1. Apologies

Apologies were received from 18 members.

2. New members attending

The President welcomed new members; Andy Burns, Malcolm Cameron, Andrew Dickenson, Neil Mackenzie and Sanjay Shah to their first Club meeting.

3. Deaths of members

It was announced that Ian Heslop, Maurice Jones and Hugo Obwegeser had died.

Tributes were made by Bob Tate, Bob Woodwards and Peter Banks respectively and transcripts are appended to these minutes.

4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM in Nottingham were agreed as a true record.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

6. Committee report

Retirements: Peter Ramsey-Baggs

Resignations: Daljit Dariwal, Sat Parmar

Attendance: Two members, Stephen Dover and Brian Swinson who had not attended any meeting for several years were recommended for informing that their membership had lapsed. Two further members are to be warned that their membership was at risk of lapsing due to non-attendance.
New members: With 6 spaces available for new members, the following names were recommended by the committee and approved by members for an invitation to join the club;

Alam Peyman, Chichester, proposed by Tim Mellor
Hazel Busby-Earle, Leicester, proposed by Jon Hayter
Jacob D’Souza, Guildford, proposed by Malcolm Bailey
Kathy Fan, Kings, proposed by Bhavin Visavadia
John Hanratty, Ulster, proposed by Peter Ramsey-Baggs
Graham James, Worcester, proposed by Phil Earl

Membership status clarification: There was discussion about the indications for active members to become honorary members in these changing times. Recent changes include members taking early retirement to secure their pension but effectively continuing in the same NHS post, members continuing to work in their NHS post towards 70 years of age, and other variations involving busy clinical practice beyond 'retirement'. Proposals will be discussed at the next committee meeting and any proposals brought to the next AGM.

7. Honorary Secretary’s report

The members were reminded that the Club website contained the latest information on forthcoming meetings as well as a record of previous meetings.
Members were advised to let the Hon secretary know if they were changing their email address to ensure continuing updates on Club matters.
If new members were proposed, details of their current post and email address assisted extending an invitation to join the Club.

8. Honorary Treasurer’s Report

The Club Accounts were presented and discussed. Their acceptance was proposed by Bob Woodwards and seconded by Phil Earl.
An increase in the annual subscription to £40 per annum was discussed. Brian Avery proposed acceptance and members generally indicated their approval.

9. Honorary Members Report

There was no report advanced.
10. Committee 2017/18

The president elect for 2018/19 is Phil Earl. Andrew Baldwin has agreed to be President for 2019/20.

Therefore the committee for 2017/18 is; Stuart Hislop; President, Jon Hayter; Hon Secretary, Andy Brown: Treasurer, David Patton; Hon members representative, Andrew Sadler; Archivist, Iain McVicar; immediate past president, Phil Earl; President elect and Parkash Ramchandani. There is a vacancy for one further member.

11. Inauguration of new President

Outgoing President Iain McVicar presented the Semmelweiss Medal to Stuart Hislop and he was inaugurated as the new President for 2017/18.

12. Future meetings

Stuart Hislop confirmed his overseas meeting was in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 17-18 May 2018.

Phil Earl outlined plans for his home meeting in Worcester on 8-9th November 2018 and his overseas meeting is planned to be held in Lisle, France with the dates to be confirmed.

13. Any other business

Means of contacting other Club members were discussed. A proposed closed Facebook page was suggested.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8th November 2018 in Worcester.
Ian Heslop - Tribute

Ian Hanson Heslop was a long-standing member of this Club and sadly he died suddenly at home on 16th September at the age of 94. Margaret, his wife, and 4 sons Alastair, Alexander, Gordon and Stuart survive him. He was born in 1923; he grew up in Hexham and was educated at the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle.

He developed an interest in dental surgery, largely because of much dental treatment he had received, and was entered to the BDS course at the Dental School in Newcastle, University of Durham. His father, who must have been far sighted, noted in the University prospectus that there was a combined course for BDS and MB BS and he persuaded Ian to enter that course. Ian studied Dentistry during the war and qualified in 1946. He then joined the RAF as a flying officer in the Dental Branch for 2 years before returning to Northumberland to complete studying for his medical degree at Newcastle. During his time in the RAF he met Margaret, an occupational therapist, and as soon as Ian graduated in medicine in 1951 they were married.

They then moved to London and Ian studied for his FDS RCS whilst working part time at the Eastman Dental Hospital for the princely sum of £250 p.a. On completion of his FDS in 1953 he and Paul Bramley, who was the same age and remarkably had similar qualifications, were appointed to two new Registrar training programmes under Sir Harold Gillies and Norman Rowe at Rooksdown House in Basingstoke. This was a time of pioneer development in oral and maxillofacial surgery and the units at Rooksdown House and at East Grinstead were laying down the foundations of our specialty. Ian was right there at the beginning.

In 1955 Ian moved to Manchester where he was appointed Senior Registrar to Alan Moule and then 2 years later he was appointed Consultant at Wigan. At this stage he and Margaret bought their first house in Worsley and shortly afterwards their family was completed with the arrival of their fourth son.

It was not long before his talents were well recognized and in 1960 Norman Rowe invited him to join his team in London now based at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. This was a busy time for Ian as the catchment area was large and there was a true hub and spoke arrangement, but with very few consultants. Ian initially covered and took clinics in Epsom, Dorking, Woking, Chertsey, Haslemere and even Chichester, finally consolidating his work to Roehampton, Haslemere and Guildford. It was also a time before motorcycle crash helmet and seat belt legislation, so there was a great deal of facial trauma to deal with.

Together with Norman Rowe Ian was one of the founder members of the British Association of Oral Surgeons in 1962, later to become BAOMS, and he was elected President of the association in 1979. He was also very closely involved with the Oral Surgery Club of GB. As many of you will know Rupert Sutton-Taylor, who was the first Dental Surgeon to restrict his practice to Oral Surgery, set up the Oral Surgery Club in 1937 and was its Hon Sec until 1963, when Ian took over from him. Ian then served for 11 years as Hon Sec until 1974 and anyone who has been President of this Club will know how hard the Hon Secs work to set up 2 meetings a year. However Ian was very enthusiastic about overseas meetings, mostly in Europe in his day, and he often took his whole family by campervan for a combined holiday. He was elected President of the Club in 1974/75 and took the Club to Bordeaux.
I first met Ian when I was a medical student and spent my 2 weeks elective at Queen Mary's Roehampton, as did at least one other member of the Club in this room. I found it was a very active and busy unit with much trauma passing through, tertiary referrals were arriving sometimes by helicopter, there was a superbly equipped Maxillofacial laboratory run by Brian Conroy and there was a great accent on teaching. It was an exciting specialty and Norman Rowe and Ian Heslop were the driving forces at Queen Mary's. This spell at Roehampton and meeting Norman and Ian inspired me and confirmed my determination to train in and pursue a career in the Specialty. After qualifying in medicine I came back to Queen Mary's and undertook a large part of my training there. In the beginning I was the one and only resident House Surgeon in the unit for 6 months, which was quite a lonely job, and I admitted almost all the cases coming through the unit. If I needed any advice Ian was always available, when he was on call, and was very approachable and reassuring. I found he was a quiet and dignified man. He was a skilled and meticulous surgeon, a very sound opinion, a good teacher and an excellent role model. No wonder training jobs at Roehampton were very sought after at that time. I am extremely grateful to him for the inspiration he gave me in my own career ultimately working in Suffolk.

As Paul Bramley has put it: “The likes of Ian Heslop are now few. Their drive and vision and willingness to allow organic growth has provided the basis for a highly respected specialty of surgery in the United Kingdom and overseas”.

Bob Tate
November 2017

Maurice Jones

Maurice Jones trained in Birmingham in the same dental year as Colin Brady with whom he would subsequently work in the West Midlands for over 30 years

After graduation in the 1950’s he was House Officer and then Senior House Officer in Brighton.

He returned to Birmingham and when Jo Moore was appointed to Manchester he was appointed Senior Registrar to Mr R.O.Walker and Mr Pewsey at the Q.E in Birmingham. He was subsequently appointed as consultant in Wolverhampton with sessions at the Regional Plastic and Jaw Unit at Wordsley in 1963 where he was joined by Colin Brady some 2 years later

His main interest outside oral surgery was politics and medical/dental politics in particular. He served as Chairman of the South Staffs conservative association for many years and in the medical field as Chairman of C.C.H.D.S. He related a great story of the time that he was invited, together with the chair of CCHMS, by Barbara Castle to the Department of Health for drinks. The Secretary of State’s plan was to get them drunk so they would walk with her into the sunny uplands of the new Health Service. Unfortunately, she had picked the wrong men and when she was reduced to crawling around on the floor they did the honourable thing and left her to it!
He was President of BAOMS in 1982 and many will remember him from that time.

From my point of view, he helped me as a young trainee and he was, together with his lovely wife Mary (who unfortunately pre-deceased him), the epitome of a good host. He loved a party.

His last years were not happy and although it was dementia that finally claimed him many of us who knew him could see the rapid decline that he went through after Mary died.

Maurice trained in the world of Oral Surgery but he supported the way the specialty was going and I know was very pleased when trainees of his went on to great things.

Ken Lavery
Bob Woodwards

November 2017

Hugo Obwegeser

This tribute was compiled following a verbal recollection made by Peter Banks at the AGM.

Professor Hugo Obwegeser was invited to become an Overseas Honorary Member of the Oral Surgery Club at the away meeting of the Club in Zurich in 1966.

Peter recalled several encounters with Hugo over the years in hospitals, at conferences and on holiday. One memorable occasion was when they went fly-fishing on the River Dee together.

He noted his enthusiasm and interest in all aspects of work and play, which extended to securing patents in ‘everything’ ranging from clinical to angling.

Peter remembered Hugo variously as charming, infuriating, and occasionally obstructive but singled out for his numerous achievements over the years as a clinician and surgeon.

Peter Banks

November 2017