

Minutes of the National Executive Committee November 2014
Held the Greswold Hotel on Saturday 22 November 2014

1 Open Meeting

Mike Clarkson, National Chair open the meeting at 16:06 welcome the all the Open Space delegates and the NEC to this NEC meeting hopes that everyone who attends as an observer is shown what happens at National tier, mention that he may have to leave the meeting early to attend an other appointment at his home.

2 Apologies for Absence and Lateness.

The following apologies were received

Lisa Heaton (Midland Area Chair)
Erica Knight (Honorary General Secretary)
Joan Clifford (NEC Administrator)
Pete Newson (ASEA Chair)

Lateness

None

3 Acknowledgement & Election of Proxies and Area representative

Kathy Morris was acknowledge as Midland Area Representative
Paul Catterwell was elected as the representative of Anglia & South East Area

3.1 Voting Strength of NEC

The voting strength of the NEC was set at 4

Gerry Edwards Vice President suggested to save time that the reports be voted in en-bloc, this was accepted by the NEC

4 Minutes of last meeting

4.1.1 Points of Accuracy

None

4.2.2 Acceptance of August 2014 NEC meeting Minutes

The minutes were proposed by North Thames and Chiltern Area
Seconded by Southern Area

Carried Unanimously

4.3 Review of Action list

4.4 Matters arising thereon

None

5 Officers Reports

Francis Wallington (Observer) mention concern about the future of Midland Area, with key people in the area wishing to withdrawn from PLUS one due family commitments and the for other reasons. Kathy Morris mention that Midland Area is investing heavily in advertising campaign through the What On magazine. Paul Catterwell (ASEA Proxy) mention the unresolved issued about Barkingside monies, Paul speaking as WASH committee members said it would help budget for future events. Matt Dickinson said it was a shame that other people from Anglia & South East Area did not come to this event, it was a positive occasion which would have benefited ASEA.

The reports were proposed by Southern Area,
Seconded by North Thames and Chiltern Area

Carried Unanimously

Action National Finance Officer to look into members children attending PLUS events with our insurers

6 Finance Officers Report

John Smith was concerned at the report detail offer at last year AGM report said that it was used not in a manner that Plus should be expect a volunteer.

Proposed by North Thames and Chiltern Area
Seconded by Southern Area

Carried Unanimously

Action National Finance Officer clarify with our Insurers that we have or have not Trustee liability insurance

7 Publicity

Adam Redshaw (Observer) mention a having a poster competition, John Smith said Adam idea had some sense and is worth pursuing, a good prize is need to make this competition any good various ideas where suggested as a prize

8 PowPow

Mike Clarkson National chairman announced that he was leaving the meeting as he had another appointment to go. Matt Dickinson took over the chair. Gerry Edwards Vice President also announced he was leaving the meeting Francis Wallington mention that he was stepping up to be presiding Vice President.

James Oliver said PowPow was good, really enjoy it. Adam Redshaw mention an idea of holding a more PowPow / NEC meeting, ½ NEC ½ Pow Pow type events, Matt Dickinson NTCA Chair holding too many PowPow types events would devalue the impact Powpow creates.

Action General Purpose Committee investigates the possibility of moving the NEC meeting around the UK.

Motion

The costs of running PowPow 2015 is taken from Charles Padgman Training reserve

Proposed by North Thames and Chiltern Area
Seconded by Southern Area

Carried Unanimously

9 Memberships

This matter was discussed

10 Membership fee

North Thames and Chiltern proposed that the automatic £1.00 rise be cancel and the membership fee stays at £20.00

Seconded by Southern Area

Carried Unanimously

11 National Meetings

11.3

Motion

The groups are invited the National Annual General Meeting 2015 to be held at the Oak Hotel in Hockley Heath

**Proposed by North Thames and Chiltern Area
Seconded by Southern Area**

Carried Unanimously

12 Other Matters
None

13 Activities

The current national scale activities was discussed.

13.1

Action National Finance Officer to NEC by end of 7th December to decide if Plus Spring Holiday is happening in 2015

Action National Finance Officer to work with NEC Administrator in producing a National diary

Francis Wallington mention about moving the Angelsey Walking Weekend to Shropshire area

14 Any Other Business

14.1 Harrow Coffeepot

Matt Dickinson mention that discussions are in an advance stage with Harrow Coffeepot about federating with PLUS, Francis Wallington Vice President remind Matt about the constitutionally requirements for such a merger to take place, Harrow have a few members who are also with Plus.

14.2 Buckinghamshire Plus Group

Matt Dickinson mention that Ben Allen was proposing to open a Plus group in Buckinghamshire area. Nicky Rolfe Southern Area chair express some disquiet about this news especially as there is a group in South Bucks,

Action North Thames and Chiltern Area and Southern Area chairs to contact Ben Allen about his new proposed Buckinghamshire group for more information

14.3 AGM

Nicky Rolfe mention about withdrawing her motion from the AGM

Action North Thames and Chiltern chair to have motion written up by end of December.

Action General Purpose committee will have restructure motion presented by end of the year.

Matt Dickinson said his motion will make areas optional. Matt also went on that motions will need to an enabling date. Francis Wallington said that Adam Redshaw franchisee idea good but it is Spice

James Oliver said that the National Federation will be mention in the Sun newspaper Dear Deidre column this weekend,

Action Groups to be made aware of this news article via discussion forums and Facebook by the National Finance officer

15 Close Meeting

Matt Dickinson closed the meeting at 17:47

16 Date, Time and Venue of next meeting.

The Date of the next meeting is Saturday 28 February 2015 at The Oak Hotel in Hockley Heath.