

BRITISH LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Oxford University, 19th September 2006.

1. **Present** H.Gleeson, M.Neal, A.Cambridge, N.Mottram, T.Wilkinson, G.Ungar, A.Matharu.
Apologies C. Imrie, C.Newton, S. Klein, S.Cowling, M. Bates, G.H. Mehl.
2. **Matters arising:** The Materials Panel of EPSRC is now a single panel with eight annual meetings. It was noted that it is possible to fast track some grants for areas such as feasibility studies and travel.
3. **Annual Winter Workshop 2006:** Congratulations were extended to Mike Hird for successfully bidding for the EPSRC grant for the Winter Workshop. His proposals for costs were approved.
4. **GW Gray Medal :** The committee were content with the new procedures
5. **Lectures and Awards 2007:** The society will be circulated in November with requests for nominations for the Young Scientist Prize, Cyril Hilsum Prize and GW Gray Medal. The Sturgeon Lecture, 2007, will be given by Prof C. Tschierske.
6. **Preliminary report on University of York Meeting 2005.** The meeting was a success and there will be a healthy profit, inclusive of membership fees. Outstanding sponsorship funds promised from COMIT are being requested.
7. **BLCS meeting 2007 (GU).** The meeting will be held from 28th to 30th March since 45 en suite rooms and 80 standard rooms are available at Sheffield on those dates. Sponsorship and costs were discussed. Future annual meetings : 2008 (AC) & 2009 (SK).
8. **One-day and other meetings.** Lesley Parry was thanked for an excellent One Day meeting at Oxford. It was reported that the Anglo Indian Meeting had gone well with a tour of York, Durham and Oxford. It was proposed that a return meeting be investigated (HG). The committee were asked to consider if members of their groups would run a one day meeting in 2007 or 2008.
9. The **Newsletter** has been well received. TW requested more technical articles e.g. of interesting observations. Paper copies were sent to UK members and electronic copies to overseas members because of cost.

10. **Membership matters:** There are 225 members. A renewal reminder was sent with the Newsletter.
11. **BLCS Mailing list:** Some queries had been raised about the list however it was reported there were only 6 emails returned. The JISC list has more faulty addresses and needs manual correction.
12. **Financial update:** The society has spent £1200 and has received income of £42. A loan of £2000 was made to York University for the 2006 Meeting and this plus profit will be returned. Three student bursaries were requested for the ILCS 2006 and all received approval as they met the conditions and were within the maximum of £1000 per annum allocated for this purpose.
13. **Any other business:** none
14. **Date of next meeting:** 28 March 2007, Annual Meeting at Sheffield University