

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society for Low Temperature Biology**

**Held at the Univ. York, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Chair: Dr Andreas Sputtek, 19 members of the Society of the SLTB were present. Thus, a quorum was present as >10% of the members of the charity/>10 members of the charity attended.

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Dr Erica Benson, Dr Keith Harding, Prof Paul T. Lynch & Dr Tiantian Zhang

## **2. Minutes of last AGM**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th September 2005 at the Royal Free Hospital, London had been posted on the Societies web-site and were circulated at the AGM. They were accepted without amendment and will be signed as a correct record by the Chair.

## **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 2004 AGM.

## **4. Secretary's report**

In the absence of Prof Paul Lynch, the Secretary's report was presented by the Chair.

The Committee has met twice during the year, at the Royal Free Hospital and at the University of York.

Three Newsletters were published and distributed, the most recent in August 2005.

Three travel grants were awarded from the Audrey Smith Fund to attend the Annual SLTB Scientific meeting at the Univ. York

- Dr Maureen Wood (Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen)
- Dr Jason Johnston (Univ. Abertay Dundee)
- Mr Jon Green (Writtle College, Univ. Essex)

Dr Andreas Sputtek – completed his term as Chairman of the SLTB. One nomination for the post of Chair was received: Dr Tiantian Zhang (Proposed by John Armitage). As only one nomination was received there was no necessity to hold a postal ballot and Dr Zhang will be the Chair of the SLTB. According to the Society's constitution [see 7(3)] "All members of the Executive Committee...may be re-elected...up to a maximum of 3 consecutive years."

Prof Paul Lynch – completed his term as Secretary of the SLTB. Two nominations were received for the position of General Secretary therefore a postal ballot was convened. The results were:-

Dr John Day SAMS (Proposed by Keith Harding)	22 votes
Dr Charles Hunt NIBSC (Proposed by Adrian Hayes)	14 votes

Therefore, John Day was duly elected to serve as General Secretary of the SLTB  
Prof Barry Fuller and Dr Monica Wusteman – completed their terms of office as members of the SLTB committee. Three nominations were received therefore a postal ballot was convened. The results were:-

Dr Ryan Cripps, Kew Gardens (Proposed by Paul Lynch)	27 votes
Prof David Rawson, Univ. Luton (Proposed by David Pegg)	20 votes
Dr Andrew Wetten, Univ. Reading (Proposed by Paul Lynch)	22 votes

Therefore, Drs Cripps and Wetten were duly elected to serve on the SLTB committee.

Paul Lynch offered thanks to Andreas, Barry and Monica for all the work they have undertaken for the SLTB during their terms and wished the new committee well.

#### **5. Treasurer and membership report**

The Balance Sheet for the period 01.07.04 to 31.07.05 was presented to the meeting.

As of 31 <sup>st</sup> July 05	Income	£1457.00
	Expenditure	£1535.30
	Excess of expenditure over income	£78.30
	Balance in current & Deposit accounts	£4570.99

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

The SLTB currently has 111 members in good standing and there is a need to encourage new, younger members to join.

As a UK based charity the SLTB can reclaim additional gift-aid income from the exchequer. To date 28 Gift-aid forms had been received from UK tax-payers. Efforts to encourage more members to complete their Gift-aid forms, discussions on membership subscription rates and other income generating ideas were being left to the new committee.

#### **6. Meetings Secretary's report**

Prof Barry Fuller thanked the local organisers in the Medical Cryobiology Unit for their work organising the 2005 scientific meeting at Univ. York.

The next scientific meeting will be held in association with the Society for Cryobiology (Cryo 2006) in Hamburg 24-27 July 2006.

The requirement to hold an AGM in Sept/Oct 2006 was discussed and the decision on the need to hold a UK based Business meeting was deferred to the new SLTB committee.

Paul Lynch has offered to hold the SLTB meeting at Univ. Derby in 2007.

#### **7. Chairman's report**

To date, 23 replies to the SLTB membership Questionnaire have been received. It will be one of the tasks of the new committee to utilize these data and to develop future strategies. Andreas Sputtek plans to summarise the findings of the Questionnaire for the next SLTB Newsletter.

#### **8. AOB**

It was noted that the Constitution caused some constraints to the SLTB e.g. the holding of an AGM in July 2006 at Cryo 2006. The 2005 AGM requested that the new committee look at whether it would be advantageous to amend the constitution and to table any amendments at a future AGM.

**9. Date of next meeting**

At Cryo 2006 in Hamburg.

Barry Fuller called for a vote of thanks to Andreas Sputtek for his 9 years continuous service to the SLTB. This was passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.55pm.

19-September-2005

Dr. John G. Day  
General Secretary (elect)