

Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 24th February 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, and David Wright.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Michael Tyne at 7.04pm.

Apologies had been received from Melvyn Hyde, Joe Broadley and Geraldine Tolan.

- **The minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 27th January 2022 had been circulated to everyone and were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Alan Pickles which was seconded by Leslie Scaife
- **Matters arising** – The Secretary said that he had checked his records re **members who were 90yrs plus** and he had a list of 13 members. Russell Hitch was the oldest being born on the 6th January 1926. We have almost 4 years before he becomes a centenarian.

He also mentioned that we do not have an accurate record of the ages of our widow/ widower members as these were not always recorded in the past. It was suggested that the Secretary can make a request in a forthcoming Newsletter for the widows to contact him so that he can ascertain their ages.

Re Sammi Dean, the Secretary has spoken with her again and she is unable to obtain any record of her Muslim wedding to Alan. The wedding was over 20 years ago and was held in a house in Manchester used as a Mosque. From the enquiries she and her friends have made it appears no records were kept, or cannot be found. The house no longer exists. We will keep in contact with one another but at the moment there is nothing that can be done to assist her.

Re the Remembrance Parade previously discussed at the November 21 and January 22 meetings, David Drucquer said that he now wished to withdraw his suggestion and that perhaps it could be discussed next year, nearer to Remembrance Sunday, when a decision could be made re the laying of a Branch wreath.

- **West Yorkshire Group Update** The Chairman Mick Tyne said Dave Costick, who is a Leeds Branch member, was proposing to resurrect the old West Yorkshire website in an attempt to try and retrieve many lost records. All the West Yorkshire Branches were contacted to ask of interest in a meeting amongst all website managers. He thought that Peter and Hazel had been the only ones to register an interest and as a result Dave Costick had now withdrawn his offer. It was felt that we have a new and exceptionally good website and we would not have drawn a lot of items from the venture to improve what we already had.
- **Social Secretary Update** The Chairman said that we had all seen the resignation e mail of Peter and Hazel from the office of Social Secretaries, which we fully accepted and appreciated, and as a result of that, after an e mail sent out to the committee and asking for a volunteer as a replacement , he was pleased to announce that Jayne Slade had offered to pick up the office , but prior to handing over to Jayne, he thanked Peter and Hazel for the

many interesting and enjoyable trips and social evenings that they had arranged for us over the past years. These thanks were echoed by the entire committee.

Jayne said that she had already been investigating the costs of a bus as it is some time since pre covid when we had used one. The costs had gone up considerably and the most competitive she had found was Travelxpress who had quoted £600 for a 100 mile radius. A general discussion ensued re best days of the week to go, car parking facilities, and venues.

Jayne will speak at the AGM and make further enquiries. If a June trip is to be arranged the Secretary can include details in the May Newsletter.

- **AGM meeting** – Items to discuss prior to the AGM meeting were :

Committee members – it was established that everyone was happy to remain on the committee providing there were no objections at the AGM meeting.

Honoraria It was agreed that the Honoraria for the Secretary and Treasurer would remain the same as previous years.

Photographs The Secretary said that he had spoken with Margaret Roper who said she would shot off some photographs during the evening for the website. The Chairman will mention this before the meeting starts.

- **Web site** 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.
- **Welfare Report.** Our Welfare Officer, Beatrice, gave updates upon Tony Donoghue and Philip Baildon. The Secretary reported upon the health of our colleague Joe Broadley and also upon David Crook. Margaret Gray was asked how she was after her fall and said that she was now rid of the infection in her face and was waiting for the dentist to sort her teeth out.
- **Any other business** The Chairman said that word on the grapevine is, that from Richard Critchley our President and Chairman of the Wakefield Branch, that a new travel Insurance Company has been identified and will be announced soon. Also Our Deputy CEO, Alan Lees, has been appointed the new CEO and applications are being invited for the post of Deputy CEO.

The Secretary said that as he had mentioned at a previous meeting, he would make enquiries at Trafalgar House to see if the situation had changed re our using their room for our Committee meetings again, if we should decide to resume face to face meetings, as it had been many months pre covid since we last went there. He had sent an e mail to the booking Secretary and she had responded that the room would be available if we wished to return providing it was not pre booked by anyone else. It was felt by the majority of the committee to continue using Zoom meetings for the time being as Zoom negated having to travel into Bradford.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

- The next zoom committee meeting will be on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 7.00pm.

David Wright

Secretary