

National Federation of Plus Area's



The Quadrant Review

National Executive Committee Meeting – May 2011 Round up

Present

Vice Presidents

Gerry Edwards
Francis Wallington

General Purpose Committee

Chairman - Adrian Barnard
Honorary General Secretary - James Oliver
National Finance Officer - Mark Harrington

National Executive Committee

Matt Dickinson – Deputy National Chairman (North Thames & Chiltern Area Chair)
Chris Mann (Anglia and South East Area Chair)
John Smith (Northern Area Chair)
Kath Good (Southern Area Chair)
Corinna Teale (Midland Area Representative)

Project Officers

Adam Redshaw – National Publicity Officer
Becki Cooke – BREAN 2011 coordinator

Observers

Kevin Crowfoot
Robert Blanks
Steve Rolfe
Nicky Ansell

1 Open Meeting

The meeting was opened by Adrian Barnard at 10.23am this was caused by couple people have car problems and the turnout at the NEC meeting

2 Review of the Meeting Procedure

Delegates and observers where reminder to set phones to silent or switch them off and only one person to speak at a time for the recording.

3 Acknowledgement of Proxies

Corinna Teale was acknowledge to the representative for Midland Area

4 Amendment and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

4.1.1 November 2010 Minutes Points of Accuracy

All points of Accuracy where dealt with in the Pre AGM Meeting in February 2011, apart from Matt Dickinson corrected the spelling of Drupal which was corrected.

The November minutes were proposed by Midland and seconded by Anglia and South East Area.

Carried Unanimously

4.1.2 February 2011 Pre AGM Meeting – Points of Accuracy

No Points of accuracy for the minutes

The February 2011 minutes were proposed by Midland and seconded by Anglia and South East Area

For - Four

Against – Zero

Abstention – One

Carried by Majority.

4.2 Action List – February 2011

- 4.2.1. Risk assessments – Ongoing
- 4.2.2. National Officer on Area Bank Accounts - Ongoing
- 4.2.3. 2011 PLUS Platinum Jubilee Details
- 4.2.4. National Trophy Register - Ongoing
- 4.2.5. Website Team Meeting – On Hold
- 4.2.6. List of Members banned from PLUS – Ongoing

4.3 Matters Arising

Risk Assessments - Corinna Teale asked when a risk assessments should be done Adrian Barnard replied that any activity that involves members of the public as well as PLUS been present.

70th Jubilee – Chris Mann reported that Anglia & South East Area reported that their Summer Ball is on the 2nd July mainly an area event but members from other area are invited as well. Corinna Teale ask whether it is reasonably to have two national scale Summer Ball and Kings Lynn close to together, Chris Mann reported that Summer Ball is an Area Scale event only. Southern Area reported that they are doing a Beach BBQ with ex members invited. Northern Area said that a reunion disco is been planned for December.

Barnet PLUS - Corinna Teale ask Matt Dickson why is Barnet still in PLUS, Matt respond that Barnet decide not to move over to QUEST status yet, however a majority of members are over the age limit so it might happen.

Membership Cards - Kath Good mention that the situation is been monitored by the area committee.

5 Officers Reports

1 National Chairman

None

2 Honorary General Secretary

James Oliver was ask from which website did the contact came and a which email address as well.

3 North Thames & Chiltern Area

Steve Rolfe asked Chiswick Quest with two members was it feasible Matt Dickinson said that Ian Crawshaw is always looking to expand the Quest group. Steve Rolfe asked about expanding the groups in Matt Area's Matt responded that they tried with "Ricky PLUS" however the group did not work out.

4 Anglia & South Area Area

Chris Mann reported still problems with a local IVC and West Kent PLUS, with IVC still poaching members from PLUS.

5 Northern Area

Comments about the fact that Northern Area relies on Lincs Quest for its membership it was noted that only two plus groups have members in the 18 – 35 age range.

6 Midland Area

Corinna Teale was allowed to give a verbal report to the meeting, of the activities of Midland Area, lots of competitions existing members are seeing the value of PLUS membership with the free places at events.

7 Southern Area

No questions for Southern Area Report.

The reports were Proposed by Northern Area

Seconded by Anglia & South East Area

Carried

6 Finance Update

6.1 National Finance Officer Report

Mark Harrington went through the figures as at 14 May 2011. The Federation is still solvent!

6.2 Outstanding Debts

It was reported that Northern Area and Midland Area owe money to National.

6.3 Budget 2011

This will be held over to the August meeting due to time constraints.

6.4 General

Mark reported that he had received a number of risk assessments since the last meeting. Francis was happy that someone other than him or Corinna Teale has submitted one.

6.5 Cheques Stopping in 2018

Francis Wallington mentioned using the August meeting to discuss this in more detail. Corinna Teale mentioned the use of a pre-payment credit card, the focus should be on how the member pays us. Matt Dickinson also mentioned how the groups pay the areas as well. Adam Redshaw mentioned discussing the issue at the July conferences to have some proposal to National Finance Officer. Adrian Barnard mentioned that this would be a good action point.

Action Point: -Area's to discuss the abolishing of cheques 2018 at their July conferences and report back to National Finance Officer with results of their discussions

Proposed by Midland and seconded by Southern

7 Southern Area / North Thames & Chiltern Area Groups

This was an in-camera session to discuss the Didcot PLUS group, chaired by a Vice President. It was agreed by those NEC members present that Didcot be allowed to move to North Thames and Chiltern area subject to certain conditions. An area chairman was censured by a Vice President. The session lasted two hours.

Action Point: - Honorary General Secretary to write letter to Didcot PLUS Group, Southern Area committee about the Didcot Transfer decision

8 Area Motions for Issued / Area Motions Returned

None

9 Election / co-option of National Officers

NEC Administrator

National Publications Officer / Plus News Editor

John Smith will carry one being PLUS news editor in the interim

Internet coordinator

National Training Officer

National Activities Officer

No positions where filled at this meeting.

10 National Meetings

10.1 Dates for National Meetings

Adrian went through the dates for the forth coming NEC meetings and AGM 2012

10.2 Annual General Meeting 2011

A review of the 2011 Annual General meeting took place feedback from the event included poor car parking at the hotel, size for the conference was cramped, observers could not see the conference, alleged haunted hotel rooms, the evening events were praised by the NEC as been excellent. Corinna Teale mention about items paid for that where not in the original budget. This included the Pirate Treasure Hunt. The cost of the treasure hunt came to £158.00. Corinna Teale mention about the lack of support from other areas for this celebration.

Motion

That Midland Area be allow to fore go the cost of the August Affiliation fee as compensate for absorbing the cost of the Pirate Treasure Hunt in February 2011

Agreed

10.3 Tenders 2012

NEC agreed to hold over to the August NEC meeting when it will have more time to be discussed however it an action point for area to come back to National with any tenders for the 2012 AGM.

10.4 Invitation of Groups

On Hold as venue has not been agreed.

11 Training

Francis Wallington mention that Food safety course was a great success all delegates who attend. Chris Mann ask Francis about doing an "Inspire" type training event. Francis Wallington said yes although "All areas must be willing to provide for funds for this event" Corinna Teale raised a point.

Action Point

Area Chairman's to discuss putting in £500.00 for funding for an "Inspire" type event.

12 Business Plan

Various minor amendments where discussed by those present. Mainly date changes and words need removing.

13 Publicity

13.1 Press Campaign

Adam Redshaw mention that Lincs Quest has sent him a load of press cuttings recently. Adam Redshaw would like to do a National Publicity Day building on some of the ideas which has been generated from the National AGM. Corinna Teale mention about advertising on Facebook, will be singing from the same songsheet. Southern Area has started its own website by using Google "Apps". Adrian Barnard said perhaps the NEC would like to set up a National Training Day

Motion

To Spend up to £400 from the National reserves for a National Publicity Training Day.

Proposed by Midland Area

Seconded by Northern Area Carried

Adam mention that this would not be just about Facebook, or google ads. Lincs Quest would be invited to give feedback on how they do publicity so well. Francis Wallington mention that the venue require would need internet access, so that the delegates can watch the ads go live on Facebook, also a more realistic budget was required. Adrian suggested that another action point be raised for areas to speak to their groups about coming back to the NEC about this publicity event. The £400 was only to get the ball rolling.

Action Point: - Area's to feedback to National Publicity Officer about a National Publicity Training Day by 1st July and August NEC meeting

13.2 Website

John Smith has now install Drupal commons on the website servers, it is now in section which is house in the training modules of the website. John plans deletes certain section on the training website which conflict with Drupal modules. John Smith and Matt Dickinson is looking into RSS feeds posting which is technical possible. Mention that some Anglia and South East area blogs are now posted direct into the website, and a feed in Facebook and feeds from twitters accounts is possible. John is looking to idea of RSS feeds from meetup accounts.

14 Group Development

14.1 New Groups / Group Merges

Adam Redshaw mention that he was in discussion with someone about restarting the old Cardiff PLUS group again. Steve Rolfe mention about setting up Basingstoke Quest group, however this was only at a very early stage.

14.2 Closed Groups

None

15 Activities

15.1 Diary

Adrian Barnard went through the NATIONAL dairy at the moment
4th June National 5-a-side football
26 June National Tennis Competition
Friday 15 July King Lynn Summer Do incorporating National Rounders
Friday 5 August – 7 Solihull Camping in Tewkesbury
early September 3C's Cornwall, Camping or Caravaning
10 September National Holiday to Turkey
Friday 4 to Monday 7 November WASH II they want us back
Saturday 18 February 6th National AGM

James Oliver mentions would any area be interested in attending National Ten Pin Bowling competition in Early October, organised by Solihull Plus in the Midlands.

15.2 BREAN 2011

Becki Cook gave the NEC a round up of BREAN 2011 had 105 people attending this event any more, people would have been booked into Unity site, and made a small surplus of £138.69, although budget for 80 people had more booking which increase the accommodation costs and it allow for additional entertainment to be booked. Brean has more 6 six berths than 8 berth which cause problems booking people in. Becki mention about two missing key fobs which the respective area's have been charged. Corinna Teale asked for provisional dates for 2012, Becki said it would again likely to be early April 2012, Matt Dickinson said it is likely to near Easter in 2012. Steve Rolfe ask about feedback from the site, Adam Redshaw mention that BREAN are happy with us, despite slight niggles of people not leaving on time on Monday. Beck reported that Real Ale Trip was a mixed up between the organizers and the coach company, next year if it goes ahead it will be closer and incorporating a shopping trip as well. Corinna Teale ask not for wristbands next year. Becki Cook was willing to restand as BREAN co-ordinator for next year event.

16 Any Other Business

James Oliver mention that BBC Doomsday book project from 1986 is now online, BBC is looking to update this site James mention that PLUS could help this be updated and get mention in the process as they are looking for new articles more details online.

17 Date, Time and venue of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting was confirm to Saturday 13 August 2011 and time to start at 10.00am and venue was confirmed as Keele Management Centre in Keele University

18 Closed Meeting

Adrian Barnard closed the meeting at 17:52, thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Prepared by
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Honorary General Secretary
Thursday 19th May 2011**