

Minutes of the Zoom Committee meeting of the Bradford Branch of NARPO held on Thursday 4th August 2022.

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

Members were asked to mute their microphones to try and eliminate background interference which has caused problems in past meetings.

- **The minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 30th June 2022 had been circulated to everyone and after the Secretary mentioned two slight alterations in the name of the bus company, and the website quiz winners did not share the prize, the winner being drawn out of the hat, the minutes were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Margaret Gray which was seconded by Geraldine Tolan.
- **Matters arising** – There were no matters arising.
- **Treasurers report** The Secretary said that he had spoken with the Treasurer and we had in the bank, £10,011.00, but we still had to yet receive the 2nd instalment of the precept, which last year was a couple of pounds short of £2,000.00. The Chairman said he had also been in touch with Melvyn to ascertain his views of what he thought we should charge for the Christmas dinner. It was felt that as we normally subsidise the Christmas meal £5 per head in a normal year. Melvyn felt that it should be the same this year. Re the September buffet, he felt we could afford to go with the £13.50 buffet. This was discussed by the committee and they unanimously agreed that the Christmas dinner be charged at £20 per person and the September buffet be the £13.50 buffet.
- **Social Secretary Update** – Jayne reported that the September social is booked for 22nd September at the Bradford and Bingley Rugby Club, starting at 7.30pm, and she will be running a quiz that evening, which will be followed by a free buffet and a raffle. There will be a £40 prize for the winner(s), and £20 spot prizes. It was decided after feedback from the last Christmas dinner re the excessively long time to run the raffle, that only 5 prizes will be drawn, perhaps spending the same but getting better prizes.
- **Ladies Luncheon Club.** Geraldine reported that this would be on Wednesday 14th September. She was aware that we had previously decided that anyone attending would have to pay £10 towards the meal, but had this payment been discussed as to who it went to. It was decided that attendees would pay Geraldine either by cheque or soon afterwards by cash, but anyone booking and not having a good reason for attending would still be responsible for paying the deposit of £10.
- **Christmas Dinner** As previously mentioned, it had been previously agreed that the cost per person would be £20. Again we would only have 5 raffle prizes and we would not be having the brass band playing carols. The Secretary said that all three socials would be mentioned in the August Newsletter which will hopefully go out early August. The Secretary said that he was mindful of the increasing number of additional members who are joining our branch, and theoretically, they could attend our socials but having not contributed anything to the branch. They only pay to the branch to whom they are full members. It was acknowledged that some of

the committee are additional members at Keighley Branch and when some have attended their functions they were not charged for their pie and peas. The matter was left that the Secretary will try and monitor attendees in the future and report back if necessary

- **Web site Update** Peter said that they have had notification that HQ are changing administrators and they could no longer contact Oomph. They will be notified in the future re the new administrator but for now they have two ladies at HQ, Angie and Sophie to contact if problems arise. Peter was asked about the usage of our website, if it was monitored. Peter said that it was and we received a report from HQ monthly (periodically).
- **Welfare Officers Report** Before Bea could give her report, The Chairman congratulated her on winning a recent Police Golf Competition, where she was the only female entrant. She not only went on to win it, but she was the first female entrant to win it ever. The committee duly responded with similar congratulations. Bea said that she had nothing new to report. One member she had been in touch with, Tony Donoghue, had sadly passed away recently, and his funeral is in just over a weeks time. The Secretary updated on the health of Joe Broadley and David Drucquer.

Geoff Shores mentioned for the benefit of the Welfare Officer that he had now amassed a large number of contacts and telephone numbers that may be beneficial to Bea in the future.

- **Any other business** The Chairman mentioned that the Conference was just a month away and asked if those going, himself and David Drucquer could claim the same travelling expenses and daily allowance as previous. This does not affect our other delegate David Wright, who takes his caravan and holidays after the conference. It was agreed that all expenses as per last year would apply. As previously, the delegates would vote accordingly after both sides of the motion had been heard, and this was agreed.

Peter asked about it previously being mentioned that in the event of some major criminal event, every member of Narpo could be liable and sued. The Chairman said that is why someone is speaking at Conference to highlight three options available to negate this. Three possible options will be outlined for delegates to bring away from conference and discuss at Branch level before it is further reviewed and progressed.

Leslie asked why London were asking for an annual plan and forecast. This couldn't be answered and will become clearer at conference.

Geraldine asked why ladies were given a gift (chocolates) at the Christmas dinner, and why them and not everybody. The Secretary said they were probably started well before he joined, but he thought it was probably because most ladies attending then were wives of members. It was suggested and agreed to discuss this at our next meeting or meetings, as we have plenty of time before December.

- The meeting was closed at 8.10pm
- The next zoom committee meeting will be on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7.00pm.

David Wright

Secretary