
   EHK managed to locate previous Medical Student Shalini Fernando who had completed her elective and is now junior doctor. She did not wish to have her bursary and will not be presenting her elective experience.

4. President’s Remarks
   The president thanked Sujeewa Fernando for an excellent programme, and thanks was given to all those who contributed including Sujeewa’s Secretary Mandy.

The oral prize winners are as follows:

1st Prize – Dr Anu Ajakaiye, from Wrexham Hospital for – Compliance with local safety standard for invasive procedures and patient experience of checklist usage.
A quality improvement project.

2nd Prize – Dr Rachel Lee (current OOP, undertaking leadership fellowship) – Sleep: Getting the best medicines to Obstetricians at night. This was an evaluation of doctors’ experiences of night shift working, the state of their rest facilities and effects on health and wellbeing.

Poster prize winners are as follows:

1st Prize – Dr Chandrasey, from Wrexham for – VBAC clinic.

2nd Prize – Dr Ashwin also from Wrexham – with her poster on Handover.
The Welsh Trainees of the Year awards were also presented from August 2018 to August 2019. They were as follows:

ST6/7 – Dr Angharad Jones
ST3/5 – Dr Maria Kaloudi
ST1/2 and overall Trainee of the Year – Dr Stella Steppings.

The president awarded the certificates to the trainees present (Dr Kaloudi & Dr Seppings). PL agreed to give Dr A. Jones her certificate. PL thanked the society for the privilege of being its president for the past year, and announced that he would be demitting office that evening and handing over the gavel and medal to the incoming president Ros Goddard.

5. **Honorary Treasurer’s Report**

MA discussed the research suppers run by Drs Lee, Scar, and Simran, and that they had requested recurrent funding. Last year they were provided with £500 for pump priming, and their report highlighted what the funding had been used for. There have been four meetings in the year, with the average expense of £75.00 per meeting. They requested some leeway for travel expenses for speakers. It was agreed that going forward they would be given £300 for this coming year, and that they would provide further updates, and if they exceeded this then the Welsh Obs & Gynae Society would top up their budget to a maximum of £500 per year. MA will request that they consider running one meeting a year in North Wales. EHK suggested that perhaps they could run one meeting in the North and if North Wales wish to continue these meetings they could arrange for these independently, as it may be difficult on the week days to go up North Wales to run such meetings. MA will also ask if they are receiving any financial support from other sources.

Londie Clark presented her elective experience as a student in Penang, Malaysia, and received £300 bursary from PL. Another student Eloise Baxendale requested £200 up front towards her elective, and she has agreed to present at the next meeting in October 2020 in Aberystwyth, when she will receive a further £100.

The Swansea Students Obs & Gynae Society received £300 towards supporting running of their meetings, and they will be invited to Aberystwyth in October this year to inform the society how these funds have been spent. Alan Treharne has agreed to reserve space for both the Eloise’s elective and the Swansea students’ presentations.

A student Imogen Sibert has chosen to do her elective in Nepal, and has been awarded a bursary of £300. She will present at the Spring 2021 meeting.

The recent meeting at the Princess of Wales raised £900 for the society. The October 2019 meeting run by Merthyr raised £1,198.00. Therefore, the current balance in the Society’s account is £23,770.00.

The number of members paying the £3 annual fee has now reduced to two. The overall number of members paying £20 a year is only 37. It was agreed that MA would send out a letter with a standing order to the Welsh Obs & Gynae Society hospital representative in each unit, and that these members should encourage colleagues to sign up. Recently the society has gained tax exemption status with HMRC so the £20 a year now actually costs only £12 for those who pay 40%
tax! The letter accompanying the direct debit form will be the previous one highlighting what the Welsh Obs & Gynae Society stands for, with a little bit of the history behind our Society. Hopefully, significantly more members will join up.

6. **Any other business**

None.

7. **Dates and venues of the forthcoming meetings**

Alan Treharne is organising the Aberystwyth meeting, which is scheduled for Friday 9 October 2020.

The Spring 2021 meeting was due to be hosted by Abergavenny, but EHK had an email from the CD highlighting that due to their move at this time into a single unit with Gwent Hospital that they would be unable to run this meeting. EHK emailed the CD at Cardiff, and also asked Lutfi Shamsuddin who was present in Wrexham to ascertain whether they would be happy to host the Spring 2021 meeting. Cardiff and Vale, Obs and Gynae Department will discuss this at their next consultant meeting and let EHK know as a matter of urgency.

Abergavenny would prefer to host their meeting in Spring 2022, and therefore EHK will discuss with Ysbyty Glan Clwyd about hosting the Autumn 2021 meeting.


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