

# **YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY COUNCIL**

## **Additional Meeting**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

1. Members Present: Ian Jackson(President), Andy Grace, Ian Lyall, Trevor Julian, Mike Stower, Liz Mattock, David Pring, Michael Harran, Sarah Watson, Kathryn Griffith, Kate Kingston, Steve Leveson.
2. Apologies for absence - Greg Richardson, David Beverley, Sarah B Anderson, Vanree Cove
3. Governance proposals - Discussion on the papers presented and members agreed to adopt. Trevor Julian and David Pring to take on role of liaising with Stuart Calder re Wine Society. Paper now available from MJS re Charity Commission rules. Mike Stower has volunteered to take on role as Building director. Andrew Grace to liaise with HYMS.  
Ian Jackson to collate volunteers and send round discussion document. He also proposed formation of 'Programme committee' Include past, present and future Presidents, Hon Sec and possibly representatives from HYMS students.
4. Managing Agent's performance - Discussed, general dissatisfaction with performance of TJMudd, some frustrations voiced by tenants, 24 hour cover has not been available, a building survey and audit of flats had been requested but no report has been forthcoming. Therefore unanimous decision made to terminate contract, letter with 3 months notice to be sent to TJMudd. Check that all YMS property, keys etc are returned. In future lettings to be made with help of letting agency to arrange legal matters, contract and inventory but responsibility to lie with YMS. Tenants to be given list of approved contractors and also information re gas, electricity and water controls. The keys they have do open Little Paradise, where most of electricity meters and the stop cock for the building are located. (YMS papers to be secured.) Suggest information pack to be compiled for tenants. As there will be significant cost savings but more work for administrator, Council decided to employ help for Paul Herring, MJStower has person in mind.
5. Founders Prize- Ian Jackson has meeting planned with trainees, and will report back.

6. President 2014/15. Kathryn Griffith proposed as future President, possibly 14/15. Previously there have been 2 GP presidents to one form hospital consultants. The date proposed would be more suitable for her but will respond when matter considered. Ian Jackson and Ian Lyall are attempting to find volunteers for the future.
7. Wine Society- long discussion. Matter has been on Council agenda for some years and has yet to be resolved. A list of Wine Club members has been requested on numerous occasions but has never been forthcoming. Concerns raised re insurance( Ian Jackson and Paul Herring to clarify the matter with our insurers) and our standing with charity Commissioners. MJS has since provided guidelines issued by the Charity Commission. Trevor Julian and David Pring to meet with Stuart Calder to finally resolve the issue. Concerns also raised as Stuart Calder is at present Licensee, but it was decided that a Director of YMS should hold this post. Again to be discussed with S Calder.
8. AOB. Dinner venue discussed- possible change of venue to the Merchant Taylors, would have to use their caterers, Poppys, Andrew Grace to enquire re fees for hire of hall and corkage charged. St William's college also suggested Sarah Watson to investigate this. Date to be 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in October, notification of date to be sent out as early as possible to attempt to increase numbers. Possibility to approach sponsors, Andrew grace to investigate.

HYMS first year Pizza and wine evening, held on 12 October. About 70 students attended, presentations by various student societies made. Suggest Phase 1 and 2 representatives should be invited to run meetings in YMS ? invite to Council meetings in the future.

Ian Jackson had discussions with representatives of the Dental and Law societies of York at the dinner and there was interest expressed in holding joint meetings in the future .

Global Health Seminars are being held this year under auspices of York Philosophical Society in Tempest Anderson Hall. These are jointly sponsored by the YMS but no mention of this has been made on the programme, also non members of the Philosophical Society are required to pay an entrance fee for the lectures, to be investigated by Andrew Grace.

David Pring raised issue of music license; we do have one for live music and films. In previous years if any music has been played we have had complaints from one of the tenants in particular, she is rarely in the building at the present

time. Paul Herring vets any application for hire of the rooms carefully and therefore background music is allowed under the terms of our license, and no complaints have been received.

Rent arrears from tenant, the tenants of one of the flats who was involved in the theft of the walking stick, left with significant rent arrears. He had left a deposit but the general opinion was that we should not pursue him for the rent arrears as it was likely to cost more than we could regain. He is also in arrears for the utilities companies and MJS treasurer felt we should 'write off' the debt. Agreed by Council.

Burns supper, Sarah Watson suggested that it might encourage more people to attend if we had a ceilidh following the Burns supper in January. She will investigate further (de Grey rooms, Anne Garry etc) but we have booked St Michaels hall (which could be cancelled) and there is a problem over venues for such an event.

9. Date of next Council Meeting Thursday 6 December 7pm

Reports if possible from various groups to be circulated prior to this date.