

London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

14th June 2005 1030hrs – Conference Room LAS HQ

Present: Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
Eddie Brand – Chair
George Achilles - Treasurer
Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
Jim Underdown – Membership Officer
Mark Belkin – Education Officer
Dave Smith – Equal Opportunities Officer
John Gough – Labour Link Officer
Paul O’Neill - Minute Secretary
Michael Apps - Retired Members Officer
Harry Day – Training
Kevin Tarsnane - PTS
Joe Easterbrook – CAC
Claudette McNaughton – CAC/LABEL Liason
John Whiting – North East Sector
Julie Shirt – North East Sector
Peter Hannell – North West Sector
Kerry Hancock – North West Sector
Mark Lione – East Central Sector
Michelle Michael – East Central Sector
David Lamey – South West Sector
Sarah Hardy – South West Sector
Clive Tombs – South East Sector
Gary Edwards - West Sector
Karen Walling – West Sector

Apologies: Phil Thompson Fred Phillips
Rob Sydney Andrea Shields
Bryan Arnold

Introductions

- Kerry Hancock welcomed to the committee taking up the North West Sector female seat.

Previous Minutes

- Minutes from 10th May 2005 agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- None.

Branch Secretary's Report (ER)

- Legal report and running total of compensation.
- Acknowledgement and thanks received for donation to Unison Welfare.
- Welcome email and letter that will be sent to new branch members from ER and RS.
- Learning Reps accreditation.
- Unison Annual Health Conference to take place on 24th – 26th April 2006 at the Sage Conference Centre in Gateshead.
- FAQ's from the launch of Managers in Partnership.
- Thanks received for donation to the Martin Lovejoy Fundraiser.
- Sponsor a Taxi to Euro Disney – Donation of £500 Agreed
- Thanks received from the T.U.A.E.U.C.
- NEC Ballot results, ER congratulated on his re- election to the NEC.
- Early Day Motion (EDM) 170 'Assaults on Emergency Workers'
- Branch Development Plan update.
- Thanks received from A.S.W.H.F.
- Request for donation to the Nathan Adams fund raiser – Agreed to pay costs. (£266.00)
- Retired members attending Retired Members Conference – MA will attend as delegate; the branch reiterated the earlier agreement to fund visitors from those who attend the branch AGM showing an interest in the Branch's activities. The committee felt that it is the right of paying, serving branch members to decide, in consultation with Retired Member Officer, conference visitor numbers and expenses. It is also right that the Branch Committee set the rules on how visitors are chosen. The Branch is not stopping or excluding retired members however those attending the AGM will have first refusal.
- Branch Rule 2.6.1

Agenda for Change Update

- ER gave a detailed report.
- EMT and Paramedic job descriptions agreed and signed off.
- 5th July 2005 set for EMT matching, 6th July 2005 for Paramedic matching. Harry Day will be Unison Panel member. Steve Sale and Tracy Watt will be on Management side.
- PTS have now been assimilated onto AfC terms and conditions.
- GMAS have matched their EMT's and Paramedics but have not made the result public. It is being consistency checked.
- LAS Unison has 76 members as AfC reps.

Equal Opportunities (DS)

- Attending the London Race Relations committee.
- Disability Discrimination Act.

Retired Members (MA)

- Croyde Bay holiday offer.
- Two visitors confirmed to attend the Retired Members conference.
- Golf open.

Welfare (AS)

- No Report.

Health & Safety (IL)

- Manual Handling Policy not signed off.
- Dangerous address list has been delayed due to software problems but is going live today. Addresses should appear on system within 24hrs.
- Manger Elks should be available on complexes through T/L's or DSO's.

Treasurers Report (GA)

- No report.
- Apologises for the lack of cheques, still handing over from BA

Communication (RS)

- No report.

Recruitment & Retention (ER)

- Deferred.

Membership (JU)

- New members accepted into the branch.
- Updating members list.
- If staff requires Union representation, check they are a current member if you are doubtful.

Education (MB)

- In line with Branch Development plan an Introductory course for new Reps is being run on the 6th and 7th July 2005. Room for 12 attendees, it will be more relevant to LAS stewards and members.

Labour Link Officer (JG)

- Attended Labour Link Committee.
- Discussed the General Election result. This turned out to be not as bad as first thought, when statistically compared to all previous results.

PTS (KT)

- Bulletin informing the services intention to pay staff double time at weekends. ER stated that this could not apply to PTS as they were now assimilated on to AfC terms and conditions. A&E staff are under Whitley Council rules until they are assimilated. However, an agreement may be reached to reward PTS staff via AfC.

CAC (JE)

- Police CAD link still giving incorrect incident locations.
- Reps election upcoming.

Regional Officer (PT)

- Not in attendance.

Staff Council Reports

- UCS / EMT2 staff drawing drugs not mentioned at staff council. Issue to go to A/E Sub Committee.

AOB

- Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults. CRB checks on new staff and current staff changing jobs or applying for promotion. Agreed in principle.

Date of next meeting

- 12th July 2005 Conference Room LAS HQ.