



**Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of the
British Association for Music Therapy**

Saturday 5th October 2013, 2-3.30pm

Nordoff Robbins London Centre, 2 Lissenden Gardens, London, NW5 1PQ

Present:

Alison Martin, Angela Harrison, Ann Sloboda, Anne James, Belinda Lydon, Beccy Read, Catherine Warner, Claire Grant, Donald Wetherick, Elaine Robson, Eleanor Tingle, Ellie Ruddock, Gillian Dainty, Giorgos Tsiris, James Robertson, Jean-Christophe Larkin, John Strange, Josefina Cupido, Jonathan Trout, Joy Gravestock, Karen Morrison, Katherine Jones, Katy Bignold, Kay Sobey, Maria Alleyne, Matina Karastatira, Melanie Boswell, Melanie Burton, Rachel Bell, Stephen Sandford, Sylvia Saunders, Terri Coyle, Tessa Watson, Tina Warnock, Victoria Hartkemeyer

Apologies:

Anna Jacobs, Anna Ludwig, Angela Reith, Amalia Brightman, Annemarie Egan, Ben Saul, Clare Shaw, Catherine Brown, Christina Cooper, Chris Wilson, Dawn Loombe, Deborah Henderson, Debbie Body, Eleanor Braganza, Eleanor Richards, Emily Corke, Fontane Liang, Grace Walter, Isabel Oman, Janet Graham, Janet Halton, Jane Lings, Joanna Burley, John Sage, John Lumley, Joy Rickwood, Kae Pollock, Leslie Bunt, Mary Brown, Mario Eugster, Margaret Broad, Matthew Dixon, Michele Scott, Neal Gilmore, Oonagh Jones, Pemma Spencer Chapman, Philippa Derrington, Rachel Bennetts, Sarah Gummett-Hart, Susie Arbeid, Veronica Austin, Wendy Ruck

In attendance

Lisa McGinlay, Usha Aravinth.

Welcome and Introductions

DW welcomed everyone to the third AGM of BAMT and introduced the Exec/Trustee team.

1. Presentation of Annual Reports and Accounts

DW presented the Accounts for April 2012 – March 2013. DW read out the report produced by NG, the treasurer. BAMT made a profit of £62,330 this year. DW explained the committee how the profit will be used in the oncoming years. There is a plan to recruit an Executive Officer to work in office. There will be major developments in the website to allow online bookings for all events. There have been already developments in the website making the journal abstracts public and searchable and enhanced admin functionalities. The Journal editors are planning to produce on-line version of the journal may require considerable investment. The area groups will be advised again about the money allocated for them as this was under spent in many areas last year. DW mentioned that the trustees are looking for options to

4. Remuneration of Auditors

Resolution 7: To authorise the Trustees to fix the remuneration of the auditors

Proposer: Giorgos Tsiris

Seconder: Tessa Watson

In favour 34 **Against** 0 **Abstain** 0

5. Date of next AGM

The date of the next was confirmed for **Saturday 4th October 2014**, venue to be confirmed.

6. Report on Music Therapy Week.

DW thanked Tina Warnock for her work on Music Therapy 2013. Although this did not fall in 2012-2013 financial year the trustees felt it was important to feed back about the week before the following AGM. TiW was very pleased that the event went very well. TiW thanked Grace Walter for her work on the MT week contacting different media people, No 10 and area groups and Sarah Gill & Polly Myatt for promoting the event via social media. A motion noting the role of music therapists was passed in the Scottish parliament during the week. The interactive map on the website listed all events in different areas. TiW mentioned there was good feedback for this week and we will be planning to run Music Therapy Week every other year.

ER suggested that it would be good to get celebrity involvement to make it a big national event.

7. Any other business

- Pauline Etkin was awarded the “Tony Wigram Memorial award for 2013”
- There was a question from a member, whether the jobs will be advertised free of charge in future. DW reported that this had been reviewed in June 2013 and the trustees agreed to continue to advertise jobs free of charge until further notice. There were over 70 jobs advertised from the time this scheme was introduced. BAMT would be able to comfortably absorb the loss of income from adverts.
- AH reported that the Music Therapy Charity will be funding a Dementia project in the near future. AH will get more details on this. The details of this project will be published in MT charity website once it is finalised.
- TiW mentioned that BAMT has allocated £1000 for a year to support music therapists to attend conferences. The attendees could claim a maximum of £80/event. They will be expected to distribute leaflets and BAMT promotional items at the event and produce a report.
- SS mentioned that it is good to promote the BAMT Twitter account. Most of the followers at the moment are American Music Therapists with fewer UK Music Therapists.