



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

Member of the Public Service Pensioners Council
Member of Age Concern Forum

Sheffield Branch

Ordinary Branch Meeting 19th January 2009 held at the Showroom and Workstation, Paternoster Row

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, one minute's silence was held in remembrance of Tony Baker who died on the 12th November 2008.

Members Present:

Pete Baggaley (*Chair*); Doug Binnington; Bev Bridge; Mick Hurst; Ron Joynes; Alan Liversidge; Dave Lockwood (*Treasurer*); Rod Mansell; Ken Mettam; Tony Mulcrone; Ted Mullins (*Secretary*); Terry Smith

Apologies for Absence:

Malcolm Johnson and Eric Copley

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 20th October 2008, were read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed Rod Mansell

Seconded R. Joynes

2. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes:

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report:

The Chair thanked Terry Smith for arranging the night out at Park Hotel, on the 15th December, and he extended his thanks to all those who attended. It was agreed that the night was a complete success in bringing people together.

4. Treasurers Report:

- The membership for Sheffield is 236
- The current membership for South Yorkshire is 513
- Current expenditure by the branch for 2008 stands at £269.83
- The current funds in the NARF Sheffield account stands at £830..50
- A £25 donation has been made to the chosen charity of the family of Tony Baker.
- Thanks to the efficient assistance of Tina Jackson, SYFR Payroll, the membership address database is now fully up-to-date. He expressed his thanks to all concerned in this work.

5. Secretary's Report:

- The NARF Sheffield website received 24694 hits last month.
- A letter of condolence has been sent to Mrs Baker.

6. NARF South Yorkshire

Ted Mullins reported that all branches within South Yorkshire are in agreement that NARF South Yorkshire should be re-instated to formalise what currently exists concerning the upkeep of membership applications, records and subscriptions. From the year ending 2009, District and National levies, will be forwarded by the Treasurer to No. 3 District. Each branch will then receive their remaining proportion of the subscription monies, based on branch membership, for their own use. However, Ted Mullins would ensure that all branches were aware that they would have to maintain their own structure to ensure that funds were handled in the correct manner.

7. No. 3 District AGM - 18th January 2009

The meeting was informed of the salient points of the No. 3 District AGM as follows:

- Alan Beecroft elected District Secretary
- Howard Whittaker to remain District Treasurer
- District Levy now set at 10p per member

8. NARF News Correspondent

Dave Lockwood outlined that very little from the South Yorkshire area, other than obituaries that have been published in NARF News. He asked if Ken Mettam would be interested formulating some articles. Ken to consider the request.

9. Suitability of the Showroom and Workstation to hold meetings

The meeting agreed that the new venue was suitable to hold meetings.

10. Welfare - Brian Scruton

Rod Mansell informed the meeting that Brian was still awaiting his double heart bypass operation. *(However, shortly after the meeting we were made aware that Brian Scruton is going in hospital on the 27th January for his heart operation.)*

The meeting expressed its best wishes to Brian.

11. Any Other Business

There were no items of other business.

9. Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, and the next Ordinary Branch Meeting, will be held on Monday, 20th April 2009, 19:30 hours, at the Showroom and Workstation.