

NEC meeting minutes

14/5/2022

Present- Steve Rolfe, Ben Allen, Adam Redshaw, Matt Dickinson , Adrian Barnard, Tina Bunyan, Martin Posner, John Smith, Alison Cumbers, Erica Knight, Gerry Edwards, Jeff Rea, Rhianna Wright (minutes)

Apologies were recieved from Ian Crawshaw and nicky rolfe

Voting strength was established at 4

AR is still currently Midland area chair

Minutes of the previous meeting (pre AGM)

These were accepted- AB noted that after a shaky start himself and other hybrid attendees found it gine

AREA reports

ASE - was recieved

It was confirmed that issues within kings Lynn group appeared to have settled

MIDLAND - given verbally in meeting

Elections deferred until next area meeting

James and Francis keen to spend money on publicity

Approx 5k in bank

112 members

NTAC - report given verbally at meeting

Membership and net worth stable

137 members

Finances approximately 5k

Southern- report received

There is some reluctance to meet back in person- south bucks not met for 2 years now AB reminded meeting that all office members were given lifetime membership of southern area.

TB asked what NEC thought about non members being able to attend centre parcs

MD - president has already been set by

wash.

It is important to make clear the value of membership

Officer reports

Chair

Not much to report. Has filled out bank mandate couldn't find a meeting room - AB suggests didcot council offices.

AB to investigate- ACTION

HGS - no report

NFO - sent report by email

Has not yet had access to bank. JO has been forwarding information as required.

Levy's restart in 2023

No risk assessments have been received

Profit made from spring break event

We could nice some money from reserves to use as income if necessary

Apart from 80th event no other expenditure is expected this year.

Publications officer

JS has some web design based on wordpress. Grabs attention way more than what is currently there. Very positive feedback from NEC

Internet officer

Jeffs roadmap has been sent to everyone. The dates give us something to work towards
JR will migrate website to new hosting
JR/JS will work on new national site. There is still a debate to have around branding. The word Plus is no good for SEO. JS knows about twitter. We have an account but cant get into it

Someone needs to volunteer to receive enquiries. Then dish them out to relevant groups

Some discomfort around admitting strangers to zoom events. We should think of them as potential new members.

There needs to be a monthly newsletter sent out to members. JS is willing to do this

MD noted it must be GDPR compliant. AB reminded all that we have the national directory for this purpose

New groups

We could practice with Ludlow

Members may be younger than usual (20s)

We need a branding debate - eg plus, active plus, social friends plus???

Training will need to be provided on new site

It is a positive roadmap. JR has a great team. Between them all we have a plan we can work towards

JS to organise roadmap sub committee meeting in next few months - ACTION

5 MINUTE BREAK

NAO report / 80th update (BA)

NAGM happened. Next year the jacobean cant give up their restaurant all day due to costs so we need a new venue for 2023

Hobourne was well attended with 57 members attending. Finances have been closed down and all refunds given.

80th. 45 people confirmed as going. We owe them full amount 4 weeks before the event and 2250 13 weeks ahead of event. We have paid 1k already AR disco also needs to be factored in. We are committed to the 2250 no matter what. We should still be selling tickets and promoting the event.

BA will ring hotel tomorrow to discuss options if less people attend than planned. Buffet costs can be reduced if necessary.

BA to contact hotel and provide their response to the top table group ACTION (BA)

Committee is JO,SR,AR, and 2 members of

lincs quest

SR had collected range of memorabilia ect for display

We all need to work together on this event going forward. Can all chairs try to get 25 people down?

Single membership database

JR concerned with GDPR unless online system is used. Most similar sized organisations would only have one members list.

AB feels this needs looking into as changes constitution away from area led

It was confirmed that the NFO is our data controller

Please debate single membership at next area meetings- ACTION (all area chairs)

AOB

AB - please send through any updates for the national directory

TB felt meeting was too short. It was confirmed that area chairs should be coming up with discussion items

Provisional date for next meeting 20th August