

## **London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Branch Committee Meeting**

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2004 10.30 – Union Jack Club SE1**

**Present:**

- Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary**
- Eddie Brand - Chair**
- Phil Thompson – Full Time Officer**
- George Achilles - Equal Opportunities Officer**
- Bryan Arnold - Treasurer**
- Ian Lee - H & S Officer**
- Fred Phillips – Membership Officer**
- Mark Belkin – Education Officer**
- Rob Sydney - Communications Officer**
- Paul O'Neill - Minutes Officer**
- Michael Apps - Retired Members Officer**
- Dave Smith - North East Sector**
- Julie Shirt – North East Sector**
- Claudette McNaughton - CAC**
- Joe Easterbrook - CAC**
- Andrea Shields – East Central Sector**
- Terry Gibson – East Central Sector**
- Jim Underdown – North West Sector**
- Gary Edwards - West Sector**
- David Lamey - South West Sector**
- Clive Tombs – South East Sector**
- Karen Walling – West Sector**

**Apologies:**

- Jenny Wade**
- Sarah Hardy**

### **Introductions**

- None

### **Previous Minutes**

- Minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2003 agreed as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

- None

### **Branch Secretary's Report**

- ER distributed the latest figures for legal forms and compensation.

- ER gave a verbal update regarding Agenda for Change. The banding of Technicians was still an issue being negotiated. Three extra ambulance services, including LAS, have been asked to complete a job evaluation for technicians. The results of these will be fed back into the national negotiating team. The date for the second ballot will be decided at the Unison Health Conference in April.
- Paul Thompson has retired from the LAS after 20 years service. He was an important and active member within the Branch and the committee agreed to nominate him for Honorary Life membership to Unison.
- The committee agreed to re-affiliate to the Mechanics Centre Museum of Labour & Trades Union History Trust for a subscription fee of £10.

### **Equal Opportunities**

- GA informed that the last meeting had been cancelled.

### **Retired Members**

- No report.

### **Welfare**

- Regarding the investments made by Unison Welfare SH has still not had a reply from Julie Grant. This is despite a recorded letter and more recently a telephone call. SH hopes to speak to Julie Grant at the Unison Welfare Conference.

### **Health & Safety**

- The LAS have accepted that the back door on the new Mercedes UVG ambulance poses a risk. IL & ER will urge the management to put something out to staff regarding this.
- Statistics on the failure rate on the new ambulances are being collated.
- Still awaiting the Manger Elk lifting aids.

### **Treasurers Report**

- BA stated that the accounts held by the Branch are in good order. A date will be set for the branch auditors to check and sign off the accounts.
- Accommodation for the Unison Health Conference has been booked.

### **Communication**

- RS confirmed the latest winner of the Website Newsletter Subscribers draw (£50) as Karen Walling.

### **Membership**

- FP asks that all Reps return an up to date list of Unison members from their station or place of work.

### **Education**

- MB confirmed that five members have been booked on the “Introduction to Computers” course on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004. There are still some places left if any one wishes to attend.

### **PTS**

- ER stated that a letter will be sent to Darent Valley PTS staff regarding the loss of the PTS contract. ER will attend staff meetings.

- The LAS are confident on winning the KCH contract back and that PTS are happy with the changes in the contract.
- The concept of a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier PTS to carry out Green/Urgent calls has now been put in writing. No meetings have been planned as of yet.

### **CAC**

- No Report

### **Regional Officer**

- Two seats available on the Regional Health Committee – 1 Male Seat and 1 Female Seat. Nominations for these can be carried out at the next Branch meeting.
- There is currently a delay of between 2 – 3 months in the membership process.
- Nomination forms for the Branch Officers elections are being sent out next week. These need to be returned no later than 5pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2004 with a ballot (if necessary) on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 closing on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2004.
- A reminder that the AGM will now be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 at The Union Jack Club.

### **Staff Council Reports**

- No Staff Council Meeting has taken place recently.

### **AOB**

- No items.

### **Date of next meeting**

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004 1030 at Partnership House.