

**London Ambulance Service Unison Branch  
Committee Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2009- Conference room HQ**

**Present:** Eric Roberts –Branch Secretary  
Eddie Brand – Chair  
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair  
George Achilles – Treasurer  
Ian Lee-Health & safety officer  
Mark Belkin-Education  
Rob Matthews- North west sector  
Rob Sydney - Communications  
Peter Hannell – Diversity/Equality Officer  
Mark Lione – Membership Officer  
Michael Apps- Retired members  
John Gough-Labour link officer  
Clare Hodgson-East central sector  
Brian Robinson-East central sector  
Hannah Curror-west sector  
Katherine Angus-north west sector  
Clive Tombs – South East Sector  
Julie Shirt – North East Sector  
Dave Lamey-South west sector  
Claudette Mcnaughton- Eoc  
Gary Edwards-West sector

**Apologies:** Dave smith  
Tim Stephens  
Paul O’Neill  
Andrea Gibbs  
Harry Day  
Richard chow  
Phil Thompson

**Introductions and Welcome:**

- (EB) welcomed Hannah and Clare onto the branch,They will be taking the female seats for the east central and west sectors.

**Previous Minutes:**

- Minutes from the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 agreed as a true record

**Matters arising:**

- Frank Nye’s retirement grant will be reviewed today and (ER) informed the branch that the new stress management policy is now available on the pulse.

**Branch Secretary’s Report (ER)**

- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £121,967.94 has been awarded to LAS Unison Branch members since March 2008. £1,348,317.06 of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999.

- (ER) Received acknowledgement and thanks for sponsoring the Magical Taxi tour.
- (ER) Informed the branch that the Regional Health Conference will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2009.
- The Unison discount card has now been agreed
- (ER) Attended Joint secretaries meeting, still waiting for a letter from the trust about bank holiday hours. This will be discussed at next meeting.
- Discussion took place about if staff work overtime the whole shift has to be taken as pay or TOIL.
- Aped and Pped payments are still under discussion.
- Mileage rates update is to be taken to the staff council.
- A4C and rest break reviews are both coming up.
- For relief staff to be entitled to the fifteen pounds payment, the shift has to be changed by a minimum of one hour or more.
- The independent safeguarding authority payment is still under discussion (ER) to report back to branch.
- Partnership forums are back on next week. The GMB have requested another seat.
- Croyde bay training weekend for the branch is at the end of September, so there will be no meeting next month.
- Three retirement Grants were agreed by the branch.

#### **Partnership Forum/Constitution (ER)**

- Next Partnership forum meeting is next week (ER) to report back at next meeting.

#### **Foundation Trust Update**

- Programme board are meeting next week.

#### **Branch Officers Reports**

##### **Staff Council (EB)**

- (EB) No report.

##### **Labour Link (JG)**

- John attended a Labour link National Forum in Manchester and gave a verbal report.

##### **Diversity/Equalities (PH)**

- PH Reported that everyone can now join the new pension scheme if they wish to do so.
- PH went to an equalities conference and reported that the new equalities bill will be introduced next year.

##### **Membership (ML/DS)**

- List of new members agreed into the branch.
- ML is in the process of drawing up a new membership form.

##### **Education (MB)**

- New reps course had to be cancelled due to reap 4, new dates are to be arranged.

**Treasurer Report (GA)**

- GA reminded everyone to check addresses before any forms are sent to him.

**EOC (RC)**

- No Report

**Health and Safety (IL)**

- IL reported that radio project is now being rolled out across the service.
- A discussion took place about manual handling training and new vehicles.
- IL reported that the safety and risk department are currently looking at the c-max chair.
- IL reported there is some concern about staff getting swine flu and the impact it might have under the MAP.

**Regional Officer (PT)**

- No Report

**Welfare (AG)**

- No report

**Retired Members (MA)**

- There are three retired members that would like to attend the retired members conference this year. This was agreed by the branch.
- The branch wished Michael good luck with his treatment for his current health problem.

**Communications (RS)**

- Website is under a current facelift at present.

**AOB**

- No AOB.

Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2009