

SUMMARY OF NEC MEETING - 10-11 JULY 1999

Deputy National Chairman

Tom Seddon, North Thames and Chilterns Area Chairman was elected.

Review of National Plan

The NEC reviewed each item of the National Plan. The National Plan will be updated and circulated to all groups, Area and National Officials by the HGS.

National Think Tank

It was agreed that Andy Bond, Eight Rivers Area Chairman should be the NEC representative to the Think Tank. Initially, the Think Tank will progress the items assigned to them on the National Plan. Any new ideas for investigation should be forwarded to the NEC for approval. It was also agreed budgets for each project will be agreed between the GPC and Think Tank members.

There are two positions still available on the Think Tank. Anyone interested in standing should contact the National Chairman - Viv Squires, with a view to standing for election at the October 1999 NEC meeting.

ArT '99

It was reported that 14 trainees attended ArT '99. These came from London & South East Area, Southern Area, Northern Area and Midland Area. Overall, the weekend was considered to be beneficial and positive with a really good atmosphere. The NEC re-iterated their thanks to Sandra Cawthra - National Training Co-ordinator for putting together an excellent event.

Personal Development Courses

The results of the Personal Development Course questionnaire was presented. 98 replies from 18 groups were received. Overall, 76% of the returned questionnaires stated that 18 Plus should continue to provide personal training. A fuller summary of the results can be obtained from the office.

The NEC endorsed that the Personal Development Courses should continue in their present format, and also asked the National Training Co-ordinator to consider co-ordinating Training Road-shows in each area.

Direct Membership

Jo Woodhead - NEO explained to the NEC that she was putting together a booklet explaining 18 Plus for Direct Members. Area Chairmen were mandated to ensure that all Area information is sent to the office for the monthly postings to Direct Members. The postings will include all National Scale paperwork and specific area details.

Development

A new feasibility study form was ratified. This will be available from the office within the next month.

It was agreed that £500 per area be taken from the proceeds of the sale of Nicholson House be set aside in a National Development fund for opening new groups. Areas and Groups may apply to the National Development Officer for grants.

he National Development Officer was actioned to produce new guidelines for opening new groups.

Non Members Attending Events

It was clarified that if a non member was injured whilst attending an 18 Plus event, they would be covered by the Third Party Public Liability Insurance. 18 Plus members are not covered by the policy.

Diamond Jubilee National Reunion Event

The Vice Presidents asked for permission to investigate the possibility of running a Diamond Jubilee event for late 2001. The aim is to encourage as many ex and current members to attend, and would take a different format to the Golden Jubilee events.

A Second Tier

Gerry Edwards - NEO explained that he had been asked to bring the topic to the NEC by several members. He believed that it could potentially help the Federation to grow. He suggested that a pilot by Hillingdon would be the best way forward. A firm proposal from Hillingdon is to be brought to the October NEC meeting.

National Scale Dates

The following were agreed as National Scale dates:

19 September 1999 - National Karting Competition - Southern Area

19-20 February 2000 - Personal Development Weekend

26 February 2000 - National Ten Pin Bowling - Eight Rivers Area

8-9 April 2000 - ANC

29 April - 1 May 2000 - Now Get Out of That

25-26 November 2000 - Personal Development Weekend

Onelist Discussion Forum

The NEC discussed feedback from ArT '99 regarding the Onelist Discussion Forum. It was felt generally that the Onelist was a good forum for discussion. However, concern was raised that some ideas were not progressed forward. The NEC congratulated Jarrett Smith on his effort with the Onelist. They mandated him to continue to monitor and generally operate the Onelist in a sensible manner.

Accounts until End May '99 and 1999 Budget

The National Finance Officer stated that at the end of May '99, there was a loss of £1673.56. However, this was better than budgeted for, due to more income from membership than anticipated. The increased membership income was due to the change in upgrade from associate to full membership, following the age range change.

NEC Meeting Costs

Accommodation costs within Newent had increased, thus necessitating the need to increase observers accommodation costs to £18 per night. Food costs would remain at £15 for the weekend.

New Publicity Leaflets

It was agreed that 100 publicity leaflets per group would be made available, free of charge, subject to the group requesting the leaflets from the office. This would be not

include purchases already made from the office. Leaflets would be available for purchase at 6 pence each.

Groups should be aware that new stocks are required to meet demand, so a delay maybe experienced.

Advertising at Motorway Services

Six motorway service stations will be chosen throughout the country for the new publicity leaflets to be distributed. The National External Public Relations Officer will co-ordinate the campaign, which will take place in August and September.

Direct Mail Campaign

The National External Public Relations Officer was actioned to co-ordinate a Direct Mail campaign for 6000 people (1000 per area), to take place in the second week of January 2000. Areas are to provide the chosen group, open evening date and other appropriate details.

Incentives for Individuals Opening New Groups

The North Thames and Chilterns Area Chairman presented some ideas on providing 18 Plus members with incentives for opening new groups. He was asked to bring a firm proposal to the October NEC meeting.

1999 Annual National Conference

The ANC '99 committee thought that generally the organisation of the conference had gone well. They had also identified one or two areas for improvement. Overall, the NEC reported that the weekend had gone well.

National Trophies

The GPC have agreed to improve the current information of criteria for the National Trophies. They hoped to be able to circulate this to all groups later this year.

ANC 2000

The Britannia Hotel, Coventry was adopted for ANC 2000 and will be held on 8-9 April 2000.

Diamond Jubilee ANC Venue

The National Finance Officer was given permission to approach Buxton for 2001 ANC.

Election of National Officers

Honorary General Secretary - Sandra Bradshaw

National Executive Officer - Jo Woodhead

National External Public Relations Officer - Liam Wright

National Development Officer - John Smith

National Activities Officer - Wayne Fenton

National Think Tank Member - Wendy Turner

Now Get Out of That 2000 Co-ordinator - Dave Filer

ANC 2000 Committee Chairman - Karen Grey

ANC 2000 Bookings Officer- Sandra Bradshaw

ANC 2000 Publicity Officer- Carolyn Edwards

ANC 2000 Treasurer- Rebecca White

Sandra Bradshaw
Honorary General Secretary
12 July 1999