

SUMMARY OF NEC MEETING - 15th & 16th JULY 2000

DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Adrian Barnard - Southern Area Chairman was elected as Deputy National Chairman.

NATIONAL PLAN

The NEC reviewed the 2000 plan. Copies will be available to groups shortly.

PLUS CLOTHING

The Midland Area Chairman explained that the current stocks of Plus Clothing had now run down. However, there was still a large stock of baseball caps from the old Central Area days. He asked the NEC for their opinions on whether more stock of clothing should be ordered, particularly as there was a potential for the Federation to change its' name. It was agreed to wait until after 2001 ANC before any new stock would be ordered.

UPDATE ON THE PILOT OF THE SECOND TIER

Gerry Edwards and Clive Gomme updated the NEC on the progress to date of the pilot second tier. Quest, as it is now known, has had a good response. Sixty packs had already been sent to potential enquiries. Two group nights were planned for August 2000, which included a cinema night and social. There was some concern by the NEC regarding Hillingdon's local decision that no associate over the age of 40 be allowed to attend the 18 Plus group night. The NEC agreed that pilot should be allowed to continue for another six months and a proposal for the future of the second tier be brought to 2001 NEC meeting.

AREA PLANS FOR 2000

Each Area gave an overview of the plans for 2000. These included:

- **Southern Area** - Membership had fallen over the last two months due to issues within two groups. However, these were currently, being addressed and the Southern Area Chairman hoped the trend would change.
- **East Anglia** - The East Anglia Chairman stated that the Area plan ran for the administrative year ie June - May. His Area operated the plan as a multiple choice with the groups. 8/9 responses had been received out of 14 groups. Generally, most tasks were completed, although not always to the right fashion.
- **London and South East Area** - It was reported that there was a new committee with new members who liaised on a regular basis. The priority was on opening new groups.
- **Midland Area** - It was reported that the plan was in the early stages due to communication issues in the early part of the year. However, this situation was being addressed.
- **Northern Area** - The plan had been circulated and reviewed at the May 2000 conference. However, attempts had been made to achieve items of the plan during the first half of the year without much success. It was hoped with the new Area Committee, this would be rectified.
- **North Thames & Chilterns Area** - Not represented at the NEC meeting.

OPEN FORUM

The NEC discussed the format of the Open Forum on 7 & 8 October 2000. It was agreed that the Forum would be held at a central location and would be an overnight event. The event would be run informally, to allow for free discussion. A nominal amount of £10 per person would be charged and any additional costs of running the weekend be borne by the Federation. All points would be brought back to the October NEC meeting.

LINDA STREET MEMORIAL

The National Chairman said that there had been many requests to have a Linda Street Memorial. Some of the ideas were discussed, which included: a planting a tree, naming the meeting room after Linda and some kind of National Competition. The NEC agreed that a Linda Street Award should be instigated and presented at ANCs. It would be presented to an individual who personified the spirit of 18 Plus. The National Chairman and Vice Presidents would make the decision upon consultation with the Area Chairman.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Spring Holiday 2001** - The National Activities Officer anticipated that 150 members would attend the holiday and accommodation would be mainly in caravans. The NEC agreed the budget for holiday. Therefore, the holiday would cost £47.50 per person to attend. An additional co-ordinator would be elected at the October NEC meeting.
- **Five-a-Side-Soccer** - The National Activities Officer presented a proposal for a National Five-a-Side competition. However, the NEC were concerned that there was only one pitch available, although it was expected that twelve teams attend the event and the cost per team. After some discussion, it was agreed not to pursue the discussion further.
- **National Ski-ing Holiday** - The Southern Area would be running this event. Details were available on the website and would be available in the bulk posting.
- **NGOOT 2000** - The NGOOT 2000 co-ordinator presented the accounts for the event. A surplus of £102.02 was made. He reported the feedback from the event had been positive.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The National Chairman pointed out that the membership statistics were dismal. Each Area was urged to work hard to rectify the situation. Some Areas indicated that they were dealing with the decline in their areas.

NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER POSITION

After six years in the post, Carolyn Edwards was now at the end of term and would, therefore, be standing down. No-one had come forward to take over the position. Whilst the role would be covered, this was only a temporary arrangement and the Area Chairmen were urged to identify someone else to take. Anyone interested should contact Viv Deeley - National Chairman.

EAST ANGLIA PREMIER PROGRAMME GRANT

East Anglia was given a grant of £1,200 by the NEC to run a Premier Programme within East Anglia Area. There would be an issue every two months at £200 per issue which would be sent to every member within the Area. There would be eight pages which would contain details of Group nights, write-ups for selected highlights and articles which advertise weekend events. The collation and posting would be done by the Editor. The East Anglia Chairman believed in future years that Programme would be self financing.

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- **Feedback for 2000** - There was some concern expressed about the lack of motions from the NEC and groups. It was agreed that that we should be working towards the ANC for the next year. The Area Chairman were asked to make a slot available on the November 2000 Area Conference agendas in order that a presentation could be made on the ANC and trophies which were awarded at the ANC. The general organisation of the ANC was thought to be of a high standard.
- **ANC 2001** - The NEC agreed to hold the ANC 2001 on 28 & 29 April 2001 at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry.
- **Future ANCs** - Karen Grey reported that in the past it had been possible to obtain free venues from councils, which had kept the delegate cost low. It was no longer possible to secure free venues. This, of course, affected the delegate cost. She felt that it was necessary to review how

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the ANC was organised in the future. The Area Chairmen were asked to discuss with their areas and feedback to the October NEC meeting.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Karen Grey updated the NEC on the plans so far for the Diamond Jubilee celebration on 21 & 22 September 2001 at Nottingham. It was hoped that many older members would go to the event. Press releases would be sent out around the country. In order to keep the costs down, interested individuals would be asked to send in stamp addressed envelopes for more information.

APPOINTMENTS

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| NGOOT 2001 Co-ordinator | Dave Filer |
| ANC 2001 Organising Committee Chairman | Karen Grey |
| ANC 2001 Organising Committee | Andy Deeley |
| | Sandra Bradshaw |
| | Carolyn Edwards |

Sandra Bradshaw
Honorary *General Secretary*
7 August 2000