

## British Liquid Crystal Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting, March 29 2010, University of Hull, 12.30pm

Present: Duncan Bruce (Chair), Martin Bates (Secretary), Avtar Matharu (Treasurer), Tim Wilkinson (Communications), Ingo Dierking, Peter Raynes, Owen Lozman, Susanne Klein, Georg Mehl, Carl Brown

Apologies: Corrie Imrie (Vice Chair)

1. Minutes of meeting held on 23 June 2009 were approved
2. Report on Annual Meeting 2009 (HP, Bristol). Susanne reported that the previous year's conference had been a success, and reported a profit of £980.50.
3. Report on Annual Meeting 2010 (Hull). To follow.
4. Winter Workshop 2009/10 (Hull). Mike Hird (written report) reported that the workshop was still running with good interest from the community. This year there was a shift from December to January. 30 delegates attended (compared to 36, 37 and 31 in previous years). The course is still free (via EPSRC funding) to all UK students, other academic delegates are charged £130 and industrial delegates are charged £240.
5. Statement from the Treasurer (ASM). Attached
6. Requests for student bursaries (MAB). In order to consider bursaries in a fairer way (rather than first come first served), all applications should be received at least ten weeks before the conference, and notification will be given eight weeks before the conference. This will allow us to rank applications where necessary, especially if many people apply for one conference. Applications should be sent to the Secretary.
7. Election to committee / retirements from committee (MAB). Corrie Imrie has finished his term as Chair/Vice-Chair. Martin Bates has finished one term as Secretary, and Peter Raynes one term as ordinary member. Nominations (no vote necessary): Mark Wilson as Vice-Chair/Chair, Martin Bates as Secretary (2<sup>nd</sup> Term), Carl Brown and Peter Raynes as ordinary members.
8. Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition. Ingo Dierking presented an update of the progress of the exhibit being put together by him and Tim Sluckin. Much of the funding is coming through the host universities and EPSRC. The BLCS will donate a small sum to help out specific projects where it is appropriate.