

**London Ambulance Service Unison Branch
Committee Meeting**

26th of September 2009 Croyde bay .

Present: Eric Roberts –Branch Secretary
Eddie Brand – Chair
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
Rob Matthews- North west sector
Rob Sydney - Communications
Peter Hannell – Diversity/Equality Officer
Mark Lione – Membership Officer
Brian Robinson-East central Sector
Julie Shirt – North East Sector
Dave Lamey-South west sector
Claudette Mcnaughton-Eoc
Tim Stephens-Central Sector
Andrea Gibbs-Welfare

Apologies: Dave smith
Paul O’Neill
Harry Day
Richard chow
Phil Thompson
Gary Edwards
Clive Tombs
Katherine Angus
Hannah Curor
Clare Hodgson
John Gough
Michael Apps
Mark Belkin
Ian Lee
George Achilles

Introductions and Welcome:

- (EB) Welcomed everyone to Croyde Bay for the branch training weekend.

Previous Minutes:

- Minutes from the 14th of July 2009 agreed as a true record

Matters arising:

- None.

Branch Secretary’s Report (ER)

- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £121,967.94 has been awarded to LAS Unison Branch members since March 2008. £1,348,317.06 of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999.
- (ER) Received acknowledgement and thanks for the donation given to Unison welfare.

- (ER) Informed the branch about a film being commissioned regarding the work that Cuban doctors carry out. The branch agreed to make a £500 donation towards the cost of making the film.
- The Unison discount card has now been purchased by the branch for every member. A date to be agreed regarding distribution.
- (ER) Invited everyone to join the “a million voices for change” campaign. A plan to be drawn up regarding the Branch Committee to join.
- One retirement grant was agreed.
- Unison will be checking which reps are accredited and which reps might need more training, information to follow shortly.
- (ER) tabled a document from the Health care service group executive committee. The department of health are going to be reviewing all health care services and what each one provides for its users.

Partnership Forum/Constitution (ER)

- Partnership forums are now running again as the reap level has gone down.
- (ER) informed the meeting about the problems surrounding the Health and Safety Corporate group. Change is needed to support the H&S Reps and to make sure the Union is involved. It was important that management sign up to a proper partnership approach as per the Staff Council Agreement.

Foundation Trust Update

- Public consultation results will be available soon. (ER) to give an update in November’s branch meeting.

Branch Officers Reports

Staff Council (EB)

- (EB) Next meeting is on the 22nd of October.

Diversity/Equalities (PH)

- (PH) Invited all reps to contact Martina Givindraj to arrange some pension workshops to be held at main stations.
- (PH) Advised the branch that people being reviewed under the MAP, should be aware that anyone who has an illness that is under the DDA should not have the usual standard targets applied.

Membership (ML/DS)

- List of new members agreed into the branch. 73 new members have joined since last month.

Welfare (AG)

- (AG) asked can all welfare forms be sent directly to her at Camden station.

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- (PH) Reported that the Branch Secretary had arranged a meeting at which the Sector Reps met with a representative from the Unison National Office and were advised that all members will be able to claim tax relief on union subscriptions. This has been in for

some time but has not had a great uptake. The Union will now write a 'template' letter to members to make claiming easier.

Date of next meeting – 13th of October 2009 at HQ conference room. (Branch Officers Only).