



In the Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region

**Minutes of the Regional Retired Members' Association Committee Meeting
held at Grove Hall on Tuesday, 21st October 2014
at 10.30am**

1. PRESENT:

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

2. APOLOGIES:

Neil Moore and Lita Southam.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 8/7/14:

Agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

a) It was clarified that the regional long service award was for 50 years membership.

b) GB had visited Stan Bradbury to pass on the committee's best wishes and was pleased to report that Stan is in better health following his recent heart attack but on medical advice he had had to withdraw from all union activities including chairing the S99 meetings. As a result of his experiences in hospital Stan had written an article for the regional magazine which should appear in the next edition.

c) Steve Jennings would attend the later part of the meeting.

- d) Each of the recent trips had received a GMB bottle of whisky for their respective raffles.
- e) It was reported that there remains ongoing discussion at national RMA level regarding the £40 retired life membership one off payment which is for new applicants only, not existing members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) National committee minutes previously circulated.
- b) Letter of thanks for the day trip from Sheffield.
- c) Regional TUC pensions seminar in York on 19th November 2014 - circulated.
- d) Delegates' details to national conference on 23rd October 2014 sent to Monica Smith in good time together with two motions, one of which had been ruled out of order - BH to pursue at the conference.

6. TRIPS:

- a) York - two coaches which weren't quite full went to Bridlington on 3rd September 2014 to the Revelstoke Hotel. No issues were reported.
- b) Leeds/Bradford - three coaches went to Whitby on 4th September 2014 to the Royal Hotel, only two people didn't turn up, otherwise no problems apart from one person.
- c) Sheffield - two full buses went to Blackpool on 10th September 2014, only one person missed the coach. Those that went were full of compliments on the organisation and hoped it would be arranged again next year at the same venue, the Cliff's Hotel.

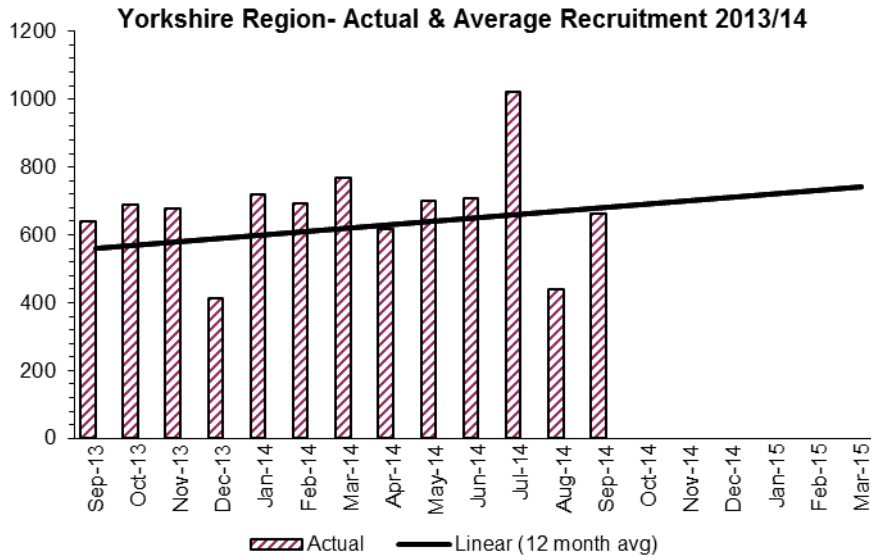
Provisional dates for 2015 are 2nd, 3rd and 9th September, NM to organise.

Yet again, GB congratulated and thanked Neil Moore for his excellent work which he had personally experienced on the Blackpool trip. Organisation could not be faulted and many people had commented to him that the trip was excellent value for money and they hoped it would take place again.

7. REPORTS:

JT gave a comprehensive report on the national committee which had had two meetings since our last regional committee. Subjects discussed were annual travel insurance for the over 75s in particular; the Pensioners' Parliament; the national RMA banner; Wortley Hall; national RMA finances; linking up with the Young Members' committee; free bus passes and the £40 RTL membership fee. The next national meeting to take place on 22nd October 2014 before national conference.

8. GMB@WORK:



| | YORKSHIRE | Moving Avg over 12 months |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Actual | |
| Sep-13 | 640 | 567 |
| Oct-13 | 689 | 565 |
| Nov-13 | 680 | 577 |
| Dec-13 | 415 | 585 |
| Jan-14 | 719 | 601 |
| Feb-14 | 692 | 606 |
| Mar-14 | 771 | 625 |
| Apr-14 | 619 | 627 |
| May-14 | 701 | 630 |
| Jun-14 | 709 | 642 |
| Jul-14 | 1023 | 677 |
| Aug-14 | 439 | 675 |
| Sep-14 | 662 | 677 |

REGIONAL FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP – SEPTEMBER 2014

| | Current Month Sep-14 | Change on last month | Last Month Aug-14 | 12 months ago Sep-13 | Change on 12 months ago | % change Sep-13 to Sep-14 |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LONDON | 100,992 | -24 | 101,016 | 99,439 | 1,553 | 1.6% |
| NW & IRISH | 82,336 | 132 | 82,204 | 82,204 | 132 | 0.2% |
| SOUTHERN | 79,797 | 179 | 79,618 | 75,763 | 4,034 | 5.3% |
| WALES & S. WEST | 71,410 | 200 | 71,210 | 70,356 | 1,054 | 1.5% |
| NORTHERN | 66,868 | 79 | 66,789 | 67,699 | -831 | -1.2% |
| YORKSHIRE | 63,506 | 17 | 63,489 | 62,371 | 1,135 | 1.8% |
| MIDLANDS | 58,043 | 134 | 57,909 | 57,102 | 941 | 1.6% |
| SCOTLAND | 56,335 | -96 | 56,431 | 56,606 | -271 | -0.5% |
| BIRMINGHAM | 52,442 | 93 | 52,349 | 51,767 | 675 | 1.3% |
| NATIONAL | 631,729 | 714 | 631,015 | 623,307 | 8,422 | 1.4% |

9. POLITICAL REPORT:

Steve Jennings once again gave a comprehensive report on the happenings at regional and national level. Discussion took place about Ed Milliband; Labour Party conference; Harry Smith's passionate speech about the NHS; Andy Burnham; Scottish referendum; UKIP; the situation in Rotherham; PCC election in South Yorkshire; York; Calderdale; Leeds and employment rights.

10. DATE, TIME & VENUE OF 2015 MEETINGS:

10th February, 9th June and 13th October 2015, all commencing at 10.30am in Grove Hall.

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