



In the Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region

**Minutes of the Regional Retired Members' Association Committee Meeting
held at Grove Hall on Monday, 20th July 2015
at 10.30am**

1. PRESENT:

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

2. APOLOGIES:

Lita Southam.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 10/2/15:

Agreed*.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

a) *Minutes of 10/2/15 not previously circulated, GB to check.

b) Further magazine article to be published in next edition which will be sent electronically regarding a long serving retired member, Bill Booth from Pontefract, who had 71 years union membership.

- c) Due to not having a computer at home, BH, GT, MP and DH requested a paper copy of the next magazine.
- d) Retired GMB officer Steve Huckerby to be invited to next committee meeting.
- e) A new GMB National Pensions Officer is now in place, GB to invite to a future meeting as a guest speaker.
- f) Bottle of GMB whisky for each trip to be sought from TR on arrival at meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) National RMA Conference - letter from Monica Smith advising of the conference to be held in either Blackpool or Manchester on Thursday, 29th October 2015. It was agreed to send BH and DH as the two regional delegates and MP as a visitor, GT and JT to attend as the two national delegates. (GB on pre-retirement leave). The region is entitled to send up to three motions and colleagues were requested to forward any ideas they had to GB **no later than Monday, 10th August 2015**. The closing date for MS is 4/9/15
- b) New GMB Lay Reps' Expenses Claim Form - GB circulated the new form which has been changed to accommodate HMRC's request for specific hours spent on TU duties to be identified.
- c) Regional TUC Retired Members' Forum - information to be circulated to committee members who are welcome to attend, no invitation needed.

6. TRIPS:

Confirmed York area to Bridlington on 2nd September, Leeds/Bradford area to Whitby on 3rd September and Sheffield area to Blackpool on 9th September 2015. NM managed to secure the same costs from the hotels and coach firms but the price has increased slightly to £17 per person to offset the region's costs which now represent 57% of the overall ticket price. It was reported that they were selling well with all coaches expected to be filled. NM looking at alternate venues for next year. NM once again thanked for his work in arranging the transport and hotel venues for meals.

7. REPORTS:

a) Congress 2015 - confirmed that with effect from 1st July 2015 there is to be no charge for retired life membership.

b) National RMA Committee - last meeting was on 16/6/15 where the committee joined forces with the NPP in Blackpool and headed the march with the national RMA banner which is kept at the GMB NWI regional office in Liverpool. National finances in a good state. Confirmed that the General Secretary is retiring and that the selection process is now underway across the union.

c) National Pensioners' Parliament - BH reported on an interesting and informative meeting.

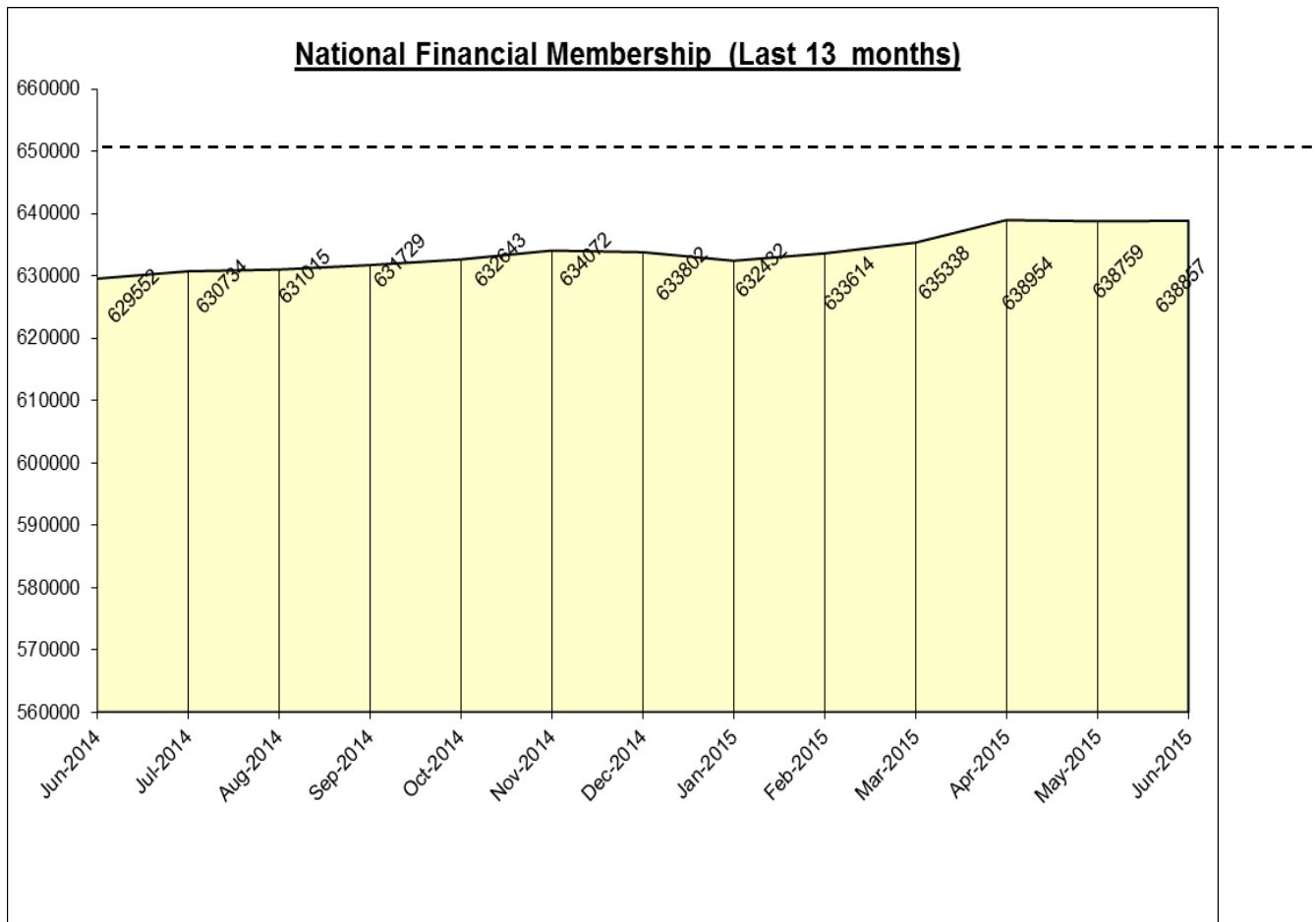
8. GMB@WORK:

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT REPORT

as at end of JUNE 2015

REGIONAL FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP

	Current Month Jun-15	Change on last month	Last Month May-15	12 months ago Jun-14	Change on 12 months ago	% change June-14 to June-15
LONDON	101,224	25	101,199	100,587	637	0.6%
SOUTHERN	82,447	390	82,057	78,802	3,645	4.6%
NW & IRISH	82,076	-167	82,243	82,322	-246	-0.3%
WALES & S. WEST	71,561	-41	71,602	70,815	746	1.1%
NORTHERN	66,633	-91	66,724	67,004	-371	-0.6%
YORKSHIRE	64,054	0	64,054	63,448	606	1.0%
MIDLANDS	58,785	162	58,623	57,653	1,132	2.0%
BIRMINGHAM	56,414	29	56,385	52,248	4,166	8.0%
SCOTLAND	55,663	-209	55,872	56,673	-1,010	-1.8%
NATIONAL	638,857	98	638,759	629,552	9,305	1.5%



The numbers recruited in June in the region were matched by the number of leavers so growth was nil although over the last 12 months it was 1%.

9. REGIONAL SECRETARY:

Tim Roache was invited in and welcomed to the meeting. TR spoke about the new regional banner on display, the S99 South Yorkshire RMA branch which he had visited last week, his pride at the work the committee undertook on behalf of the region's retired members, the performance of the region which is still growing month on month, when he came in to the region it was about 55,000 members and was now at over 64,000 with over 1,300 new representatives, the search for a new property in South Yorkshire to replace the ageing building on Norfolk Street, the GS election process now underway with the actual vote to take place in October, and he confirmed he would be a candidate for General Secretary and was wished well by the committee.

In response to questions, TR agreed to look into UIA “guaranteeing” to beat other quotes for home insurance when BH gave an example of how they couldn’t beat his current providers and confirmed the Region would not be recommending any of the candidates for the Labour leadership campaign. GB agreed to look into how many of the current A/ reps were retired for NM.

Tim was thanked for attending and the meeting closed.

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 13th October 2015 in Grove Hall at 10.30am.

