



London Ambulance Unison Branch Committee Meeting

6th December 2016 1400hrs – Conference Room, LAS HQ, Waterloo, SE1

Present:

- Eddie Brand – A/Branch Secretary
- Tim Stephens – A/Chair - East Central Sector
- Phil Thompson – Unison Regional Organiser
- George Achilles - Treasurer
- Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
- Mark Lione – Private Membership (Seconded to Unison)
- Pete Hannell – Equalities Co-ordinator/Pensions Officer
- Michael Apps – Retired Members Officer
- Bob Buck - Fleet
- Mark Belkin – Education Officer
- Jason Anderson – Unison Labour Link
- Paul O’Neill – Minute Secretary
- Julie Cunnane (nee Shirt) – North East Sector
- Paul Ray – North East Sector
- Brian Robinson – East Central Sector
- Rob Matthews – North West Sector
- Steve Johnson – South West Sector
- Marie Randall – South West Sector
- Zafar Sardar – EOC
- Samad Billoo – EOC

Apologies:

- Brian Robinson
- Rob Sydney
- Marcus Davis
- Christine Tanner
- Katherine Angus

Introductions and apologies	Action
<p>It was with extreme sadness that Eddie Brand opened our first meeting since the unexpected passing of our Branch Secretary Eric Roberts. Our thoughts are with Eric’s family, loved ones and friends’ at this very difficult time.</p> <p>Eddie Brand called for a minutes silence in memory of Eric and for a moment of quiet reflection.</p> <p>Eric’s funeral arrangements will be announced shortly. Eric’s family have requested that only family, close friends and the Branch committee members attend – more details will follow.</p> <p>In the interim the committee agreed that Eddie Brand would step in as Branch Secretary with Tim Stephens as Chair. These positions will be decided following the branch elections in January 2017.</p>	

<p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IL asked that the previous minutes reflect that assaults on staff have increased. - Minutes from the previous meeting on 8th November 2016 <u>agreed</u> as a true record. 	
<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None. 	
<p>Branch Secretary's report (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full legal report to be given at next meeting. £6000 of compensation has been awarded to our members since the last meeting. - Ambulance Seminar 2017 – 12th -14th May at the University of Warwick. 6 delegates per branch can attend. - Minutes from the Ambulance Occupational Group meeting on 12th October 2016 distributed. - Consensus Statement from the AACE and CFOA regarding co responding between the Ambulance sector and Fire & Rescue Services. - EB stated that he has been inundated with messages of condolence and support following Eric Roberts death. Some of these messages were distributed to the committee. - RMS – New members four week rule change. Now qualify for legal assistance after 4 weeks rather than 13 weeks. - Branch Committee meeting schedule for 2017 distributed. AGM to be held at Unison Centre this year. Date yet to be confirmed possibly 8th March. - Justice for Columbia affiliation – thanks received. - Branch nominations for the Unison London Regional Council – nominees <u>agreed</u> by the committee. - Delegates for the Regional AGM on 1st February will be Julie Cunnane, Sarah Hardy, Eddie Brand and Pete Hannell. 	
<p>Branch Officer Reports: -</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SERTUC pension seminar - NPC campaign issue 114 - NPC London Region information bulletin. - Unison There for You – Get help staying warm - Remembering Eric - AGM notice sent out. 	
<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian gave a personal tribute to Eric. - H&S update to be given at next meeting. 	

<p>Membership/Area Organiser (TS & ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reps invited to attend recruitment events in the New Year. - Reminder to members to update their personal and workplace details. - Reps to continue with recruitment. <p>Private members (ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case load is increasing as a result of successful recruitment. - G4S strike in South London area led by GMB members. - Falck taken over a controlling interest in Medical Services. 	
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of year accounts upon us. Could everyone please ensure they cash any expenses cheques? 	

<p>PTS & NETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff on Charing Cross contract to be TUPEd over. - Currently have 34 PTS staff in LAS. - ? Supervisory uplift payment available to NETS staff that mentor trainee staff. 	
<p>Welfare (CT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	

<p>Equalities (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Equalities and Inclusion steering group on 15th December. - Pete gave a tribute to Eric. He spoke on his relationship with Eric and gratitude towards him. 	
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB to chase up JRCALC. - All representatives are trained, 	
<p>Labour Link (JA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written report distributed. - Care for the NHS Labour petition. - Tower Hamlets council elections. - Richmond by-election. - Jeremy Corbyn not attending Fidel Castro's funeral. - Article 50 amendment. 	

<p>Pensions (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. <p>Fleet (BB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob is extremely shocked at Eric's passing. - Fleet management not engaging with Workshop Technicians/Supervisors. Doesn't appear to be any clear leadership – Management not replying to any email communication. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PT spoke about the funeral arrangements for Eric. 	

<p>Staff Council/OPF (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting for minutes to be circulated. 	
<p>Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East – Ian Johns has moved on with Natasha Wills now ADO for NE. Waiting to hear on possibility of adding extra lines to some rotas. - East Central – No report. - West – No report. - Central – No report. - North West – Disappointed with decision that funding for Band 6 Paramedic to come from ambulance funds rather than central Government – possibility this may cause job losses and cut backs. H&S rep at Brent hopefully in early 2017. EB stated that there would be no meeting about rest breaks until Band 6 is signed off. - South West – Two new reps at Croydon and Tolworth. Disgruntled with the tone set at the first staff council to be held in ten months. - EOC – Agreement in place regarding rest breaks for NETS EOC staff. Pauline Cranmer now Deputy Director of Operations for Control Services. - EOC H&S – No report. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution <u>agreed</u> by committee to a fund that will assist with Tricia Carsley from Friern Barnet travelling to New Zealand to visit family. - Death of Simon Lawrence an EMT4 from Romford Group. The committee <u>agreed</u> a contribution to a fund to support Simon’s partner (a Paramedic at Romford Group). Cheque to be made payable to K4 social club. 	GA
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16th January – Waterloo HQ @ 1400 	