



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS

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

## SHEFFIELD BRANCH

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### Minutes of the Ordinary Branch Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 - The Showroom and Workstation, Paternoster Row, Sheffield

#### 1. Members Present

Peter Baggaley (Chair), Eric Copley, Barry Keeton, Alan Liversidge, Dave Lockwood (Treasurer), Ken Mettam, Rod Mansell, Tony Mulcrone, Ted Mullins (Secretary), Terry Smith, John Swain

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Douglas Binnington, Mick Hurst

#### 3. Minutes of the last Meeting and matters arising

- 3.1 Brian Scruton is now residing at the Woodbank House Nursing Home, 317 Chesterfield Road. Members should be aware that Brian has suffered two minor strokes since his operation, and the best time to visit him is in the morning.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed:** Tony Mulcrone      **Seconded** Alan Liversidge

#### 4. Chairman's Report

The was no report by the Chair

#### 5. Secretary's Report

- 5.1 **National Council Meeting - Presidential Address:** The Secretary brought to the attention of the meeting comments made by Peter Robinson at the NARF Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. In the minutes Peter expressed his disappointment that branches had not backed a fighting fund for members whose ill-health pensions were at risk of being rescinded by their former employers.

The meeting felt that even though the ethics of giving financial aid to those persons whose ill health pensions are at risk were commendable, this was outweighed by the possibility that 40% of NARF's 8,000 members could be in receipt of an ill-health pension. Therefore, the financial implications of creating such a fund could not be realistically supported.

The branch still maintains its original decision not support a fighting fund.

- 5.2 Website:** The Secretary reported that the website had received 9,217 hits in June.
- 5.3 Terry's Night Out:** The night out at the Park Hotel, Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield, on the 22nd June 2009 was yet again a success.
- 5.4 Revised Branch Constitution:** No comment was made on the revised Branch Constitution.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

- 6.1 Membership:** Current branch membership stands at 241.
- 6.2 Current bank Balance:** In excess of £830.50. However, it will only be possible to give a final figure once the subscription to NARF National and District has been paid in December.

## **7. Any Other Business**

- 7.1 Bud Roberts:** After a chance meeting with Bud's daughter, Dave Lockwood was made aware that Bud had recently undergone a hip replacement operation. However, due to an adverse reaction to the cement used to secure the new joint, and a second operation to rectify the problem Bud had become unwell. Dave requested that even though Bud's subscriptions had lapsed but bearing in mind Bud's previous hard work for the Association, the Secretary make initial contact with him to ensure that he was aware of all the services the Firefighters Charity can offer.

**The meeting agreed to this proposal.**

- 7.2 Members - Change of Address:** Dave Lockwood informed the meeting that another instance had occurred where two South Yorkshire members had changed their address and informed NARF National directly. Furthermore, no notification had been received from SYFR Payroll regarding this matter. It was suggested that the Secretary investigate a method of overcoming these omissions.

**The meeting agreed to this proposal.**

## **8. Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 commencing at 19:30 hours at the Showroom and Work Station.

Signed Chair:

Date:

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