

MINUTES (DRAFT)

BHRS Annual General Meeting Monday 11th November 2024 @ 18:00

Held via Zoom

32 participant BHRS members (mix of face-to-face & virtual)

1. Approve minutes from AGM 2023

Approved

2. Presidents Report

EG warmly welcomed everyone and expressed heartfelt gratitude for everyone's continued support of BHRS, especially after the success of today's symposium. EG extended particular thanks to those who contributed to the recent educational events, which have received exceptionally positive feedback.

3. Secretary's Report

a) 2024 Election Results

HT announced the results are as follows:

- Welcome to: David Begley and Matthew Dewhurst (Doctor Representatives)
- Thank you to the following members who have come to the end of their terms:
Joseph de Bono

b) Council Member Overview

- President - Eleri Gregory
- President-Elect - TBC in 2025
- Treasurer - Vivienne Ezzat
- Secretary - Honey Thomas
- Nurse - Catherine Laventure, Bridgette Smith, Anya Murray
- Physiologist - Eleri Gregory, Amy Dutton, Phil Durkin, Chloe Howard, Sophie Robinson
- Doctor - Ashley Nisbet, Ross Hunter, Paul Foley, Honey Thomas, Vivienne Ezzat, Matthew Dewhurst, David Begley

b) Documents

Documents Launched Since Last AGM

- Position Statement: Programming of Remote Monitoring Alerts in CIEDS
- Implantation and Follow-Up of Cardiac Rhythm Management Devices (Revised)
- Management of Patients with CIEDs Around the Time of Surgery Guidelines (Revised)
- Discontinuation of ICD Shock Therapies Towards the End of Life: A Practical Guide

Documents Endorsed by BHRS Since Last AGM

- Optimising remote monitoring for cardiac implantable electronic devices: a UK Delphi consensus
- Guidance for Radiotherapy Patients with CIEDs
- Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices in Pregnancy: A Position Statement

c) Membership Report

Current membership currently stands at 1,653 based on payments. This is an increase of approximately 300 since last year. VE presented a proposed new structure for membership signup which includes several new levels with fees ranging from free to £200. The aim is to gather much more information on our members. Once complete members will be asked to update/confirm their details when registering for an event or the exam. The work is currently out to tender.

4. Accreditation Committee

On Stuart Allen's behalf, Honey Thomas informed members that the new reaccreditation online points system was launched this year and has been well received. This year saw the launch of the new Physician exam which is tailored to those earlier on in their career. This exam is tailored to the curriculum. Exam pass rates remain consistent. Webinars have increased and are becoming more popular each time. The next webinar is a practical approach to left bundle pacing on 29th November.

5. Education Committee

JP was formally thanked for all the hard work on today's successful symposium as well as the previous simulation and sessions held earlier in the year. JP presented a financial overview of the events. The aim is to break even / reinvest any surpluses back into events. The plan for 2025 is; Sessions: 4-6th March in Edinburgh, Simulation: June in South Wales, and Symposium: November in London.

6. Audit report

Anish Bhuva presented preliminary data. This data will be publicly shared when ready. NHS England has asked NICOR to collect PROMS for AF ablation. If anyone wishes to be involved please do get in touch. The next step is to look at procedural complications. Resources are being received to continually improve data capture.

7. Research Report

Ross Hunter presented the following report:

British Heart Rhythm Society

Registered Address: 24A Market Street, Disley, Cheshire SK12 2AA UK

Email: admin@bhrrs.com | Web: www.bhrrs.com

Registered Charity Number: 273307

There are a number of large UK RCTs:

- PROTECT-HF: CSP vs RVP for pacing when EF>35%
 - 2600 pts, PI ZW
- CRAFT-HF: AF ablation vs rate control in HF
 - 1800 pts, PI PL
- EPIC-AF: redo persistent AF
 - Redo PVI vs Endo & Epi ablation, 120 pt, PI JS
- ORBICA-AF: Blinded PVI vs DCCV for persistent AF
 - 208 pts, PI MF

Research: works in progress

- BHRS Director of larger UK studies
- Focus on multicentre RCTs > 100 patients
- Showcase UK research
- CIs to 'advertise' studies
- Other centres and patients can find studies
- Some CIs have responded, trying to get consistent dataset re-trials for tangled web
- BHRS study groups focused on specific areas
- Purpose to initiate and support studies
- Start with two niche groups:
 - VT ablation
 - Extraction
- Interest from some PIs to join a group
- Hope to expand from there

Ross Hunter was thanked for all his hard work and comprehensive report.

8. Treasurer Report

VE gave a financial overview and confirmed that the end-of-year balance was £245k. Income is generally slightly higher than expenditure. Potential big spending will be the investment into the membership data overhaul.

9. AOB

None.

11. Closing remarks

EG thanked executive officers, council, committee members, trustees, partners, and the admin team for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year, which has made a meaningful impact on arrhythmia care. Reflecting on a rewarding term as President, EG shared excitement for the year ahead and pride in serving BHRS.