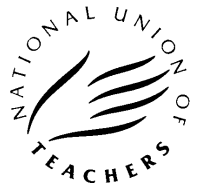


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CAMBRIDGESHIRE
ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Association AGM 5th February 2014

Attendance: 14 members plus Chris Grant (Eastern Region)

Apologies: Keith Allman, Hilary Bucky, Louise Crook

1. Minutes of the AGM 30 January 2013 were agreed as a true record (after changing 'HAZCAM' to 'HASCAM') and signed by the president.
2. Matters arising: none
3. Correspondence: none
4. Reports
 - Health and Safety: Brian Chadwick gave a brief verbal report.
 - Retired Section: Tony Dutton presented a written report (see below). The meeting expressed its thanks to Jackie Homer for organising visits throughout the year for retired members.
 - Secretary: Jon Duveen gave a brief verbal report and will be sending out an Association Annual Report soon.
 - Treasurer: Charlotte Rivington gave a report on the statement of accounts and took questions. The financial resolutions were carried with a number of minor amendments (see below).
5. Declaration of results of elections for officers/committee
 - Secretary: Jon Duveen
 - President:
 - Ex-President: Jackie Francis
 - Vice President: Martin Field
 - Assistant Secretary (Minutes): no nominations
 - Treasurer: Charlotte Rivington
 - Communications (newsletter and website): Philippe Harari
 - Membership Secretary: Jackie Francis
 - Health and Safety: Brian Chadwick
 - Press Officer : no nominations
 - Equal Opps: Louise Crook
 - Secretary of Hunts retired section: Tony Dutton
 - Ordinary Committee Members: Daphne Babouris, Paula Champion, Lesley Jackson, Matt Kelly, Martin O'Donnell, Tom Woodcock
 - TSN Officer: no nominations
 - Conference delegates: Tom Woodcock, Paula Champion, Philippe Harari, Louise Crook, Daphne Babouris, Richard Rose, Amy Crane, Lesley Jackson, Jon Duveen (ex officio), Jackie Francis (ex officio).

Delegates to Trades Councils:

Cambridge and District: Tom Woodcock (and also proposed as secretary); Jon Duveen; Martin O'Donnell; Matt Kelly
Wisbech: Martin Field (and also proposed as chair); Brian Chadwick
Hunts & St Neots: Laura Mansbridge (also proposed as treasurer), Amy Crane

Delegate to SERTUC Pensioners Group: Tony Dutton

6. Prioritisation of Conference motions

The meeting agreed to propose the following motions for conference prioritisation:

12 – Child Poverty

14 – Campaign for a million climate change jobs

16 – General election 2015

21 – Too much too soon

39 – Racism and immigration

50 - Organising

8. The following motions were carried:

Change to Standing Orders:

Add a new point: '6e vi) Any member elected as a Conference Delegate for the current year'

Unite Against Fascism (see below)

2014 Financial Resolutions

1. That the Local Association Subscription be set at 10% + £2 per member of the National Subscription.
2. That the travel allowance be set at 45p per mile + 5p per passenger mile for cars, 20p per mile for cycles. Where the total distance travelled is greater than 150 miles and a suitable service exists, the second-class rail fare only will be payable unless this is more expensive overall.
3. That honoraria for 2013 be set as follows:

Treasurer	£789
Secretary	£1,478
Assistant Secretary (Minutes)*	£444
Assistant Secretary (Membership)	£740
Assistant Secretary (Distribution) *	£296
Press Officer	£296
Communications Officer	£867
Equal Opportunities Officer	£149
Health and Safety Officer	£149
Special Needs Officer	£149
Retired Section Secretary	£444
Retired Section Treasurer*	£183
TSN Officer*	£74
Casework Officers	£149

and that the Committee should have the discretion to offer small Honoraria to members who spend a significant amount of time on Union work outside of meetings.

Note: these figures are derived from the 2012 honoraria + 2.7%

* Honoraria for posts unfilled during the previous year will be paid into the Association strike hardship fund.

4. That Tacconi Green and Co. of St Ives be appointed auditors for the 2014 accounts.
5. That the association pay childcare costs for members who attend association meetings.
6. That the hourly rate for casual administrative assistance be set at £11.28
7. That a grant be made each school term to the Huntingdon Retired Section of £296.
8. That the delegates to the 2014 National Conference be given a grant of £241 in addition to hotel and travel costs.
9. That the Association pay the cost of broadband connection for the Secretary, Communications Officer, Treasurer, and Retired Members Secretary.
10. That any two of the following officers shall be signatories to the bank account: Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer.

11. That, for 2014, Cambridgeshire Association affiliate/subscribe to:
1. Anti-Academies Alliance (£100)
 2. Burston Strike School Fund (£50)
 3. C.A.S.E. (£20)
 4. Cambridge and District TUC (700 members at 20p = £140)
 5. Canon Collins Education Trust for Southern Africa (£50)
 6. Cuba Solidarity Campaign (£40)
 7. Education Review – 5 copies, twice a year (£50)
 8. Huntingdon and St Neots TUC (700 members at 12p = £84)
 9. Wisbech and District TUC (700 members at 12p = £84)
 10. Palestine Solidarity Campaign/Trades Union Friends of Palestine (£25)
 11. Post-16 Educator (£40)
 12. Schools Out (£50)
 13. The Library Campaign (£35)
 14. Trade Union Friends of Searchlight (£50)
 15. Justice For Columbia (£50)
 16. Campaign Teacher (3 issues £540)
 17. Education for Tomorrow (£26)
 18. Stop the War (£100)
 19. Coalition of Resistance (£50)
 20. Right to Work (£30)
 21. Keep Our NHS Public (£50)
 22. Solidarity (£60)
 23. The People's Assembly – local and national (£150)

(the figures in brackets are approximate affiliation rates)

12. That Cambridgeshire Association donate to:
1. Family Holidays Association (£110)
 2. Refugee Council (£110)
 3. Teachers Support Network (£2000)
 4. CASE (£220)
 5. The Library Campaign (£55)
 6. The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (£220)
 7. Cuba Solidarity Campaign (£55)
 8. Cambridge Stop the War Coalition (£110)
 9. Cambridge Unite Against Fascism (£110)
 10. Cambridge Cycling Campaign (£55)
 11. Justice for Colombia (£110)
 12. Anti-Academies Alliance (£100)
 13. Cambridge Love Music Hate Racism (£50)
 14. Cambridge Keep Our NHS Public (£50)

Retired Section Report 2013

This was our programme for 2013, all events were well attended.

7th February The Cock (Hemingford Grey)

14th May (Wed) Three Tuns (Fen Drayton)

22nd November (Fri) The Cock (Hemingford Grey)

We also had two Cambridge Arts Theatre visits in April ("Noises Off") and October ("The Private Ear..."), arranged by our committee theatre organizer, Jackie Homer. Please minute thanks to Jackie

I attended SERTUC meetings in Congress House, London and NPC Eastern Region meetings in Bury St Edmunds.

Christine(Retired Unison) and I attended the strike rally in Cambridge and found the whole event really inspiring. We were amazed by the turnout, spilling out of the hall, the speeches were inspiring especially from the young teachers and the display of unity with the NAS was genuine. We wore our T shirts and clacked our hands with pride. My report to the Ret Mems lunch was applauded!

NUT Retired Teachers' Convention 9/10/13

I attended this annual event in Hamilton House. The theme was 'Staying active in the NUT' Much of the content involved working with pensioner groups like NPC to promote the interests of retired members of the community.

The only discordant note was struck as a nice lady suggested that we might like to volunteer as school governors to the undisguised mirth of the delegates who asked if there wasn't a distinct possibility that governors might get into serious problems with the responsibility of running schools' budgets

I am still not entirely convinced that the National Union is seriously committed to retired members, all too often the Convention feels like a token arrangement. Look up Retired Members on the NUT website and see how little space is devoted to our interests

Pensioner Concerns

I am continuing our affiliation to the NPC and distributing the newspaper Campaign to our members both as a paper copy and by email. These are archived on the Retired Members' page of Cambsnut.

A particular issue confronting pensioner groups at the moment is the threat to our special benefits relating to the winter fuel allowance, bus pass and free TV licence.

One note of encouragement I have found is, that pensioners really are realizing their political muscle. Further, with older people gaining computer confidence, there is a realization that knowledge and fast communication is at their fingertips. Much of this is, I feel, as a result of the rapid growth of U3A (lots of retired teachers involved)

Retired Section Programme 2014

March 4th The Cock (Hemingford Grey)

May 14th The Cock (Hemingford Grey)

23rd October The Cock (Hemingford Grey)

We are to visit the Arts Theatre, Cambridge, possibly twice, the first will be to see "Pygmalion" on February .

Tony Dutton Retired Section Secretary without a treasurer!!

