

WEST MIDLANDS SURGICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WMSS HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

PRESENT: Mark Gannon, David Gourevitch, Deborah Nicol, Mike Wall and Paula Lightwood

Thanks was given to Mark Gannon, for his year in office as President of the West Midlands Surgical Society and for his organisation of the meetings. MG thanked the group and welcomed the speakers. He explained the logo on the badge of office and read the handover to David Gourevitch. DG was installed as the new President of the Society for 2018/2019.

David Gourevitch thanked Mark Gannon for his work and leadership. He also thanked the Society for the honour of being able to serve as President to the WMSS for the forthcoming year. DG commented what a pleasure it was to see everyone at the meeting and noted the attendance of our Guest Speakers, Mr David Sellu, Professor Iqbal Singh, and Mr Jerard Ross. DG gave particular thanks to Professor Sir Bruce Keogh who had very kindly managed to attend today, even though he had badly injured his knee, to deliver his talk.

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Deborah Nicol reported that the Society was in good financial health. Attendance of the Spring and Autumn meetings had been steadily rising which in turn meant that revenue for the Society had increased. DN mentioned that she had experienced some terrible difficulties with Nat West Bank in the handover process from the previous Treasurer but these were now finally resolved. DN commented that she had just provided a snap shot and that full details would be available in report format.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mike Wall thanked the group for attending the meeting and was pleased and reassured that, by the great attendance today, the message of the meetings continued to circulate well; resulting in good progression for the Society. MW reiterated how these meetings were an excellent way to network with like-minded colleagues from all over the region. MW thanked the medical students from Coventry and Warwick for their attendance again to the Autumn meeting. MW encouraged delegates to become even more involved and said that he would welcome them to bring forward ideas for discussion.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

MW announced that the Spring 2019 meeting would be held at Worcester Royal Hospital on Friday 24th May 2019 and that Dr Alice Roberts, Scientist and TV Presenter, had already been confirmed as a Speaker.

AOB:

DG introduced the guest speakers; Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, Medical Director NHS England, Mr David Sellu, Honorary Consultant Surgeon, St Mark's Hospital, London, Professor Iqbal Singh, OBE, FRCP, Consultant Physician in Medicine for Older People and Mr Jerard Ross, Medico-legal Adviser from MDU.