

## **NEC MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Minutes by Ian**

Present:

Steve Rolfe (NC), Martin Posner (ASEAC), Tina Bunyan (NTACC), John Smith (MAC), Nicky Rolfe (SAC), Ben Allen (NAO), Adam Redshaw (NTO), Erica Knight (HGS), Adrian Barnard (VP), Ian Crawshaw (VP)

### **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Meeting opened at 21.30.

Hope everyone has settled in fine, thanks for coming.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Gerry Edwards, Jeff Rea, Alison Jones

### **3. Voting Strength**

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### **4. Minutes of last meeting (Nov 2023)**

Not discussed.

#### Matters Arising

None

### **5. Actions Review**

- Action – JS to look at raising the motion for upping the entry age (removing the barrier) for NAGM – in conjunction with Lincs Quest. JS did look into it but missed the deadline.
- Action – TB to find out how many members Dunstable has, via Russell Taylor – TB it's in her report.
- Action – All to locate plusgroupsuk on youtube and subscribe to it – Nothing discussed.
- Action – JR to check / instigate which domain goes to the "puppy" site. JR to use John's domain not 'direct to the puppy'. Not plusgroups.org.uk/landing Redirect it to: aboutmeetingfriendsplus.org.uk – This was started but still outstanding
- Action – All, to think about updated aims for Plus – Carried forward.

### **6. Update from organising committee for NAGM**

BA sent the information around and went through pre-AGM logistics and timings. Terry doing a walk the day after (Sunday). IC commended the organisers. 26-30 expected for disco.

## **7. MOTION FOR DEBATE**

(Removal of notion of centralised membership database)

EK – Infrastructure is there but nobody responded. Has data from Southern. There was a general feeling of apathy towards this. The NEC decided to be neutral on the motion.

## **8. Potential Issues**

One individual missed the deadline for submitting a debate item. A discussion on how much latitude to allow. SR wants to be firm on deadlines despite stuff often being submitted after deadline. AB – National Chair can make a ruling on the day whether to accept.

EK / JS – There is an emergency motion re: abolishing age limit entry of 65 (to enable older members). Some debate re: how urgent this is. AB / AR want to accept it – due to removal of our excessive stipulations of conditions from the Insurance company. BA – This needs to be on the Agenda.

AB – Gave a history about what insurance companies would insure us for! Risk assessments, who is liable when s\*it happens etc. Quoted at £850-900 for the Federation – which is about £3 per member!

Much discussion about Insurance levels and coverage with AB wondering if we could take a policy for 15 months, to avoid having to discuss it in February. Of all the quotes there was a vote to go with the cheapest yet most inclusive one. There was quite a disparity!

SR – says present the options and get Alison Jones to explain all of this.

## **9. AOB Not covered on Agenda**

Some logistics of the day were discussed. BA – no incentive as a delegate (as Nat Officer) as no subsidy. AR – wants National to cover these. IC – could we discuss subsidies on agenda? JS – feels project officers could claim expenses. NR – in favour of giving such officers an extra night – delay this to May NEC meeting.

## **10. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Come and have a drink in his room after NAGM and before the evening.

Meeting closed at 23.45.