

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE BUCKS LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE
STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL, AYLESBURY
3rd May 2011**

Present:

Optoms- Bruce Gilson, , Jacqui Lucas, Anne Frier, Claire Ranger, Jill Ellis, Jude Edwards, Angela McNamee, Fiona Reeves, Alison Duchezeau, Alison Goodridge, David Williams, Mila Thakrar, Patricia Morris, David Sculfor, Barbara Nall, Patricia Booth, Heather Cox, Denise Voon, Alison Matthews, Daniel Goh, Sumila Kasaven, Elaine George.

Lay Contractor – Allan Nall

DOs – Stephen Akroyd, Amelia Hammond, Keith Cavaye
Also in attendance – J Potts, E Pearce (Optical assistants)

1) Welcome

Bruce Gilson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Apologies

Henry Leonard, Raj Shah, Jane Beaton, Siobhan Higham

3) Minutes of AGM on 10th May 2010

Accepted.

4) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

5) Chairman's Report

Bruce's report had been posted on the website (www.loc-net.org.uk/bucksloc).

There were no queries.

Practitioners were encouraged to give their email addresses and encourage others to do the same, and also to contact the Chair with any suggestions for furthering and progressing optometry in Bucks and MK.

6) Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined her activities during the preceding year, including meetings attended, website, newsletter and general liaison/communications. 9 CET events have been held this year, with 17 points on offer, and approximately 350 points uploaded to Vantage on behalf of practitioners. She again encouraged the audience to provide email addresses, and encourage others similarly, and to contact her for any advice or to make suggestions.

7) Treasurer's Report

Report and the accounts circulated at the meeting.

The bank balance stands at just over £5,000 in the current account and £3,000 in the reserve account.

Last year it was agreed that the statutory levy should be raised to 1.5%. This was requested but was not implemented by TVPCA until earlier this year when the treasurer queried the rate that was being used, so the income has been less than expected. It has since emerged that the rate for MK had still not been changed.

Last year it was agreed that the reserves should be reduced to an average of £10,000. This represents approximately 25% of annual income. At £8,000 the reserves are now falling below this level.

A lively discussion followed the report, resulting in the below proposals.

8/9) Proposals

(It was suggested that performers should morally abstain from the first 3 votes.)

(i) The statutory levy for Bucks to be reduced to 1.25% after 2 months; the statutory levy for MK to be increased to 1.5% for 2 months, then reduced to 1.25%.

Anne Frier proposed, seconded by Fiona Reeves.

Voting: 6 for 0 against 14 abstained

(ii) The LOC may increase or decrease the statutory levy by up to 0.5% without a general meeting being required. (This provision already exists in the constitution and so, technically, no vote was required.)

Bruce Gilson proposed, seconded by Claire Ranger.

Voting: 6 for 0 against 14 abstained

(iii) Adoption of the contribution to LOCSU for the forthcoming financial year
LOCSU subscription is 0.5% of the statutory levy and is non-negotiable.

Barbara Nall proposed, seconded by Jude Edwards

Voting: 6 for 0 against 14 abstained

(iv) Retention of Robin Goodridge as reviewer of accounts for the forthcoming financial year

Alison Goodridge proposed, seconded by Bruce Gilson

Voting: 17 for 0 against 1 abstained

10) AOB

None

Meeting closed 8.05pm.