

**18 Plus Northern Area Conference  
16th November 2003  
The Albert Hotel Huddersfield  
Minutes**

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Mark welcomed everyone to the Conference.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Administrator, Jo Hamlett

Treasurer, Dave Orsler

Yorkshire Region Co-Ordinator, Karen Chaplin

Rothwell Group.

**3. Election of Teller/s**

Bekki Randall was appointed as teller.

The Voting strength was established as 6.

Bradford Group      2 Delegates

Leeds Group          2 Delegates

Northwich Group    2 Delegates

**4. Officers Reports**

**Chairman.**

Mark explained that he is standing down as a result of work commitments. It was not an easy decision to make, he gave it a lot of thought.

**Administrator.**

No report received from Jo Hamlett.

**Treasurer.**

Mark went through information provided by Dave. Whitefield Group owe a considerable amount of money to the Area, Dave has been in contact with them to try to resolve this. He is also trying to get money from Doncaster Group (£92.26) to cover what they owe to the Area.

**Activities Officer.**

No report received from Howard Neville, who has now resigned.

**Yorkshire Co-Ordinator.**

No report was received in advance, Karen would have given a Verbal report but was unable to attend at short notice owing to an accident.

## **5. Election of Officers**

### **Chairman**

John A Smith  
proposed by Bradford Group, seconded by Northwich Group  
John made his speech.  
Bradford Group made proposal speech  
Northwich Group made seconder's speech.  
John was elected unanimously.

### **Activities Officer**

No candidates.

### **Area Facilitators**

Mark Randall  
proposed by Northwich Group, seconded by Bradford Group  
Mark made his speech.  
Northwich Group made proposal speech  
Bradford Group made seconder's speech  
Mark was elected unanimously.

## **6. National Business**

- a). ANC 2004 was discussed. State of Federation was discussed – ideas to raise and save money needed.
- b). National Holidays, Plans for WASH 2004 already underway. Posters are out for Brean 2004, Mark encouraged people to attend this great holiday. National Skiing Holiday – It's now too late to book for 2004, another great event, people are encouraged to book for 2005. National Narrow-boat holiday – Mark gave a description of the event and encouraged everyone to go, the 2003 event was great.
- c). Risk assessments. A brief discussion on risk assessment took place, Mark made sure people know to fill them in, etc.

## **7. Activities Diary**

Mark gave details about the Christmas Dance, an expensive venue had been booked therefore we need a good attendance.

Northwich Group raised a point about the location of Area Events. Northwich appears to be the only active Group on the North-West side of the Area now, and they are concerned about holding events on the North-West side because not many people are attending them now. We need to find out what is happening with Romiley and Whitefield Groups.

Potential events were discussed. Bradford Group are thinking of organising an activities weekend somewhere around Leeds.

It was suggested that we ask Lincs Quest to do a Sandcastles Competition in May – Sandcastles on the Saturday, Dance Saturday night, with the Conference on Sunday perhaps.

Bradford Group volunteered to organise the Area Valentine's Dance Which in 2004 falls on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The Groups in attendance then spent time discussing and putting together the 2004 diary. Alternative nights out in Manchester and Leeds were suggested as a way to strengthen links between the two sides of the Area, this is the sort of Informal event that doesn't require any outlay of money from the Area.

**8. Any Other Business**

Current membership of Area established from latest figures (92).

**9. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Mark thanked everyone for attending and for their support during the last eighteen months.

**10. Date, Time, Venue for Northern Area May 2004 Conference**

To be confirmed