



London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

29th August 2006 1100hrs – Conference Room LAS HQ

Present: Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
Eddie Brand - Chair
George Achilles – Treasurer
Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
Dave Smith - Equal Opportunities Officer
Rob Sydney – Communications Officer
Mark Belkin – Education Officer
John Gough – Labour Link Officer
Fred Phillips – Asst Membership Officer
Paul O’Neill – Minute Secretary
Joe Easterbrook - EOC
Richard Chow – EOC
John A Whiting – North East Sector
Julie Shirt – North East Sector
Karen Walling – West Sector
Rob Matthews – North West Sector
David Lamey – South West Sector

Apologies: Harry Day
Sarah Hardy
Clive Tombs
Mark Lione
Andrea Shields
Phil Thompson
Michael Apps
Gary Edwards
Claudette McNaughton
Peter Hannell

Introductions and Welcome	Action
Previous Minutes - Minute’s from 11 th July 2006 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	Agreed
Matters arising - None	

<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation. - Treasurer's report distributed. - Regional Health Training Day – Taking place on the 14th November 2006. Places for five delegates available. ER will inform those who are attending. - Retirement function request received for Terry Scrivens form New Malden Station. - The new UK Ambulance Trust boundaries came into effect on 1st July 2006. - NHS Logistics Industrial Action Hardship Fund Appeal – Donation of £50 proposed. - Trade Union Friends of Searchlight affiliation renewal due - £50. - Donation of £100 to Bryan Arnold Salvation Army Fund. - Reps to circulate info regarding ASU on their stations. - After further discussion JE signed the repudiation letter as per Branch Committee 11th July 2006. 	<p>Agreed/GA</p> <p>Agreed/GA</p> <p>Agreed/GA Agreed/GA All Reps</p>
<p>Agenda for Change (ER) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most assimilation's are now complete. - Reviews and appeals are starting next month. - Meal breaks are still under negotiation. - Staff appraisals (Personal Development Review) are now underway for all staff. - Bank holiday payments and leave are still being reviewed. 	
<p>Retired Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. Michael Apps not present. 	
<p>Health and Safety (IL) Written report circulated which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A&E vehicles for Hot Zone. LAS receiving three vehicles to trial for six months. - Stress survey seems to be hanging in mid air. Unclear of what happens next. Will refer back to HR. - Disposable equipment should become available shortly, currently waiting on correct size masks, - Single use laryngoscope blades and McGills forceps should be available on EROS. 	<p>IL</p>
<p>Membership (FP) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problems with staff not updating the branch with new addresses or change in circumstances i.e. name change after marriage. ER in discussions with HR to agree a way the Service can update us with that information. - University students working as bank staff. - New members accepted into the branch. 	<p>Agreed</p>

<p>Treasurer (GA) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GA requests that he submits a half yearly financial report to the Branch instead of the quarterly reports. - All cheques should be cashed as soon as possible. This will assist GA in keeping the Branch accounts up to date. 	<p>Agreed by committee</p>
<p>Communications (RS) Written report distributed.</p>	
<p>EOC (JE) Various issues reported including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently running two systems resulting in numerous H&S issues, LA52's being filled out to raise concerns. - Auto dispatch of calls to FRU's from CAD system. Draft issued, problems will be inevitable. - Serious staff shortages. 	
<p>Equalities (DS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No meetings to report. 	
<p>Education (MB) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New course guide book is now available. - Could reps reiterate to members, that when applying for a book grant, they should attach receipts for the books they have purchased and will then receive payment/reimbursement? Poster and web-site will reinforce that message. - MB reported how he was planning future courses including in-house Health & Safety courses. 	<p>All Reps</p>
<p>Labour Link (JG) Verbal report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighted campaign regarding NHS privatisation. - Attending Labour Progress meeting discussing the direction of the party. Tony Blair is keynote speaker. Feedback to follow. - Labour Link magazine. 	<p>JG</p>
<p>Welfare (AS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. Andrea Shields not present. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. Phil Thompson not present. 	
<p>Staff Council (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB gave a verbal report. 	

<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSU Review – JW stated summary of the review will be published shortly; PSU will be disbanded in its current form and will operate at sector level. - White Work – DS stated that vacancies were not being advertised at K2 despite assurances from management. JG highlighted local practices at New Malden. - Electronic Staff Record (ESR) – RC pointed out problems with reimbursement of pay. Could Reps see members on sector to publicise ESR and feed back any problems that may arise. - Sponsorship of RC taking part in the Great North Run in aid of Marie Curie. £250 proposed. 	<p>EB/ER</p> <p>Agreed by Committee</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBA. 	