

## Northern Area Forum

31<sup>st</sup> July 2005

### Present

**Leeds:** John Smith (JS), Andy Johnson (AJ), Peter Baldwin (PB)

**Rothwell:** Ellen White (EW)

**Lincs Quest:** Geoff Buller (GB), Lis Buller (LB)

#### **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

JS thanked everyone for coming and hoped for a successful meeting despite a short turnout. He said that due to only two area committee members being present, the area committee meeting would be postponed until a later date.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Rob Jones, Alison Cumbers (Bradford), Karen Chaplin (Rothwell)

#### **3. Voting Strength**

Voting strength was established as 5.

#### **4. Minutes of Northern Area Conference November 2004**

The minutes were read and proposed by Rothwell and Seconded by Lincs Quest

#### **5. Motions for Debate-Activities Register**

- The outline of the motion is as follows: Any prospective new member attending an Area event will be signed in as such by a current member of their group. After this event, they are welcome to attend any other area event as a prospective new member within the next 4 weeks. After that, we can no longer attend area events for a year unless they become members.
- JS emphasised the importance of attracting potential new members to events but at the same time not allowing them to continually attend without membership. Taking a register at events would also be important for fire and insurance regulations
- PB asked if this would apply to all group events as well. JS confirmed that it would not even if other members attend. An area scale event is planned in advance with letters sent to all groups in the area with points counting towards the Linda Street Trophy.
- EW mentioned that Rothwell members had said that there are few area events and people may not pay £29 simply to attend a couple of events a year. JS said it was their choice. EW also asked if it would apply to ex members. JS confirmed that it would
- Rothwell had also questioned how it would apply to couples where only one is a member for example John and Jess Wilson. JS said the same rules would apply to the non member-they would be restricted to approximately one event a year unless they become members.

- It was pointed out that groups would be trusted to enforce this at their events.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously

## **6. 2005 Activities Programme**

### **6.1 The year so far**

JS wanted to encourage as many activities as possible and mentioned the importance of involving Northwich and Lincs Quest although mentioned the difficulties involved due to travelling distance. This has been a successful year so far apart from Bradford rounders that was cancelled due to late information and bad weather. He emphasised the importance of giving information about events to groups as soon as possible.

### **6.2 Cleethorpes Beach Party (13/08/05)**

Lincs quest have invited us to this event organised by the local council

### **6.3 Bradford Bargain Break and National Karting (10/09/05-11/09/05)**

### **6.4 Lincoln Ghost Walk (15/08/05)**

### **6.5 Area Bowling and Halloween Dance (29/10/05)**

Provisional Venue: Bowling at Hollywood Bowl in Kirkstall, dance at the Cardigans Arms opposite the leisure complex. This would mean easy access between venues and there are several places for an evening meal before the dance.

### **6.6 Wars of the Roses (27/11/05)**

O'Neills, Leeds

### **6.7 Christmas Dance (10/12/05)**

Stafford Arms Wakefield

## **7. 2006 Activities**

### **7.1 Area Badminton and Valentines Dance (11/02/06)**

Ideas are need for venues for both events

### **7.2 Other events**

Ideas are needed for other events next year.

## **8. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

JS thanked everyone for coming.