

Minutes of National Federation of Plus Areas (NEC Meeting) 19th August 2023

Held at the Beacon Tree, Dagenham

Present: Zoom
Steve Rolfe (SR) Alison Cumbers (AC)
Nicky Rolfe (NR) Adrian Barnard (AB)
Erica Knight (EK) Tina Bunyan (TB)
Martin Posner (MP) Gerry Edwards (GE)
Observers Ben Allen (BA)
Matt Dickinson (MD)
Andrea Rutter (AR)

3. Voting Strength

Voting Strength is 3

4. Minutes for last meeting

It was noted at it was confusing have initial AR when we have both Andrew Rutter and Adam Redshaw

Voted 3 For

5. Review of Action points from last meeting

To be covered in Agenda items

6. Area Reports

ASEA Report

Alison asked which committee positions are covered?

Martin Area Chair

Sanya Preston Administrator

Richard Leach Treasurer

Kim Mann GCM

Midland Report

SR – John Smith is doing well, the have many resources available, we just need to utilise them.

Covid is on the rise.

Southern Report

Tina asked who has Dear Dierdre line.

Nicky said the calls go to her phone but we haven't had any calls for it, mostly them testing if the line is still valid.

Committee

Steve Rolfe

Nicky Rolfe

Kath Good

Mike Shadcott

NTAC Report

Martin asked who was on their committee
Tina
Adrian
Mark Hawkins – Activities
Andy Rutter GCM
Katie Hawkins Treasurer
Cathy Turk GCM

7. Officers Reports

Chairman's Report

EK What is the split of age group.
Very few 20s and 30s, Many 40s, 50s, 60s.
We need to know the split for Insurance

Finance Report

Make sure all tabs are uploaded to Website – Mark Hewson

TB – Area levies AC Southern has paid for all tear £35,
AC I think they should pay the same as everyone else.
Larger groups pay more.
AB Historically, it has been £5 per member, this was agreed in 2017/2018

HGS Report

Nothing to report as nothing really happens until January.

8. Training

Midland Training Event was good.

9. Activities Report

AGM Account, Adam's £5 will be written off.
AGM hotel is asking for credit card details to hold the rooms.
AC – We have debit cards each with own pin or can get money out of Branch.
Spring Holiday
16 people booked so far
80ish we need to close the account down

Need to try not to clash with other events King's Lynn weekend and walking weekend we on the same date, Walking weekend was booked last year, KL were only given that date.

Center Parcs – 2 spaces available, 12 people are going, room is for a couple 15-18th September.

BA – Can areas email him their diary to make a National Diary.

Discussion on ASEA loaning money to wash.

Gerry Edwards – Meetings may soon be all online as it is not affordable to attend, We need to make a stand that has to be all in person.

TB – ASEA meetings are all on zoom as they are spread so far apart within the area

AB – That's why I suggested £25 on zoom to recoup funds quicker.

SR – Need to remind people the fee should be paid by Area not the attendee.
Southern don't pay members to attend

Midland pay Day rate/dinner and dance

Tina and Adrian's wedding 9th December 5pm at Didcot Civic Hall. No wedding gifts. Donations to Cancer Research.

Gerry Edwards – Future of meetings, Hybride is different to what we had

10. Internet Coordinator

Noone has heard from Jeff, no report or acknowledgement that he was coming today

Nothing new on website has changed since February

11. Online membership database

Erica to email membership secretaries

What information is required?

Name, Expiry Date, Group, Membership Number

Useful for checking if someone is a member, mostly at National events

12. Communication

We need to communicate more!

13. Updated details for National bank account

Ben will get change to signature form for NAGM /Spring Holiday account

14 Purchasing equipment for Hybrid meetings

SR – We are using Midlands Zoom today we are happy to share the cost with them.

SR – What equipment is available at NAGM venue NR?BA?AB to visit venue potentially 9th September to confirm, no deposit has been paid as yet.

SR suggested we approve NEC to shar Zoom link with Midland, feel we need to contribute towards it.

John Smith JS joined the meeting , very happy with 50/50 split, was going to suggest £20!

John is the contact if we need to use it.

Proposal, NEC to pay 50/50 Split for the Zoom license (around £70 / year)

Proposed Southern

Secoded ASEA

Midland Committee are:

John Smith Chairman

James Oliver Treasurer

Kathy Morris Administrator

Mark Hewson Membership

Adam Redshaw General.

14. Expenses what can be claimed for.

AC – Hotels can only be claimed for at the NAGM, Travel only for NEC meetings.

JS Proposed increasing the travel allowance to 45p/mile for NEC, serving officers and any invited guests, based on AA route planner shortest route.

Secoded Martin Posner

Carried

Action Points

Expenses - Emission zone and Public Transport expenses to be discussed.

15. Any Other Business

Barnardo's Charity Quiz 7.30pm 3rd September

Redbridge Community Centre.

16. Close of meeting

Next meeting 11th November 10-5

St Stephens Parish Centre

Station Road

Brickett Wood

St Albans

AL2 3PJ

£27/hour

Best to bring your own food.