

London Ambulance Unison Branch Committee Meeting

10th of November 2015 10.30 hrs – Conference room HQ, Waterloo SE1

Present:

- Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
- Eddie Brand – Chair
- Peter Hannell –Pensions/Equalities
- George Achilles – Treasurer
- Ian Lee- Health and safety officer
- Jason Anderson – Unison Labour Link
- Mark Belkin – Education Officer
- Julie Shirt – East Sector
- Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
- Dave Smith – North East Sector
- Rob Matthews – North West Sector
- Steve Johnson –South West sector
- Mark Ione – Membership Officer.
- Sarah Fanshawe-East Central
- Brian Robinson –East central
- Rob Matthews –North west
- Michael Apps – Retired members
- Rob Sydney- Communications
- Tim Stephens – Central sector
- Phil Thompson – Regional organiser

Apologies:

- Paul O'Neill
- Sam Billoo
- Ellie Mitchell
- Zafar Sadar
- Bob Buck
- Gary Edwards
- Hannah Curror

Introductions and apologies	Action
<p>The committee noted the above apologies. (EB) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Eddie announced that Dave Prentis, general secretary of Unison would be our guest at the branch meeting today. This visit is to support the LAS in regard to the funding problems within the NHS.</p>	
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from the previous meeting on 15th of September 2015 were agreed as a true record. 	
<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None 	

<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £19,788.67p has been awarded to LAS Unison branch members since the last meeting. Running total of compensation from March 2015 is £37,508.00. <u>£2,572,338.05p</u> of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since March 1999. Seven legal forms have been processed since the last meeting. - (ER) Reminded everyone that Unisons general secretary election started on the 9th of November and ballot will close on the 4th of Dec 2015. LAS UNISON has nominated Dave Prentis. ER reminded the committee about UNISON rules surrounding the election. - (ER) Shared a reply from Chief Executive Fiona Moore to his letter of November 2014. A discussion took place around the content of her reply. This included discussions that are taking place for getting Paramedics into band 6 (London package) Technicians at band 5: confirmed that this role is now secure with no plans to redefine this role . Also a rethink of senior paramedic role around training and entry criteria. (ER) A discussion took place on the briefing of the proposed trade union bill. (ER) Thanked members for coming to lobby and rally on 4th November. - (ER) Distributed the 2016 dates for the branch committee meetings, as always these maybe subject to change. - (ER) Distributed Unisons response to the HM Government consultation on 'enabling closer working between the emergency services' document. - (EB) Welcomed Dave Prentis unisons general secretary to the meeting. - (DP) Dave Prentis Thanked all the members of the branch and all reps for all their hard work - In representing members and for playing an active part within the union. He explained how Unison is fighting to protect the NHS and how emergency services are an integral part of the NHS. A discussion took place around issues with unsocial hours payments, Trade Union Bill and trying to protect members terms and conditions. - (DP) Pledged to keep fighting to protect public services. Dave thanked Eric for inviting him to the branch committee meeting. 	<p>Agreed/GA</p>

<p>Branch Officer Reports:-</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed Branch members website had moved to a different server and upgrade is now due. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	<p>ML</p>
<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written report distributed. - Current tyres on vehicles are being tested at the moment . - We have a new occupational health provider. People are coming out of training scholl and not being vaccinated before coming out as operational. (IL) going to raise the issue. - Still problems with members of staff not being issued with correct uniform and not being issued with full PPE. - CSR courses need to have at least six members of staff attending to go ahead. 	

Membership (ML) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been 132 new members join this month. - Mark thanked senior reps with all their help with recruitment. 	
Treasurer (GA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (GA) Reminded everyone that when submitting retirement function requests, members need to submit receipts for the function. 	
PTS (GE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (GE) No Report. 	
Welfare (CT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (CT) No report 	

Equalities (PH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported that BME new joiners has increased and is now up to 11.2%.Percentage of female members of staff that are leaving the service is on the increase. 	
Education (MB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New reps course is still running and going well. 10 new reps and 8 health and safety reps need to go on a new reps course. Mark is in discussions about this. 	
Labour Link (JA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distributed a labour link newsletter. Mayoral vote will take place in 7 months. 	

Pensions (PH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (PH) No report 	
Fleet (BB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
Regional Organiser (PT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branch officer nominations close on the 29/01/2016. - AGM will be on the 30th of March 2016. - Discussion took place about band 6 issue for paramedics. 	

Staff Council (EB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (EB) Minutes form last staff council will be out soon. 	
Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East – (DS) has a new ADO. Chase Farm have lost their rep. New Teac course started at Ilford training centre. - East Central – (BR) All new station reps now in place. - South Sector – (SJ) Rota problems. ST Helier has new unison rep. Steve is working on a newsletter. - West – (GE) No report. - Central – (TS) Rota issues. Tried changes to rotas but members are not happy. (TS) Going to request a rota review. - North West – Bloomsbury Station, scoping exercise currently underway to see what will happen with station. - North West has lost one rep due to retirement. 	

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- **EOC – No report**

- **EOC H&S – No report**

AOB - (EB) No AOB.	
Date of Next Meeting - 8 th of December 2015 10.30 HQ Conference Room Waterloo.	