



In the Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region

**Minutes of the Regional Retired Members' Association Committee Meeting
held at Grove Hall on Tuesday, 8th July 2014
at 10.30am**

1. PRESENT:

George Tutill, Jacqueline Tutill, Bill Hinsliffe, Dick Hazel, Morgan Pugh and Graham Benton (Senior Organiser/RMA Coordinator).

2. APOLOGIES:

Neil Moore and Lita Southam. (Colin Burgon and Steve Jennings were unable to accept their invitation due to holidays)

3. INTRODUCTION:

MP was welcomed on to the committee.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING 4/3/14:

Agreed.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- a) It was agreed that JT receive the regional long service award.
- b) Stan Bradbury would no longer be on the regional committee on medical advice following a heart attack. He is now OK at home recovering. It was agreed to send the committee's best wishes.

- c) Disappointment expressed at the parliamentary lobby last November where MPs were required to vote on a 3 line whip thus cutting short the visit. Agreed to ask Steve Jennings to attend the next meeting to explain the system. Other political speakers that could be considered were Rachel Reeves, shadow minister for pensions and Leeds MP; Peter Box, Labour leader for Wakefield MBC and/or national political officer, Lisa Johnson.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

National committee minutes previously circulated.

7. TRIPS:

- a) York area to Bridlington on Wednesday, 3rd September 2014 departing x at x arriving at the Revelstoke Hotel, Bridlington for a 12 noon lunch. A light buffet tea at 4.30pm then departing Bridlington at 6pm.
- b) Leeds/Bradford area to Whitby on Thursday, 4th September 2014 departing Leeds Parish Hall at 9.30am arriving at the Royal Hotel, Whitby for a 12 noon lunch. A light buffet tea at 4.30pm then departing Whitby at 6pm.
- c) Sheffield area to Blackpool on Wednesday, 10th September 2014 departing the Penny Black pub on Pond Hill at 8am arriving at the Cliffs Hotel, Blackpool for a 12 noon lunch. A light buffet tea at 4.30pm then departing Blackpool at 6pm.

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GB to supply one bottle of GMB whisky as a raffle prize on each trip. NM once more thanked for making all the arrangements including making all the initial enquiries and then booking the hotels and coaches. Tickets are now available with any cheques made payable to GMB please.

8. REPORTS:

- a) National committee - all previous office holders re-elected at the AGM, no financial concerns, MPs to be invited to future meetings to look at more effective ways of influencing Parliament. It has yet to be confirmed that the annual conference in Manchester will be later in the year, believed to be 26th November 2014 although GB has yet to that in writing.
- b) Pensioners' Parliament - BH, DH & MP in attendance who carried the national RMA banner but no photographs taken. Query regarding having the banner carried at Congress was referred to national committee to ask the question.
- c) Congress 2014 - a healthy debate was held concerning the motion to increase the one off retired life membership payment from 1st August 2014 from £25 to £40 which was eventually carried. It is not retrospective so does not affect existing members.

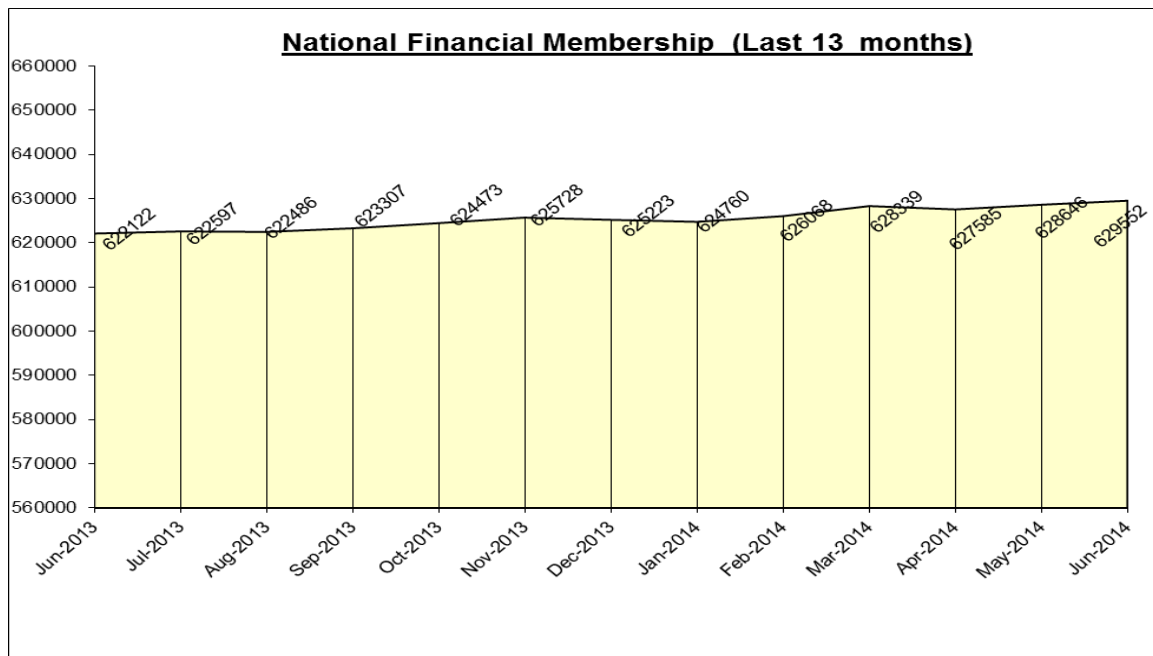
9. NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Should the national conference be called before November, it was agreed that DH & BH be the two delegates with GT & JT attending as national committee reps. Depending on the date GB also to attend ex-officio. It was also agreed that BH write a motion regarding petrol prices and GB would write one about the national committee holding at least one meeting per year at Wortley Hall rather than them all being at GMB Euston office. GT to ask at national committee what happened to the motion a few years ago regarding travel insurance for the over 75s.

10. GMB@WORK

GB reported yet another good month's recruitment figures with the region growing 1.9% over the last twelve months compared to a national growth of 1.2%. Already this month there were signs of further growth with a national strike being held on 10th July 2014 of public sector workers. There will also be a national TUC demonstration in London on Saturday, 18th October 2014 should anyone want to attend.

	Current Month Jun-14	Change on last month	Last Month May-14	12 months ago Jun-13	Change on 12 months ago	% change Jun-13 to Jun-14
LONDON	100,587	207	100,380	99,560	1,027	1.0%
NW & IRISH	82,322	62	82,260	82,339	-17	0.0%
SOUTHERN	78,802	384	78,418	74,899	3,903	5.2%
WALES & S. WEST	70,815	-12	70,827	70,140	675	1.0%
NORTHERN	67,004	-159	67,163	67,979	-975	-1.4%
YORKSHIRE	63,448	143	63,305	62,235	1,213	1.9%
MIDLANDS	57,653	53	57,600	56,824	829	1.5%
SCOTLAND	56,673	-5	56,678	56,561	112	0.2%
BIRMINGHAM	52,248	233	52,015	51,585	663	1.3%
NATIONAL	629,552	906	628,646	622,122	7,430	1.2%



11. DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 21st October 2014 commencing at 10.30am in Grove Hall.

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