

JULY 2001 NEC MEETING SUMMARY

This is a summary of the NEC Meeting held 7th & 8th July 2001 in Newent.

Appointments

The following appointments were made:-

Deputy National Chairman - Tim Moores (North Thames & Chilterns Area Chairman)

National Executive Officers - Gerry Edwards, Jo Woodhead

National Activities Officer - Jarrett Smith

National Development Officer - Iain Parkes

ANC Chairman - Sandra Cawthra

ANC Bookings Officer - Jo Woodhead

ANC Treasurer - Linda Burgess

ANC committee member - Andy Deeley

Spring time holiday Co-ordinator - Wayne Fenton

Treasurers Trophy

Tony Burgess confirmed that the trophy was not awarded at the ANC 2001 as at the time, he was new to the post of National Finance Officer and did not have the opportunity to check who was eligible to receive the award.

Since the ANC, he had checked the accounts and information supplied by each of the Area Treasurers in 2000. He was delighted to award the Treasurers Trophy to Caroline Hayter of Midland Area. The Midland Area Chairman accepted the trophy on her behalf.

ANC 2001/2002

Feedback to the ANC committee was good. The hotel was happy to have us back for the 2002 ANC and not increase the price. The ANC Chairman reported that the hotel was happy to give 18 Plus members a reduced rate at the bar in line with the Student evenings that they run.

The NEC felt that most members should have mastered the Coventry ring road by now and agreed that the 2002 ANC should be held at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry on 20th/21st April 2002.

Awards & Trophies

The NEC was concerned at the lack of entries for the trophies at the ANC

2001. It believed the criteria should be updated and that entry for a trophy should be made easier. It was suggested that perhaps an entry form could be produced for each trophy, outlining the criteria for that particular trophy.

The GPC and Jo Woodhead agreed to look into this and report back to the October NEC meeting.

Spring Holiday

The outgoing National Activities Officer, Wayne Fenton confirmed that the event went well and had made a profit. Feedback from those who attended was good and he had taken on board suggestions for improving such an event.

The Spring Holiday 2002 will be held at "Brean Sands" on 1st – 4th March 2002.

TAG

Unfortunately, no publicity for this event had been sent out to date.

The NEC felt that the event should go ahead but on a smaller scale. Sandra Cawthra agreed to take over the co-ordination of the event which will be held at the National Watersports Centre, Nottingham over the August Bank Holiday. The cost will be £20 for the whole weekend. Plussers will also have the opportunity to try the many activities offered by the centre (at extra cost)

Working Party

Unfortunately, the HGS had not received the promised feedback from the Groups after the ANC.

The general consensus of opinion of the Area Chairmen was that their members did not like the proposal put forward by the previous Working Party. Many members had felt that the original Working Party had contained too many National tier members. The NEC felt that the original Working Party had completed their task and thanked everyone for their help.

The NEC decided to set up another Working Party to include a cross section of members. They felt that the Working Party should be lead by a facilitator and Jo Woodhead was elected

The NEC asked that the Working Party report to each NEC meeting. The NEC confirmed that such reports would be made available to the rest of the members for feedback and discussion. The Working Party was mandated to conclude its investigations and present its final proposals to the January 2003 NEC meeting. The NEC will then choose one of the proposals for presentation

as a motion for the restructuring to the ANC 2003.

The NEC decided that anybody wishing to stand on the working Party should send a letter of application to the office. Jo Woodhead pointed out that meetings were likely to be held every two months at a central location. She asked that anybody wishing to stand on the Working Party should take into account the fact that it is a long-term position.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

This prestigious event is to be held on 22nd / 23rd September 2001 in Nottingham.

Tickets for the evening Dinner Dance are selling fast and members are therefore urged to return their booking forms as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

Think Tank

The NEC felt that although in theory this was a good idea, in practice it had not worked. Currently, there were no members on the Think Tank and according to its terms of reference, it was due for review.

The NEC decided to put forward a motion to the next ANC asking for the Think Tank to be abolished.

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Honorary General Secretary
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