



London Ambulance Unison Branch Committee Meeting

17th March 2017 1400hrs – Meeting Room, Unison Centre, Euston.

Present: Eddie Brand – Branch Secretary
Tim Stephens – Chair
Phil Thompson – Unison Regional Organiser
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
George Achilles - Treasurer
Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
Christine Tanner – Welfare Officer
Rob Sydney – Communications Officer
Mark Lione – Private Membership (Seconded to Unison)
Michael Apps – Retired Members 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
Kate Goodson – East Central Sector
Marcus Davis – Central Sector
Marie Randall – South West Sector
Zafar Sardar – EOC
Samad Billoo – EOC
Claudette McNaughton - EOC

Apologies: Steve Johnson
Ian Lee
Katherine Angus
Peter Hannell
Bob Buck

Introductions and apologies	Action
EB welcomed the committee the branch meeting, the first to be held at Unison Centre	
Previous Minutes - Minutes from the previous meeting on 17 th February 2017 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	
Matters arising - Terry Healy retirement grant - MR/SJ to report back at next branch meeting.	MR/SJ

<p>Branch Secretary's report (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. - Running total of compensation from March 2016 is £74,149.16p. - £2,758,696.76p of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since March 1999. Twenty two legal forms have been processed since March 2016. - EB reported than Rodney Bickerstaffe a good friend of our branch and former General Secretary of Unison is currently unwell. Our thoughts are with him and his family. - Job evaluations training. - Unison updates for branches distributed. - Ambulance Occupational Group meeting minutes distributed. - Letter to Jeremy Hunt Secretary of State for Health from Unison regarding pay restraint in the NHS. - Unison National Conference delegates – Peter Hannell, Mark Belkin, Marie Randall and Julie Cunnane. Possibility that delegate duties will be shared. To be confirmed at next branch meeting. - Band 6 pay for Paramedics will be funded by government for 2 years. Letters have been sent out to staff affected by the re-banding. Pay protection for some affected staff at top of Band 5. National letter going out detailing pay etc. - Retirement function grant requests received on behalf of Gary Edwards and Robert Short. These were both agreed by the committee. - The Branch will review and possibly change the criteria for claiming retirement function grant. The committee discussed possible options. RS to table options/proposals at next branch meeting. 	<p>RS</p>
<p>Branch Officer Reports: -</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New blog launched with Eddie Brand writing the first blog. TS our chair to write in the next blog. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two new retired members one of which is Paul Jeffries. - NPC monthly bulletin distributed. 	
<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Membership (TS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. <p>Private members (ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private membership is increasing. - Recruitment events – Unable to host a recruitment table at KCH due to local issues. - TUPE issues with staff going from Caring for You over to PAS. Issues arose due to Caring for You going into administration these are now resolved. - ERS are winding up in March as the business has been sold. 	
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accounts for previous financial year have been approved by Unison Head Office. - If anyone has any queries regarding claims or expenses could they please email GA at georgeachilles@yahoo.co.uk as he no longer has access to LAS email. 	
<p>Welfare (CT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CT currently working on numerous cases. 	

Equalities (PH) - No report.	
Education (MB) - All new workplace representatives have now been booked onto courses.	
Labour Link (JA) - JA will be representing London labour Link at the National Labour Link forum.	
Pensions (PH) - No report. Fleet (BB) - No report.	
Regional Organiser (PT) - No report.	
Staff Council/OPF (EB) - Waiting for Staff Council minutes to be published. - Next OPF 27 th March.	
Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports - North East – Rota review being held up due to estate issues. Station elections have started. - East Central – Rota review, Station elections started. Issues with Vehicle Prep Hub - West – PC is returning to Isleworth group after spending time working within staff support. Will be meeting reps from the West sector soon. Currently one suspension. - Central – Oval rota review – NETS currently not recruiting may impact on staff failing TEAC course. TS to discuss at Education and Development sub group. - North West – 3 Disciplinary and 2 Capability cases. Rota review. - South West – No report. - EOC – 2 grievances. Recruitment days held. Movement of managers around watches have caused some issues. Planned Command Point taken down for maintenance/software update. - EOC H&S – No report.	TS
AOB - Branch expenses/travel claim form to be sent out with branch committee meeting pack - Reminder that the AGM will follow this meeting at 5pm.	EB/TS GA
Date of Next Meeting - 13 th April – Conference Room LAS HQ at 1030.	