

London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

9th January 2007 1030hrs – Conference Room LAS HQ

Present: Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
Eddie Brand - Chair
George Achilles – Treasurer
John Winnister – H&S Safety Report
Dave Smith - Equal Opportunities Officer
Mark Belkin – Education Officer
John Gough – Labour Link Officer
Peter Hannell – Membership/Pensions Officer
Paul O’Neill – Minute Secretary
Claudette McNaughton - EOC
Joe Easterbrook - EOC
Richard Chow – EOC
Harry Day – Training Officer
John A Whiting – North East Sector
Julie Shirt – North East Sector
Mark Lione – East Central Sector
Tim Stephens – Central Sector
Clive Tombs – South East Sector
Rob Matthews – North West Sector
Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector
David Lamey – South West Sector
Gary Edwards – West Sector

Apologies: Sarah Hardy
Michael Apps
Karen Walling

Introductions and Welcome The committee was informed of the sad passing away of Arthur Newby following a long illness. A minutes silence was observed in remembrance.	Action
Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amend apologies to include Mark Belkin.- Minutes from 22nd December 2006 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	Agreed

<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rest break review meeting brought forward to the first week of February. 	
<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation. - Dates for committee meetings to be held in 2007. - Station representatives will be sent pack from branch committee meetings. - NHS Day of Action – Campaign on 3rd March 2007. - Workplace plan update – All NHS Trusts will be reviewing workplace skills, grades and numbers. A small working group has been formed between staff side with ER leading. (EB & PH for Unison and one each for other unions) and management. This will be a standing item on the agenda. It will be a major piece of work and we will approach it with an open mind to see the proposals and any barriers that may arise. - Nomination of ER for the upcoming National Executive Committee elections. 	Agreed
<p>Agenda for Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting for a date for the T & C's meetings. - Any outstanding appeals against banding are being processed. - CT highlighted issues surrounding the implementation of rest breaks. - EB states that management have turned down proposals from staff side to make rest breaks interruptible for all Red Calls. A lengthy debate took place during which all issues regarding rest breaks were discussed. ER hopes that most issues will be resolved at the Rest Break review meeting in February. - PH – Shifts that are 10 hours or more now have the same rest break window as shifts of 12 hours. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Health and Safety (JW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report 	
<p>Membership (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New members will be presented to the committee on the 13th February. And from then on every two months. - PH proposes amending the welcome pack to state that membership is subject to Branch committee approval. 	Agreed
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2006 financial returns are coming through. - There are 30 cheques that remain un-cashed from the last financial year. These will all be cancelled in two weeks time if they are still not cashed. - Still waiting the returns from the recent audit. 	
<p>Communications (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	

<p>EOC (JE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JE described the procedure and system for dispatching crews in relation to rest break allocating. 	
<p>Equalities (DS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still waiting for Human Resources to report back on the Age Discrimination Act which will affect senior members of staff. 	
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book grants have been very well received. Lots of applications coming in. 	
<p>Labour Link (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JG proposes that APF paying members attend a reception at the House of Commons. This would also include visiting Portcullis House and a meeting with a senior MP. 	Agreed
<p>PTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All staff from the Westminster contract have now been redeployed. 	
<p>Welfare (AS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report 	
<p>Staff Council (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting is on 12th January 2007. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PH - Diabetic staff update – A response to the grievance has been submitted by the Unison lawyers on behalf of members. Therefore will now be filing for an industrial tribunal as grievance has not been addressed. - RM – Bank holiday payments. ER explained that the AfC Staff Council have issued advice. Waiting on official interpretation. 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13th February 2007 – Conference Room HQ 	