

Northern Area Conference
O'Neills Great George Street Leeds
22nd May 2005

Present

Chairman, John A Smith (JAS)
Treasurer, Robert Jones (RJ)
GCM, Alison Cumbers (AC)
Dave Orsler (DO)

Leeds

Andy Johnson (AJ)
Peter Baldwin (PB)

Bradford

Alison Cumbers (AC)
James Sheard (JS)

Rothwell

Ellen White (EW)
Nigel Whitehouse (NW)

Northwich

Dave Orsler (DO)

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

JAS thanked everyone for coming and confirmed that Northern Area membership had increased by six as announced at the ANC

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Lincs Quest and Karen Chaplin (Rothwell)

3. Officers Reports

3.1. Chairman

JAS has enjoyed the role and wishes to re-stand

3.2. Administrator

JAS reported that Janet Rintoul did a good job particularly in the events she organised.

3.3. Treasurer

RJ distributed copies of the financial report and DO asked why Leeds group paid £10 when everyone else paid £15. RJ confirmed that Leeds group had paid a deposit for an event.

Acceptance of the reports

Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Carried unanimously

4. Election of Officers

4.1. Chairman

JAS wished to stand again. He said he would like to see the Area expand on the success of last year

Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Elected unanimously

4.2. Administrator

EW wished to stand as she has done the role for Rothwell for eighteen months and feels she has done a good job.

Proposed Rothwell Seconded Leeds
Elected unanimously

4.3. Treasurer

AC wished to undertake the role. She said she had already played a part in helping RJ who holds the current role. Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Elected unanimously

4.4. Memberships Officer

A discussion took place as to whether or not we needed to elect for this role at the present time. It was decided that someone should be brought in. RJ wished to undertake the role. He said that his knowledge of computers would allow him to maintain the database efficiently.

Proposed Bradford Seconded Rothwell
Elected unanimously

4.5. Activities Officer

Karen Chaplin (Rothwell) was unable to attend the meeting but was interested in the role.

Proposed Rothwell Seconded Bradford
Elected unanimously

4.6 General Committee Member

DO wished to undertake the role
Proposed Rothwell Seconded Leeds
Elected unanimously

5. New Constitution

JAS briefly outlined the new constitution which will come into force following the election of the Area Option at the ANC. Membership is currently £29 but will decrease to £25. There is a maximum of three terms on the Committee for the role of Treasurer but there is no limit for the other positions.

6. National Scale Events run by Area

6.1 SADY

Summer at Dalesbridge Yorkshire takes place from 17/06/05 to 19/06/05. JAS believed it would be a successful event and encouraged everyone to promote it.

6.2 Bradford Bargain Break & National Karting

Organised by Janet Rintoul from 10/09/05 to 11/09/05. Includes go-karting, treasure hunt and dance. Members from the local area are being encouraged to attend the meal and dance although it is understood they may not wish to stay overnight.

7. Area scale Events run by Group

7.1 Area Treasure Hunt

Organised by Bradford group, the Royal Armouries being a possible venue. Provisional dates are 2nd or 3rd week in July.

7.2 Boat Cruise and Barbeque

Organised by Rothwell group for 02/07/05. It takes place at Upper Mill near Stalybridge.

7.3 Area Ten Pin Bowling

Rothwell wish to organise this event in October.

7.4 Christmas Dance

Following the success of last years event, the Strafford Arms in Wakefield will be the first venue to consider.

8. Publicity and Development

8.1 Cinema Advert

JAS has complained to Vue magazine following part of the advert being missing. He is currently awaiting a response

8.2 Barnsley Group

Glen Anderson has been interested in re-forming a Group there but those plans are currently on hold. However, he has seen possible venues.

8.3 Internet

JAS spoke about the importance of internet publicity. RJ mentioned the discussion forum on the Northern Area site that he has set up.

9. Items for Discussion

RJ wished to discuss non-members attending Area events. Everyone agreed that it is important that potential members should be allowed to attend an event before committing themselves but there should be a limit. It was agreed that this limit could be two events after which membership would be required. It was suggested that a register of potential new members would be taken at each event to ensure this is enforced. It was agreed that the Area Committee would formulate rules etc to be agreed at an Area Committee meeting to be attended by representatives from the Groups.

Next Meeting
Sunday 13th November O'Neills Leeds