

**Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The following members were present : Michael Tyne, Alan Pickles, Leslie Scaife, Peter and Hazel Jarvis ,David Drucquer, Bea Hopwood, Margaret and Malcolm Gray, Jayne Slade, Geoff Shores, Geraldine Tolan , Roy Leach and David Wright.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Michael Tyne at 7.06pm.

Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde, Joe Broadley.

- **The minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 22nd February 2022 had been circulated to everyone and were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Malcolm Gray which was seconded by Geof Shores .
- **Matters arising** – There were no matters arising
- **Social Secretary Update** : Jayne reported that a 53 seat coach has been booked for Sunday 26th June, as enquiries revealed that some coach operators had ceased trading and it was a case of book it or risk losing the date. A previous message from Jayne had been circulated to all committee members with a number of suggestions for differing locations for the trip. These were all discussed at length re their individual merits etc, and a vote was taken between the National Waterway Museum at Ellesmere Port and a day in Bridlington. It was felt that Ellesmere Port was a shade too far (approx 2.5 hours), and the vote was unanimous in favour of Bridlington, with a fish and chip lunch. Jayne will make enquiries to try and get a block booking at a fish and chip restaurant for lunch time. Jayne will prepare an advertisement and booking slip so the Secretary can send out a Newsletter and group e mail in sufficient time for the event. A mention of a Dog racing trip was discussed and it was agreed that this would probably appeal to a different class of member than the Coastal trip, so it was decided that Jayne would research the possibility of an Autumn trip solely to the dog track.

Jayne also suggested St Ives Golf Club as an alternative venue to the Rugby Club for our social events. They do very good meals and we could get a 50% reduction on the cost of £100 room hire. She will make further enquiries there.

- Leslie suggested that we could consider Northcliffe Golf Club. He will make enquiries there and contact both Jayne and Geraldine with a view to taking them up there and showing them around.
- **Treasurers Report** The Secretary reported on behalf of the Treasurer that we currently had in the bank £7,666.00. We had not yet received the subscriptions from XPS for March yet. The Chairman thanked Melvyn for all he does on behalf of the Branch. It is just unfortunate he cannot join us on these zoom meetings as his hearing continues to be a problem for him.
- **Welfare Officers Report** Bea reported upon the health of the following members : Tony Donoughue, Phil Baidon and Hedley Kettlewell. The Secretary mentioned a conversation he had recently with Bernard Burke.
- **Web site Update.** Peter said that the website would be being updated in the near future. The quiz would be ending soon and once again a poor response from non committee members.

- **Any other business** The Secretary mentioned a report that he had received from John Birkenshaw who had just stepped down as Secretary of the Leeds Branch, and who was putting himself forward for election to the NEC representing the NE Region at the forthcoming elections. He would be standing against Bob Watson, and he was seeking the branches support. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to stand this matter down until the next meeting for further consideration and discussion then, as the present incumbent had served the region well in all NEC matters.
- The Secretary also mentioned that Dorothy Bell's funeral is on Tuesday next at 11.30am at Scholemoor Crematorium.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.22 pm

- The next zoom committee meeting will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm.

David Wright

Secretary