

**Northern Area Conference**  
**O'Neills Great George Street Leeds**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2005**

**Present**

Chairman, John A Smith (JAS)  
Treasurer, Robert Jones (RJ)  
GCM, Alison Cumbers (AC)  
Dave Orsler (DO)

**Leeds**

Andy Johnson (AJ)  
Peter Baldwin (PB)

**Bradford**

Alison Cumbers (AC)  
James Sheard (JS)

**Rothwell**

Ellen White (EW)  
Nigel Whitehouse (NW)

**Northwich**

Dave Orsler (DO)

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

JAS thanked everyone for coming and confirmed that Northern Area membership had increased by six as announced at the ANC

**2. Apologies for Absence** Received from Lincs Quest and Karen Chaplin (Rothwell)

**3. Officers Reports**

**3.1. Chairman**

JAS has enjoyed the role and wishes to re -stand

**3.2. Administrator**

JAS reported that Janet Rintoul did a good job particularly in the events she organised.

**3.3. Treasurer**

RJ distributed copies of the financial report and DO asked why Leeds group paid £10 when everyone else paid £15. RJ confirmed that Leeds group had paid a deposit for an event.

Acceptance of the reports

Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Carried unanimously

**4. Election of Officers**

**4.1. Chairman**

JAS wished to stand again. He said he would like to see the Area expand on the success of last year

Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Elected unanimously

#### **4.2. Administrator**

EW wished to stand as she has done the role for Rothwell for eighteen months and feels she has done a good job.

Proposed Rothwell Seconded Leeds

Elected unanimously

#### **4.3. Treasurer**

AC wished to undertake the role. She said she had already played a part in helping RJ who holds the current role. Proposed Northwich Seconded Rothwell

Elected unanimously

#### **4.4. Memberships Officer**

A discussion took place as to whether or not we needed to elect for this role at the present time. It was decided that someone should be brought in. RJ wished to undertake the role. He said that his knowledge of computers would allow him to maintain the database efficiently.

Proposed Bradford Seconded Rothwell

Elected unanimously

#### **4.5. Activities Officer**

Karen Chaplin (Rothwell) was unable to attend the meeting but was interested in the role.

Proposed Rothwell Seconded Bradford

Elected unanimously

#### **4.6 General Committee Member DO**

wished to undertake the role

Proposed Rothwell Seconded Leeds

Elected unanimously

### **5. New Constitution**

JAS briefly outlined the new constitution which will come into force following the election of the Area Option at the ANC. Membership is currently £29 but will decrease to £25. There is a maximum of three terms on the Committee for the role of Treasurer but there is no limit for the other positions.

### **6. National Scale Events run by Area**

#### **6.1 SADY**

Summer at Dalesbridge Yorkshire takes place from 17/06/05 to 19/06/05. JAS believed it would be a successful event and encouraged everyone to promote it.

#### **6.2 Bradford Bargain Break & National Karting**

Organised by Janet Rintoul from 10/09/05 to 11/09/05. Includes gokarting, treasure hunt and dance. Members from the local area are being encouraged to attend the meal and dance although it is understood they may not wish to stay overnight.

### **7. Area scale Events run by Group**

#### **7.1 Area Treasure Hunt**

Organised by Bradford group, the Royal Armouries being a possible venue.

Provisional dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July.

## **7.2 Boat Cruise and Barbeque**

Organised by Rothwell group for 02/07/05. It takes place at Upper Mill near Stalybridge.

## **7.3 Area Ten Pin Bowling**

Rothwell wish to organise this event in October.

## **7.4 Christmas Dance**

Following the success of last years event, the Strafford Arms in Wakefield will be the first venue to consider.

## **8. Publicity and Development**

### **8.1 Cinema Advert**

JAS has complained to Vue magazine following part of the advert being missing. He is currently awaiting a response

### **8.2 Barnsley Group**

Glen Anderson has been interested in re-forming a Group there but those plans are currently on hold. However, he has seen possible venues.

### **8.3 Internet**

JAS spoke about the importance of internet publicity. RJ mentioned the discussion forum on the Northern Area site that he has set up.

## **9. Items for Discussion**

RJ wished to discuss non-members attending Area events. Everyone agreed that it is important that potential members should be allowed to attend an event before committing themselves but there should be a limit. It was agreed that this limit could be two events after which membership would be required. It was suggested that a register of potential new members would be taken at each event to ensure this is enforced. It was agreed that the Area Committee would formulate rules etc to be agreed at an Area Committee meeting to be attended by representatives from the Groups.

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November O'Neills Leeds**