

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT STEETON HALL ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a minute's silence in respect of members who were no longer with us – in particular Dave Winstanley, Frank Vowden and Jack Mattewman.

**Roll Call** – Tony Hennigan, John Chambers, Graham Berry, Jens Hislop, David Lonsdale, Chris Renshaw, Terry Nattrass, Martin Preston, Brian, Peggy & Andy Holmes, Jack Davies, Chris Allan, Lionel Fletcher, Les & Margaret Allinson, Ron & Carol Harrison, Roger Yearby, Fred & Barbara Dadswell, Jim McSharry, Vince Curran, Joe Graham, Les Scaife, Brian Russell, Mick & Sue Spencer, Dave & Audrey Sands, Steve Walker, Steve Metcalfe, Ian & Elizabeth Hemsworth, Bob Bousfield, Paul Hammond, Richard Berry, Steve Collier, Robin Hebden, Alec Barclay & Milly Wheelwright (41 members).

**Apologies** – Peter Corkindale, Rod West, Les Cotton, George Wardley, Richard Anelay, Bruce & Hilary Grannan, Bernard Grundy, Cath Winstanley, Bill Nicholson, Alan Pritchard, Simon Todd & Gwyneth Alcock (13 members).

**Minutes of the AGM held on 19 March 2014** – were read and approved on a proposal by Jens Hislop and seconded by Dave Lonsdale.

**Matters arising** – None.

**Chairman's Address** – Tony Hennigan informed the meeting that there was an increase in membership this year. Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, 7 new members had joined our branch of NARPO. The Secretary had scrutinised the number of current members and updated the figures to reflect a true membership, which is as follows:-

Full Members: - 149 (paying via Mouchel), 1 (paying via North Yorkshire Mouchel), 2 paying by cash.

Life Members: - 3.

Associate Member: - 1.

Total number of members: - 156.

Tony stated that several social gatherings had been arranged throughout the year. These included:-

(1) Tuesday, 11 June 2014 – a talk by Martin Stow, a retired police officer who retired to Australia and talked about his 'life' and exploits down under.

(2) Wednesday, 15 October 2014 - a pleasant evening with old colleagues and friends.

(3) Sunday, 30 November 2014 – our Annual Dinner was held at the Keighley Civic Centre for the second time. It was well attended but some thought it was still below par. This topic will be discussed later in the meeting.

NARPO subscriptions had increased by 24p per year to £19.80 per year - still good value for money.

Mr & Mrs A. Hennigan and Mr & Mrs J. Chambers attended the Brighton Conference in September 2014 where two motions were put forward: -

(1) Accidental Death Insurance Cover proposed by the NEC – this motion was defeated.

(2) Amendment to the Web Application Form for Membership of NARPO proposed by Maidstone & District – this motion was also defeated, but would be looked at by the Executive and proposed with the new rules being complied for the 2015 Conference.

It was decided that Tony and I, accompanied by our wives, should attend the Southport Conference in September 2015 and vote as they thought fit. All agreed.

Tony then took several photographs of those present which he later published on our NARPO Website.

**Treasurer's Report** – Graham Berry, the Treasurer, presented a written report of the year's activities and events. (A full copy of the report is included in the Minute Book) The report was read and approved on a proposal Jim McSharry and seconded by Jack Davies.

**Police Widows/widowers** – a debate was currently being undertaken by the Houses of Parliament concerning this subject and would also be debated at the 2015 Conference. The Secretary pointed out that a small subscription fee would be necessary to keep widow/widowers in the system; otherwise they would become lost and forgotten. He recommended 20p per month (i.e. £2.40p per year), but suggested we should wait until a decision was made at the 2015 Conference. He would put the proposal on the 2016 A.G.M. Agenda which was agreed.

**Election of Branch Officials** – the below officials were elected on a proposal by Les Allinson and seconded by Sue Neave: -

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| Honorary President  | Brian Holmes  |
| Chairman            | Tony Hennigan |
| Vice Chairman       | Dave Lonsdale |
| Secretary           | John Chambers |
| Assistant Secretary | Jim McSharry  |
| Treasurer           | Graham Berry  |
| Welfare Officer     | Jens Hislop   |
| Committee           | Jack Davies   |
| Committee           | Les Scaife    |
| Committee           | Peter Taylor  |
| Auditor             | Vince Curran  |

**Christmas Lunch 2014** – following on from 2013, this was the second Christmas Lunch held at Keighley Civic Centre. For those who attended, the Secretary reported that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; the entertainment was excellent and the food & service was much improved on the previous year. However, following feedback and suggestions, we considered returning to Steeton Hall which had recently re-opened. In January and again in February 2015, the Secretary sent out letters to every member requesting them to vote on which venue they preferred – Steeton Hall or Keighley Civic Centre. The vote was unanimously in favour of returning to Steeton Hall. A discussion followed.

Jack Davies proposed and Ian Hemsworth seconded that, 'the Keighley Branch of NARPO should attend Steeton Hall for their 2015 Christmas Lunch.' A vote followed: - all in favour with one abstention – the motion was carried.

**Future Events** – None.

**Any other business** – There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

**Proposed Jens Hislop**

**Seconded Dave Lonsdale**

**Chairman Tony Hennigan**

**Date 17.2.16.**