

## National Federation of Plus Area's

### National Executive Council Meeting – August 2010 Summary

The August 2010 meeting of NEC meet at The Quadrant Business Centre at 10.30am, with the following people present

#### General Purpose Committee

National Chairman - Adrian Barnard

Honorary General Secretary - James Oliver

National Finance Officer - Mark Harrington

#### National Executive Committee – Area Chairman

Deputy National Chairman &

North Thames & Chiltern Area – Matt Dickinson

Midland Area – Erica Knight

Southern Area – Janet Rintoul

Anglia & South East Area - Chris Mann

#### Area Representative

Northern Area – John Smith

#### Observers

Francis Wallington

Andy Rutter

The minutes were accepted apart from item 10.3 which James Oliver agreed to investigate the recordings to check to see if 10.3 was accepted, it was comment that James Oliver had put the wrong town down on the National Meeting section, James had put down The Hind is in Corby when it is Wellingborough.

National Reports

National Chairman

Adrian Barnard reported that SEAT will be organised by him but it will not be as big as NGOOT, **Adrian also reported that members are turning up to PLUS events without a valid membership card, remind NEC that this will mean they are not covered for insurance if they have accidents saying areas must enforce rules about membership cards at PLUS events**

HGS

No questions for James Report

Anglia & South East Area

No Questions

Midland Area

James asked about Barkingside Erica reported that Membership officer has given Barkingside until the September conference to sort their affairs out. Adrian report that there will be no second chances for Barkingside after this date, Coventry has also been to sort their affairs out.

Northern Area

John was asked about membership of Northern Area, John said that Lincs Quest are the largest group in the area still, hoping to have 70 members next year.

Rotherwell and Sheffield are run normal PLUS groups, Rotherwell in double figures and Sheffield approaching that figure. Leeds and Bradford are struggling and have merged.

North Thames & Chiltern Area

No Questions for Matt Dickinson report

Southern Area

Janet reported that Reading is in Development, coming out of that development next year. Quest members are reported in Fareham and Andover figures.

**ACTION FOR AREAS TO HAVE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ON YOUR AREA REPORT AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

Adrian mentions that this will set PLUS insurance cost for 2011.

Financial Report

Income £2670.69

Expenditure £2526.44

Net Asset of Federation £22,560.52

It was agreed to move the VAT liability into General reserve.

Risk Assessments Received

National Tennis

Kings Lynn Summer Do

National Rounders

Lincs Quest Archery

Pleasure trip on Humber

Soton BBQ?

Mark Harrington gave the NEC a short briefing paper about the abolishing of cheques in 2018 mention that all future GPC expenses will be paid by BACS, Francis said it is something we should be aware of.

### Insurance

#### Action for area to supply Mark Harrington with the membership figures by age breakdown by Friday 20 August 2010

18 – 35

36 – 50

50 – 65

65 +

#### NEC WILL BE INSERTING A NEW PARAGRAPH AS THE FEDERATION AIMS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO COVER PLUS WITH OUR INSURERS, AGREED FOR AGM TO HAVE DISCUSSION ABOUT AGE RANGE

The insurers asks for the Federation to change the aims of our organisation to make sure we as a federation were cover for insurance to the following

“Seeks to assist people, commonly but not exclusively, between the ages of 18-35 to develop a personal philosophy and appreciate life through the provision of opportunity for participation in cultural, social and recreational activities”

This changes the current aims of the Federation which appear on our website and reflect the Federation as it is today.

This aim was adopted by the NEC present who will debate further with at their area conferences

The statement places on organisers of national and area scale events additional responsibilities in making sure that the people who turn up for events are able to do the activities involved therefore organisers must make a sure that a risk assessment is completed and sent to National Finance Officer so that he can pass to the insurers.

### **7 & 8 Motions**

None for issue & none have been returned

### **9 National Officers**

The following are still vacant PLUS needs theses positions filled to help with the running of the Federation

NEC Administrator

Training Officer

Publicity Officer

### **10 National Meeting**

The November NEC meeting will be held at the Quadrant Business in Coventry

### **11 Training**

Francis Wallington presented to the NEC what training courses can be run by trainers in PLUS and those associated with PLUS

NEC mention that most would like to a Food Hygiene course with a recognisable certificate at the end of it would appeal to members.

It was action for Francis Wallington to bring to the NEC meeting a proposal to do a Food Hygiene course leading to a recognisable qualification.

### **12 Business Plan**

#### **TARGET 70**

The NEC updated the business plan

It was agreed to for all PLUS groups to try and recruit two or three members each during to 2010 so that the area's overall can contribute to 70 new members of the Federation in 2011, Area chairman to visit each group in their area as well.

### **13 Publicity**

#### **Website**

John Smith said that new software will be used to replace the current software used. Announced it was Drupal Commons which would make the website like FACEBOOK. John Smith would like to present the website by the AGM 2011. It was agreed to create user id's for NEC to get a feel for the website.

### **Press Competition**

Lincs Quest sent John Smith an envelope of press cutting recently, no other group has sent John press cuttings.

### **14 Groups Development**

#### **Open**

None

#### **Closed**

None

### **15 National Diary**

#### **SEAT**

Adrian Barnard gave details of this event, cost is £100 each person, in Cotswold weekend break in December, cover 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners, Bourton on the Water, parking is free for residents.

Adrian Barnard is hoping to run NGOOT in the Cotswold in 2011.

#### **National Skiing**

This event is booked

#### **SADY**

Erica reported that SADY mention this made a loss of £488.61, National Stake is £1,965.00 it was agreed to write off £465.00 of National stake in SADY

#### **National Annual General Meeting**

Francis Wallington said that he will be preparing to run a treasure hunt on the Sunday morning after the event.

BREAN 2011

The dates of next year event was announced as Friday 8 April to Monday 11 2011

Remember both Bexi Cooke and Adam Redshaw require your help to run to BREAN next year to make it the successful event it is

## Any Other Business

### Video Filming

An area reported that a group in its area was unhappy that filming was taking place at their group venue, It was reported that it should be made aware to all members that video filming takes place in PLUS and is usually viewable on some external websites, perhaps areas would put a statement about video filming when the memberships forms are sent to members. It was agreed that groups can ask for video filming to be stopped or be pointed away from them.

### Platinum Awards

John Smith people are not applying for these awards; John Smith said perhaps we should be proactive in awarding them at this NEC meeting

### Northern Area

Lincs Quest

Rothwell

### Southern Area

Soton Friends

Fareham

### Midland Area

Sutton Coldfield

### North Thames & Chiltern Area

Stevenage

Slough

### Anglia & Southern Area

The meeting closed at 5.16pm next meeting in Coventry on the 20 November 2010.