Annual General Meeting 2017: Thursday 21st September 2017

Venue: Boxmoor Trust, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP1 2RE

The Meeting opened at 19:01

Present

Committee: 9

Peter Klein (Chairman), Malcolm Appleford (Treasurer), David Hubbard (Secretary), Stephan Barnard, Paul Moggridge, Siva Niranjan, Mike Pickup, Bob Thurlby, Jeremy Withrington.

Members (excluding the Committee): 8, visitors 2.

No	Item
1	**Welcome and Introductions** The meeting was introduced by the Chairman, Peter Klein, who welcomed those attending
2	**Apologies for absence** Richard Sarsby, Chris Tilley
3	**Minutes of the last AGM (20th September 2016)** The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.
4	**Matters arising** There were no matters arising from the minutes
5	**Committee Reports 2016-17** Copies of the Chair's report, the Treasurer's report and the Membership report were distributed to the attendees. The Chairman, Peter Klein introduced the Chair's report, explaining that the format was different from previous years as our branch had been invited to participate in a pilot for a new style template to be rolled out to all branches. This template constrains the way in which the report is written. The original of the report includes a feedback section where Peter was able to note any concerns about the template for consideration by the BCS. This feedback section was omitted from the version published at the AGM The key points highlighted by Peter Klein were: a) We had a programme of eight events this year. b) Average attendance 43 (excluding this event), an increase compared with the previous year.

	c) We had a joint event with the Primary Health Care Specialist Group d) This year's programme has included visits to Frithsden Vineyard and to the Boxmoor Trust. Peter invited members to join the Committee. Malcolm Appleford introduced the Treasurer's report. On a budget allocation of £2,395.00 we have an underspend of £567.05 subject to confirmation because of the delay in receiving final details from the BCS. For the 2017/18 season we requested a budget of £4,857 and have been allocated £3,900. David Hubbard presented the Membership report which shows a slight reduction in total membership for Hertfordshire to 1703. Membership distribution by grade and by age remain broadly the same as for last year.
6	**Election of Officers for 2017-18** Nominations were received as follows: **Chair**: Peter Klein, proposed by Bob Thurlby, seconded by Richard Sarsby **Secretary**: David Hubbard, proposed by Peter Klein, seconded by Jeremy Withrington **Treasurer:** Malcolm Appleford, proposed by Siva Niranjan, seconded by Stephan Barnard There were no other nominations and the above were elected. **Election of the Committee for 2017-18** The following members of the 2016-17 Committee stood for re-election and were elected: Stephan Barnard, Paul Moggridge, Mike Pickup, Richard Sarsby, Chris Tilley, Bob Thurlby, Jeremy Withrington
7	**Presentation of Long Service Awards** An award, in the form of a BCS lapel pin, was presented to each of the following members of the committee: 10 year award (silver) • Siva Niranjan (13 years) • Bob Thurlby (13 years) • Jeremy Withrington (13 years) • Malcolm Appleford (10 years) 5 year award (bronze) • Peter Klein (6 years) • Stephan Barnard (5 years) • Mike Pickup (5 years) • Chris Tilley (5 years) • David Hubbard (5 years)

	A presentation consisting of a book and a bottle of wine was also made to the three non-committee BCS members who attended the most branch meetings in the 2016/17 season. These were; • Adrian Glenister (6 meetings) • Andrew Gardner (5 meetings) • Anthony Thomas (5 meetings)
8	**Any Other Business** A question was raised from the floor concerning the "best attender" awards. The questioner wanted assurance that the process adopted to determine the best attenders had been ratified by the BCS in order to be sure that the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will apply in the UK from 25 May 2018, had not been contravened. [Subsequent to the AGM this has been checked with the BCS who confirm that our processing does not contravene the GDPR.]
9	The Meeting closed at 19:29 and was followed by two talks. The first was by Dennis Furnell on the history of the Boxmoor Trust and the second was by Steve Wilson about chalk streams in Hertfordshire.