

BRITISH LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY

Committee Meeting

Manchester Metropolitan University, 5th April 2003
Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor, All Saints Building

Present: John Goodby, Mary O'Neill, Roy Sambles, Mikhail Osipov, Tim Wilkinson, Mike Hird, Helen Gleeson, Bill Crossland

Apologies: Cliff Jones, Richard Miller, Maureen Neal, Andy Cammidge

- **Minutes of the meeting of 12th September 2002 (HG)**
A correct record.
- **Matters arising (not appearing as separate items on the agenda.**
Web site has been moved, most material is on, HFG to send constitution to TW for inclusion.
Date of Joint meeting with IEE is April 30th 2004, BLCS will support local expenses for overseas speakers.
Proposals for Rank Prize Meeting (Dec 2004) and Royal Society Discussion Meeting (Dec 2005) have been accepted.
Millenium Prize nomination was not made as it was decided to nominate for Nobel Prize instead.
Note that the bid for a Materials Modelling Consortium failed narrowly.
- **Matters arising**
Final report on Cambridge Meeting (WC): Membership funds have been submitted to MH. A final report is almost ready for circulation.
Report on Winter Workshop 2003 (MH): Reports have been tabled for 2002 and 2003. The Workshop runs smoothly with wide-ranging participation. However, as costs continue to rise, the price of the course goes up. In 2003 there was a deficit of £766. This is the first time a loss of this type has been recorded – in the past profits of this order have been made. Nonetheless, such a level of loss cannot be sustained, so the situation and provision will be reviewed. MH to circulate statistics on attendance for previous years. Need to review the format for 2005. Note that any change in format is only because of cost, the students value this immensely and appreciation of MH's effort is noted.
Luminescent LC Meeting MO'N: Final accounts not yet available as one group has not yet paid. Action MO'N to chase final payment.
- **BLCS meeting 2004 (MN).** Around 100 people were attending the meeting. A full report is deferred to the September committee meeting.
- **Lectures and Awards 2004 (JG)**
Sturgeon Lecture – Claudio Zannoni

GW Gray Medal 2004 – Bill Crossland
Young Scientist Prize 2004 – Nick Roberts (Manchester)

- **Annual Accounts (MH).** A lot of subscriptions this year for income (mostly because Oxford and Cambridge subscriptions came in together), including a substantial Group subscription for Merck. Several items of expenditure are also noted (Sturgeon lecturer expenses, Winter Workshop deficit, Obituary for Chandrasekhar). The amount of money at the bank is increased slightly on last year's level.
- **Elections to the Committee and retirements (HG).** Note that there is a proposal to accept all nominations which will increase the size of the committee. The constitution does not have a fixed committee size.
- **Newsletter and Web site, including policy on advertising services (TW) .** Tim has requested input to Newsletter. MO'N to write up luminescent meeting. HG to provide something on the Young Scientist winner. WC as winner of Gray medal will be included in newsletter. For advertising, editorial control will be provided by Chair and Secretary of the Committee.
- **Membership matters & possibility of e-mail list (MN).** There are currently 69 full members and 128 student members. We have e-mail contact addresses for all but 21.
- **Any other business**
5+5 meeting with India has been proposed to Royal Society.

Actions

- HFG to send a copy of the constitution to TW for inclusion on the web site (done).
- MH to circulate statistics of attendance at the Winter Workshop for information.
- MO'N to chase payment for attendance at 1-day meeting and finalise accounts.
- MN to provide an interim report on the BLCS meeting at the September Committee Meeting.
- All to provide input to the Newsletter.