

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of DBA-UK
held on Saturday 21st May 2011 at
Caythorpe Court, Caythorpe Heath Lane, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincolnshire

1. Open

Stuart Graham opened the Annual General Meeting of DBA-UK.

2. Approval of Minutes – 2010 AGM

Stuart Graham asked all members present if they were happy to ratify the Minutes from the 2010 AGM. He reminded members that the Minutes were still available for viewing on the DBA-UK website. Stuart confirmed that the minutes of the 2011 AGM would also be made available on the DBA-UK website after the meeting.

The Minutes of the 2010 AGM were approved and agreed to be a true representation of the meeting by all members present.

Proposed: Jayson Whitaker

Seconded: Steve Moore-Haines

3. Treasurer's Report

Alan Dewick reported financial figures for 2010 against 2009 to provide a comparison and give an overall picture of the financial health of DBA-UK.

	2010	2009
<u>Income:</u>		
Great North Run	9,205.65	
Coast 2 Coast	5,373.20	
Other Runs	3,829.15	
Conference Donations	4,481.00	
Dewer	4,250.00	
Gift Aid	2,616.33	
Other	7,064.16	
	36,819.49	44,880.15
<u>Costs:</u>		
JustGiving Costs	1,335.00	
GNR entries	1,600.00	
T Shirts	1,247.86	
	4,182.86	3,362.49
Income	36,819.49	
Less cost of fundraising	4,182.86	
Net Income:	32,636.63	41,517.66
<u>Expenditure:</u>		
Printing & Postage	599.32	
Other	621.50	
Conference costs	14,774.87	
	15,995.69	12,156.08
Excess for Year:	16,640.94	29,361.56

BALANCE SHEET	
<u>Bank Balance</u>	
Opening	125,994.40
Plus excess	16,640.94
	142,635.34
<u>Funds</u>	
Conferences	45,000.00
Data Mgr	30,000.00
Research	60,000.00
Other	7,635.34
	142,635.34

With a bank balance of £142,635.34, Alan confirmed that DBA-UK's accounts for 2010 looked very healthy. He thanked all members concerned for their fundraising efforts, emphasising the importance of this income in helping to cover ongoing expenditures such as the annual conference and future research plans and proposals.

Alan stressed that although a healthy figure DBA-UK and its members should not be complacent, as with £45k ear-marked for future conferences, £30k to provide a data manager to the DBA Study Group, and £60k for future research, this left less than £8k for other items. As research projects being considered were in excess of £100k, members still needed to keep up their fundraising efforts. Alan went on to mention that communication was currently underway with the American Diamond Blackfan Anaemia Foundation (DBAF), in hopes that DBA-UK might be able to collaborate with them on certain research proposals potentially splitting costs 50/50.

The report was accepted by the meeting and Stuart Graham confirmed that Alan Dewick would pass on the financial results to the Charity Commission.

4. Elections

Stuart Graham opened the elections confirming they were being run by constitution, requiring any members who wished to nominate themselves to have given 14 days notice prior to the AGM. He went on to add that there were officially 12 positions available on the committee, but that only 8 nominations had been received. These were confirmed as follows:

Stuart Graham, Steve Moore-Haines, Matt Filer, Jayson Whitaker, Alan Dewick, Sarah Allen, June Kynoch, Joe Fletcher

Elections for the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from the committee then proceeded as follows:

Election of a Chair

Only one nomination was put forward: Stuart Graham

Proposed – Hayley Smith

Seconded – Caralea Archer

Election of Secretary

Only one nomination was put forward: Steve Moore-Haines

Proposed – Peter Redmond

Seconded – Natalie Slack

Election of Treasurer

Only one nomination was put forward: Alan Dewick

Proposed – Steve Randall

Seconded – Amber Cornwell

Following the elections Stuart Graham mentioned that 2011 would be his third year as Chairman and that he did not propose to stand for re-election in 2012. He explained that he felt it was good practice to have fresh blood on the Committee every few years and urged members to think about getting involved and putting themselves forward for nomination next year.

Stuart went on to confirm that after seven years, John Carty had decided to step down from his position as Secretary and Trustee for DBA-UK. Alan Dewick asked that members might take the opportunity at this point to thank John for his commitment to DBA-UK over the years, regardless of John's absence at the conference and AGM.

The AGM was closed following the end of the elections.