

**National Federation of Plus Area**

**Pre National Annual General Meeting**

**Date 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Venue County Hotel, Walsall**

Present

**Vice President**

Sandra Brogan

**General Purpose Committee**

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

**National Executive Committee**

Anglia & South East Area - Joseph Gurney (Deputy National Chairman)  
North Thames & Chiltern Area - Matt Dickinson  
Midland Area - Erica Knight  
Southern Area - Kath Good  
Northern Area - Matthew Riley

**Project Officers**

John Smith – Plus News Editor

**1 Open Meeting**

Adrian Barnard opened the meeting at 8.45am

**2 Apologies for Absence and Lateness**

None

**3 Amendment & Acceptance of November 2009 Summary**

Matthew Riley raised a point of accuracy that Robert Jones would like to run NEAT this year but in another area.

The Summary where proposed by North Thames and Chiltern Area, and seconded by Midland Area

For – 4

Abstention – 1

Against – Nil

Carried Nem Con

**4 Action List**

- 01 Plus groups invite to 4<sup>th</sup> National AGM – Done
- 02 Risk Assessments to NFO – Ongoing
- 03 Area Chairman AGM Deadlines – Done
- 04 Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM - Done
- 05 Transfer of bank accounts from Barclays to Natwest - Done
- 06 Plusgroups website storage – Ongoing
- 07 Plusgroups.org.uk bandwidth reduction – ongoing
- 08 FISH DVD back from Tracey Thorn – Done – Adrian Barnard holds the copy
- 09 May August NEC minutes - Done

- 10 Natwest Free Marketing – Cancelled
- 11 Transfer of funds into Natwest – Ongoing
- 12 Vice Presidents on to Natwest Account – Ongoing
- 13 National Chairman or National Officer on to Area's Bank Mandate– Ongoing
- 14 Upper Age Limit in Plus on Insurance – Ongoing
- 15 Insurance Documents to Plusgroups.org.uk - Done (45 seconds ago)
- 16 Independent Examiner for 2011 Accounts – Cancelled
- 18 Banned Members list – Ongoing
- 19 Section 9 Model group Constitution – Done
- 20 NEC Weekend in May – done
- 21 National AGM Accommodation - Done
- 22 National Finance Officer to replace missing Area Treasure's trophy - Done
- 23 National Chairman Excellent Award Medals – Done
- 24 Emails from Plusgroups.org.uk – Ongoing
- 25 Website Team to have meeting in 2010 – Ongoing
- 26 2011 PLUS Platinum jubilee – Ongoing

## **5 Matters Arising from Past Minutes**

### **Natwest Free Marketing**

Mark Harrington reported that although Natwest do offer 2 months free marketing it would cost about several thousand of pounds after that for the year.

### **National Chairman on Area's Bank Account signature**

Matthew Dickinson suggested to keeping area signatory, up to date Adrian Barnard mention to alter action to ensure that area signatory are up to date. Joe Gurney mention about 9.2.1 model area constitution Adrian Barnard mention about perhaps something need to be discussed at the area's and possible remove, Sandra Brogan mention that removing 9.2.1 is possible an item for another conference, along with item 3.3.8 from the National Constitution.

### **Independent Examiner of the Plus Accounts form 2011**

Matthew Riley mention that is was discussed in his area the response he got back was that it should be a PLUS member. Matthew Dickinson said that his area believed it should a PLUS member, Katie Hawkins is happy to do it and she is independent of the NEC. The general feeling in NT&CA is that a PLUS member understands the accounts.

### **NEC Weekend in May 2010**

The result from the table is a no for the weekend this year.

### **Emails from Plusgroups.org.uk**

Kath Good ask about 0845 number, James Oliver mention about the 0845 is directed to his phone number Adrian Barnard mention that all emails go to Matthew Mole and he then send to Adrian Barnard the emails for the enquiries. John Smith also said that no date has been set for a website team meeting in 2010

### **Plus Platinum Jubilee**

Kath Good mention they found out which Oxford College it started at which was a small college called St Peter's College, Oxford so the plan might be to stage it at a another Oxford college. Matthew Riley mentioned it will be discussed at the Northern Area Conference in April. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_Peter%27s\\_College,\\_Oxford](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Peter%27s_College,_Oxford)

## **6 The Preview of 4<sup>th</sup> AGM Agenda and 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM Minutes**

Joe Gurney reported that item 13 should not be simple majority, it is constitutionally therefore should be 75% majority, James Oliver response that he had noted the error and sent out a second one which had the correct majority and was correct on Plusgroups website.

### **Facility for National Debate & Southern Area Motion**

James Oliver reported that two items have been received by him, the first was communication in Plus by Emma Campbell of Sutton Coldfield, and the other was Kathy Morris about members who wish to transfer membership to another plus group Kath Good, Matt Dickinson and Sandra Brogan all yes this could happened and does happen in Plus in the past and will

happen in the future, Sandra Brogan ask is it still worth discussing it, as it appears to be a Solihull Plus issue rather than National issue, Sandra Brogan suggested that James Oliver and Adrian Barnard speak to Kathy Morris to see if Kathy would like to take the item to the floor. Adrian Barnard asked for other items, for the National Debate, Matt Dickinson and Kath Good mention about WASH, it was agreed by the other area chairs to allow it in the National Debate, Matthew Riley asked for the independent examiner to discussed at the next NEC meeting, Adrian Barnard reported that three out five area's where against therefore it is a dead issue in PLUS. Sandra Brogan mentions that she would like to speak about the Platinum Jubilee in 2011 in the National Debate.

Matt Riley mention about the NT&CA comment James Oliver and Adrian Barnard both said no it would not be allow as James Oliver had not received any nomination from this person, Matt Dickinson stated that the person is not a serious candidate. Kath Good mentions that the motion for debate would be lead by Janet Rintoul. John Smith asked if the NEC is in favour or against the motion, Adrian Barnard mention the NEC does not get a say, Matt Dickinson said that the floor might ask the floor for a view, Adrian Barnard mentioned that it might make sense shall / should PLUS is a voluntary organisation. Two crosses half people as delegates, John Smith did not agree with this motion, Kath Good mention that it was hard enough getting people to her Area council meetings, Kath Good also said that many groups do not write to their area administrator two weeks before the event to tell the Area Administrator who the delegates are in advance, John Smith mention that he was un interested in the writing bit, Kath Good mention it was not her who rewrote the motion, Sandra Brogan mention that other issue if you ignore this bit of the constitution, Sandra Brogan mention that Kath Good had good point about PLUS been a voluntary organisation, she also said you have a problem with the second bit of the motion about the chairman should attend, Joe Gurney said if this motion goes through then you would have chaos with people turning up to represent groups they might not be entitle to represent. Sandra Brogan said that there are two elements to this motion which the person putting across the motion will need to get across to the floor. Matt Dickinson said the word "should" does not belong in the constitution, Matt Dickinson said it would be pointless to have a "should" in the constitution. Sandra Brogan mention the need for the constitutions to be pragmatic, Matthew Riley mention that without delegates we would not been able to have meetings. Adrian Barnard mention it is down to the floor NEC will remain neutral on the issue.

### **Points of Accuracy**

Joe Gurney mentions that a point of Accuracy has been raised with James Oliver.

### **7 National Awards**

- 7.1 PRESIDENT'S TROPHY (AB/ GE /SB) – Best Group
- 7.2 COBB DUAL-PURPOSE JUG MUG (AB) – Best Area
- 7.3 TREASURERS TROPHY (MH)
- 7.4 RECRUITMENT TROPHY (JAO)
- 7.5 NEW GROUP TROPHY (JAO)
- 7.6 Charities Trophy (MH)
- 7.7 Gold Trail Trophy (JAO)
- 7.8 THE CHARLES PADGHAM TRAINING TROPHY (JAO)
- 7.9 Norbury Trophy – Best Magazine (John Smith)
- 7.10 National Publicity Trophy (JS)
- 7.11 National Chairman Merit Award (AB)
- 7.12 National Chairman Excellent Award (AB)
- 7.13 Linda Street Spirit of Plus Award (AB / GE / SB)

John Smith and Sandra Brogan both left the meeting after this agenda item

### **9 Elections of Honorary Officials**

#### **9.1 Election of Vice Presidents**

The following were people were nominated to be Vice Presidents of Plus

#### **Sandra Brogan Gerry Edwards**

They were proposed by Joe Gurney of Anglia & South East Area  
Seconded by Matthew Riley of Northern Area  
Carried Unanimously

### **John Smith**

Was proposed by Matthew Riley of Northern Area  
Seconded by Erica Knight of Midland Area

Carried Unanimously

## **9.2 Deputy National Chairman**

### **Nominee – Matthew Dickinson of North Thames and Chiltern Area**

Joe Gurney proposed Matt Dickinson to be Deputy National Chairman  
Matthew Riley seconded the motion

Carried Unanimously

## **9.3 Independent Examiner of the Federation Accounts (Auditor) Nominee - Katie Hawkins**

Was proposed by Mathew Dickinson of North Thames & Chiltern Area and seconded by  
Matthew Riley of Northern Area

Carried Unanimously

Sandra Brogan returned back to the meeting

## **10 Any Other Business**

### **10.1 Barkingside**

A discussion about the dispute between Barkingside Plus and Anglia and South East Area as to whether the Barkingside closure should be upheld, after a debate the following motion was submitted.

Erica Knight propose the following motion to the NEC

**That for one day only Midland Area opens a Barkingside group to allow for voting rights at the National AGM only**

Proposed by Midland Area  
Seconded by Southern Area  
For – 3  
Abstention – Nil  
Against - 2

Kath Good said this is just an admin exercise, Sandra Brogan said the decision will only for the smooth running of the National Annual Meeting. Also it will need to be explained to Andy Campbell that is a one off for today.

Barkingside will be discussed at the Next NEC meeting in May 2010

### **10.2 HSE The Event Safety Guide Book**

The Area's Chairman and GPC who are Adrian Barnard, James Oliver and Mark Harrington were all given a copy of The Event Safety Guide which was issued by the HSE and who transactions was authorised by NEC.

## **11 Close Meeting**

Adrian Barnard closed the meeting at 9.57am