



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

**Held at Cryo-2006,  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

Chair: Prof Tiantian Zhang, 20 members of the SLTB were present. Thus, a quorum was present as >10% of the members of the charity attended.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Dr Birgit Glasmacher

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Univ. York, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 had been posted on the SLTB web-site and were circulated at the meeting.

*They were accepted without amendment and will be signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

### **3. Matters arising**

All matters arising from the Minutes of the 2005 AGM were dealt with under the main agenda.

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

The Committee has met twice during the year, at Univ Luton (University of Bedfordshire) and at Cryo 2006 (Hamburg).

Two Newsletters were published and distributed since the 2005 AGM, the most recent in April 2006.

One travel grant has been awarded from the Audrey Smith Fund to attend Cryo 2006

- Mr Jon Green (Writtle College, Univ. Essex)

Dr Keith Harding has completed his term on the SLTB committee. In addition, Dr Ryan Cripps, (Kew Gardens) recently resigned from the committee because family health issues forced his return to South Africa.

Two nominations were received for membership of the SLTB Committee:

Dr Joachim Keller, IPK, Gatersleben, Germany (Proposed by Ryan Cripps)

Dr Mark Curry, Univ. Lincoln, UK (Proposed by Tiantian Zhang)

*As two nominations were received to fill two vacancies on the committee there was no necessity to hold a postal ballot and the election of Drs Keller and Curry was ratified by the meeting.*

Thanks were extended to Keith & Ryan for all the work they have undertaken for the SLTB during their terms on the committee.

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

The Balance Sheet for the period 01.08.05 to 21.07.06 was presented to the meeting.

As of 21 <sup>st</sup> July 06	Income	£2076.87
	Expenditure	£1103.49
	Excess of expenditure over income	£973.38
	Balance in current & Deposit accounts	£5522.37

The relatively healthy state of the accounts is due to the ~£900 surplus from the Univ York meeting and the relatively low level of expenditure over the past year.

Because of its charitable status a refund from the UK Exchequer/Inland Revenue is anticipated shortly and this will further increase the SLTB's financial reserves.

*The accounts were accepted by the meeting.*

The problem of excessive bank charges incurred by non-UK members when paying in GBP was raised. The possibilities of payment by credit card using Pay Pal, or payment of membership dues in cash at SLTB Meetings, were discussed.

*Both options were considered acceptable and the use of Pay Pal will be investigated further before the membership is informed.*

The SLTB currently has 81 members in good standing and there is a need to encourage new, younger members to join.

Strategies to increase recruitment were discussed and the possibility of periodic joint meetings with other societies; the presentation of an SLTB Poster, with associated application forms at relevant meetings & workshops and greater linkage of the website were all seen as useful options.

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

Dr Keith Harding thanked Dr Sputtek and his team for their work organising Cryo 2006 at Hamburg.

The next scientific meeting will be held at Univ. Derby in September 2007, with Prof Paul Lynch acting as the local organiser. The two day meeting will have as its theme "Validation", which is relevant to all cryobiologists, in addition to free communications.

Dr Birgit Glasmacher, Univ Hanover, has offered to host an SLTB meeting in Sept 2008.

The SLTB have been invited to participate in a future Cryobiological Society of Canada meeting. This option will be considered by the new committee.

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

Prof Tiantian Zhang reiterated her thanks to Dr Sputtek for organising Cryo2006 and facilitating the SLTB AGM. She also reported on charity status and the website (see below).

## **8. Charity status**

The amendment of the constitution to remove the constraints on when an AGM may be held was discussed. It was decided that this will be reviewed by the new committee after consultation with the charity commission to ensure that this would not affect the charitable status of the SLTB. This issue will be "revisited" at the next AGM.

## **9. Web site**

Prof Pegg's assistant Belinda Wade, who had previously acted as SLTB webmaster and coordinated the publication and distribution of the SLTB Newsletter, has moved to a new position at York Univ. She has agreed for a small honorarium to continue in the role of webmaster and regularly updates the website. The role of Newsletter compiler/editor and Distributor is circulated between the committee members.

## **10. AOB**

The possibility of a spring (2007) meeting was raised. It was agreed that this, or the possibility of holding an alternative SLTB activity in April 2007 should be investigated as the length of time between Cryo 2006 and the Derby meeting (14 months) was too long and would not help maintaining the momentum or expanding the membership of the SLTB.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

At Univ Derby in Sept 2007 in association with an SLTB scientific meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.40pm

Dr. John G. Day  
General Secretary  
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