

London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

9th September 2010 1030hrs – Conference Room LAS HQ

Present: Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
 Eddie Brand – Chair
 George Achilles - Treasurer
 Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
 Andrea Gibbs – Welfare Officer
 Rob Sydney – Communications Officer
 Paul O'Neill – Minute Secretary
 Dave Smith – North East Sector
 Brian Robinson – East Central Sector
 Rob Matthews – North West Sector
 Marcus Davis – Central Sector
 Gary Edwards – West Sector

Apologies:	Hannah Curror Linda King Mark Belkin Tim Stephens Dave Lamey Phil Thompson	Julie Shirt Michael Apps Mark Lione Peter Hannell Claudette McNaughton Clare Hodgson
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Introductions and Welcome	Action
The Committee were introduced to NHS Local Counter Fraud Specialist Hayley England and Senior Manager David Foley from RSM Tenon. They gave a presentation on the work of the NHS Counter Fraud Team and gave examples using case studies.	
Previous Minutes - Minutes from Committee Meeting held on 16 th July 2010 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	Agreed
Matters arising - None	
Branch Secretary's report (ER) - Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £9,692.14p has been awarded to LAS Unison branch members since the last meeting. Running total of compensation from March 2010 is £63,955.92p. <u>Over one and a half million pounds</u> of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999. - Formal report of the Unison London Region and London Ambulance Service Branch delegation to Havana/Cuba distributed. - The Branch extended its condolences to the family and friends of Andy Zucconi, who sadly passed away unexpectedly, aged 67. Andy was a senior GMB convenor and was based at Deptford for many years. He was an honest Trade Unionist. ER and EB will be attending the funeral on behalf of UNISON.	ER/GA

<p>Partnership Forum/Constitution (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more information until the next forum which takes place in October. - All H&S representatives especially the H&S leads are required to be adequately trained in order to sit on the Partnership Forum and/or Corporate H&S Group. ER will write out to our representatives. <p>Foundation Trust Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The LAS has not yet applied for Foundation Trust status. A new Government will mean that all NHS Ambulance Trusts will have to become foundation trusts, not just the NEAS and LAS. 	
<p>Branch Officer Reports:-</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Branch is now on Facebook. Just search for London Ambulance Service Unison Branch to view our page. - Eric's Blog is now well underway. Go to www.ericblog.lasunison.com/ to view Eric Roberts latest thoughts. - Once the LAS PC's have been updated with the latest Internet Explorer, RS will revert to the richer script version of the LAS Unison website which was unable to be displayed fully in older versions of IE. - The NWAS Unison Branch is looking at hosting their 2011 AGM online. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Report. 	
<p>Membership (ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More members applied to join the Branch – <u>Agreed</u> by committee. Membership is increasing as staff within the LAS see the work the Branch does. 	
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Rreport. 	
<p>PTS (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PTS contract won by Savoy that was due to start on 1st September has now been put back until the 1st October. Issues have arisen around pension payments to staff that were TUPE'd over from the LAS. The GMB members have voted to strike but proposed dates have been postponed. Five employees that were Unison members were redeployed within the LAS while some have preferred transfer. 	
<p>Welfare (AG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marina Hambley partner of Pat Hoare from Camden thanks the committee for its donation. Pat was flown back from the US and is now in Charing Cross hospital. - A member is asking for a donation in order to fly his 5yr old son to the US for an operation. He has a tumour behind his eye on the brain stem that cannot be operated on in the UK. The committee agreed in principal however requires more information before agreeing an amount. 	AG
<p>EOC (RC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report from EOC. 	
<p>Diversity/Equalities (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report by ER 	
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report by ER 	

<p>Labour Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Pensions (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal Report By ER 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Staff Council (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting to be held on 27th September 	
<p>Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East – 0 Suspensions 0 Disciplinary 0 Capability. One complex (Whipps Cross) has yet to agree new rotas. - East Central – 0 Suspensions 1 Disciplinary - West – 1 Suspension 1 Capability. All new rotas have been agreed. - Central – 2 Suspensions. Peter Bradley undertook his ‘surprise’ rideout at Deptford. - North West – Brent and Friern Barnet rotas are still being negotiated. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder for the Branch training weekend at Croyde Bay 1st – 3rd October. 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th October – Branch Officers 	