



London Ambulance Unison Branch Committee Meeting

12th July 2016 1030hrs – Conference Room, LAS Waterloo HQ, SE1

Present:

- Eric Roberts – Branch Secretary
- Eddie Brand – Chair
- Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
- Phil Thompson – Unison Regional Organiser
- George Achilles - Treasurer
- Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
- Christine Tanner – Welfare Officer
- Pete Hannell – Equalities Co-ordinator/Pensions Officer
- Rob Sydney – Communications Officer
- Jason Anderson – Unison Labour Link
- Paul O'Neill – Minute Secretary
- Tim Stephens – Central Sector
- Julie Shirt – East Sector
- Brian Robinson – East Central Sector
- Rob Matthews – North West Sector
- Steve Johnson – South West Sector
- Zafar Sardar – EOC
- Samad Billoo - EOC

Apologies:

Mark Lione	Dave Smith
Bob Buck	Sarah Fanshawe
Ellie Mitchell	Gary Edwards
Michael Apps	Mark Belkin

Introductions and apologies	Action
EB welcomed the committee and congratulated Eric Roberts on his election to President of Unison. The Branch is extremely proud of his achievement.	
Previous Minutes - Minutes from the previous meeting on 24 th May 2016 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	
Matters arising - None.	

<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ER thanked everyone for their support especially EB, senior sector reps and the region. He stated he is proud to be elected as President of Unison it is a great responsibility and he is the first Ambulance worker in Unison history to hold this position. - Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. No compensation has been awarded to LAS Unison branch members since the last meeting. Running total of compensation from March 2016 is £19,125.24p. <u>£2,703,672.84p</u> of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since March 1999. <u>Four</u> legal forms have been processed since the last meeting. - Results and breakdown of the Strike Action consultative ballot distributed. - 'Time to talk about pay' information distributed. - Interim report of the HSJs inquiry on maximising the contribution of NHS non-clinical staff distributed. - Unison GLR Health Training Day – Friday 7th October, Congress House, WC1. Registration from 0930 for a 1000 start. 	
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<p>Branch Officer Reports:-</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new Branch website has gone live as a 'soft launch' two months ahead of schedule. Flyers to be distributed to promote. The old website was 13 years old. The new site is mobile friendly and will adapt to the device which it being viewed on. - Travel claim form now on the website as are communication templates. - RS demonstrated the various functions and dedicated pages on the new site. - The committee felt it right to give RS thanks and praise. 	
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<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
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<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ramped vehicle trial this summer. - Ergonomist to be looking at manual handling. - Private accident cover – hope to have an answer this week. - New frontline vehicles have still not been ordered. - The Clinical Equipment Working Group have met twice without staff side representation. Next meeting scheduled for 4th August. - Airwave rollout. - Contact infection. - Mattress cover trial ongoing. The blanket trial to start soon. - IL to meet with Mark Crouch to discuss FRU driver training. 	
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<p>Membership/Area Organiser (TS & ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment of new members still positive – nearly at 3000 members. Newly elected reps have been invited to next recruitment event. - Out of date memberships details i.e. addresses and surnames still on database. Could reps remind members to update their personal details online by logging on to My Unison or send a change of details form to TS. - SJ stated that membership fees without unsocial hours considered would make Unison competitive especially in the S. East. SJ suggested revising the fee structure? ER stated that this is a national Unison policy and couldn't be changed locally. Everyone pays 0.07% of their salary. It may be slightly more expensive but we have better support and help for our members/staff and the only union with a welfare charity. 	
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<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
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<p>PTS & NETS (GE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Welfare (CT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debt and budget conference. - CT is now a Trustee of 'There for You'. ER and the committee congratulated Christine on this appointment. 	
<p>Equalities (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report 	
<p>Labour Link (JA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labour Link Committee member Joanne McCartney has become Deputy Mayor of London. - Newsletter distributed. - Unison has the biggest union membership of those working at City Hall. - Housing Bill. 	
<p>Pensions (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early retirement reduction buy out (ERRBO) – Has not been taken up by any member of the current pension scheme. <p>Fleet (BB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Staff Council/OPF (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East – No report. - East Central – Thanked JS for covering. Sarah Fanshawe will be stepping down from the branch. J5 station lease. - West – No report. - Central – Great turnout at the Area reps AGM. First female branch seat being taken up by Katherine Angus with the male seat being Marcus Davis. Paras and IParas carrying equipment between stations – to go to the OPF. - North West – Bloomsbury election. New Unison H&S at Brent. 1 station election ongoing between Unison and GMB candidates. Arthur Carasco planning stepping down later in the year. Band 6 for Paramedics? – EB stated hopefully by September, ER reminded that it was Unison who started the push and campaigned for the re-banding back in 2014. - South West – St Helier election won by Unison candidate. - EOC – One hearing. Slow rise in recruitment. EOC under to same pressures as usual. - EOC H&S – No report. 	

<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retirement function grant request received for Stuart McBride from Friern Barnet Station. He meets the criteria and the request was <u>agreed</u> by committee. - Fundraising request received from CTL Sarah Howlett who will be trekking across the Sahara Desert to raise money for the MS Society. The committee <u>agreed</u> a proposal of £500. 	<p>GA</p> <p>GA</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - August date and times TBC 	