

NEC MEETING 19th November 2022

Present: Matt Alison Tina Martin Ian Gerry Adrian Jeff John Smith (John late arrival)

Minutes by Ian

1. Open Meeting

Matt opened at 10.40 am

2. Apologies Rhianna, Erica, Ben

3. Establish Voting Strength

Two Area Chairs so 2 (up to 3 later as John Smith arrived)

4. Last Minutes

POA: None

Votes Unanimous.

Matters:

TB questioned which trophy was mentioned. It was National Charities

TB unhappy there was not a receipt

Action: Midland Area Chair to chase Lincs Q for a receipt for this trophy

5. Review of action points and standing orders from the last meeting.

JR is getting enquiries but not all of them are genuine. He needs to be getting the enquiries to the Area Chairs (perhaps through ownership database due to GDPR)

Action: JR to send all enquiries to the Area Chairs (asked for by NEC)

Action: JS to send JR "The Wordpress Info"

Action: JR to distribute his Roadmap idea

Some discussion about zoom events and those who are already doing these (Fran, Glyn, Stevenage)

6. Area reports ASEA, MA, NTC, SA

ASEA – Written report from Martin.

Matt again emphasised that WASH is run by the WASH Committee not by Kings Lynn Group.

Some discussion about bank admin problems

Midland. John Smith (by now arrived) gave a verbal report. Area subsidised some group xmas meals. Has a few events coming up. There is a £100 publicity grant which 2 groups took up. Bromsgrove has closed and members have gone back to Solihull. The organisers at Bromsgrove had too many work commitments. "So no real lessons to be learned". No real financial movement.

NTAC. Written report. Didcot's Theatre discounts have been killed off by Covid.

SA – None.

7. Officer Reports

National Chair – Had a zoom meeting to finalise NAGM stuff. There will be more to do coming up.

NFO – Did the budget. Only has half access to the bank. MD – should we open new account? MD / AJ agree Lloyds probably best bank.

MD / IC / AJ / EK to do the bank paperwork at WASH, then James Oliver can transfer £14K across.

MP proposed that the surplus for the 80th account goes back into National funds. TB seconded. Carried Unanimously.

Action: Ben Allen and James to do this transfer back

8. Budget 2022 / 2023

A written report from Alison.

9. NIO Report

A vote of NC was discussed by the NTAC. This would happen by NAGM if at all.

The website is getting 20-30 visits a month with not much publicity. Evidence that people are staying on the site and clicking around, which is good.

It was recommended that NIO gives as much evidence of what has been done as possible: by paper. Website pages, hit reports etc Adrian said he can help with printing.

10. NAO Report

Ben has sent accounts for the 80th, the Spring hols, and NAGM. There is a sense of status quo.

MD observed WASH is 40 next year!

11. NAGM Preparation

18th February 2023, 10.30 for 11.

Zoom options were discussed.

MD – The Area Chairs are being paid for by Areas.

TB – Not fair that trophies go to the same groups year after year. There was some discussion over the criteria for awarding some of the trophies. IC said this was why he put forward Most Improved trophy so it can move around. JS said criteria for Best Group was subjective.

There will be a debate item on Relevance of Trophies at the NAGM

The NEC decided that a group should not win a trophy if they won it in either of the last 2 years.

12. Discussion: Single membership database.

There was some discussion on this, arriving at a motion which will go before the NAGM. In principle the NFO will “own” redacted data on each member, with each Area having fuller data on their membership. Some shared spreadsheet or other can be used to facilitate this,

13. AOB

There was a count of membership.

- EAA – 77
- SA – 7
- NTAC – 100
- MA – 107
- Total – 291

GE – Feels SA is about to die. Asked what would happen. A reply said that South Bucks would join NTAC they cannot just be shut down.

14. Close Meeting

Meeting ended 2pm

Much food, drink and fun was enjoyed in The Station Garden pub, which is also where Didcot meets, by all.