



**RECORD OF DECISIONS - NMBVA NEC MEETING**  
**Held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013**  
**Tillington Hall Stafford**

**Meeting Opened at 08:53 hrs.**

**Members Present:**

David Neil (Chairman); Malcolm White (Vice Chairman); Ted Williams (Secretary); Bob Roberts (Membership Secretary and Postal North Coordinator); Dick Richardson (National Treasurer) Mrs Annie Burden ( Webmaster & Regalia Officer) Brian Roche (NEC Member and Postal Coordinator South); Valerie Nisbet NEC Member Clive Boyles NEC Member.

**ITEM:**

**Item 1 - Exhortation:** Mr Malcolm White (National Vice- Chairman)

**Item 2 -** Welcome by the National Chairman Mr David Neil, He thanked everyone for attending, saying we have a very busy schedule today and tomorrow. You will see on the front of the table a certificate made by Dick, to present to the Surrey Branch tomorrow for their donation of a £1,000 towards the Memorial Fund; Dick does send one to everyone who makes a donation. We all thanked Dick for this gesture for which I thank him.

**Item 3 - Apologies** Dick apologies for not meeting us last night, this was due to the death of a very dear friend

**Item 4 Decisions made at last NEC Meeting 22 March 2013**  
*No Matters arising*

**Item 5 Decisions made at Delegates meeting 23 March 2013**  
*No Matters arising*

**Item 6 National Treasurers; Mr Dick Richardson**

The Books have been audited, a copy of the report issued to the NEC, copies will be sent out to all Branch Secretaries and disturbed at AGM) These figures were discussed at length.

Memorial Fund, as of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 we had in the fund £13,943.21 an estimated short full of £9,000, at this moment in time we do not have an exact costing of the Memorial, because of additional items being added after original quote like pathway, cost of the Unveiling and Dedication ceremony etc. A debate followed on how we raise funds

**Ted;** Cost of meeting and Weekend, I have done a very good deal with the hotel, cost per person of £28 bed & breakfast per night conference room free of charge.

Committee members pay for second night any guest of committees members, pay for both nights and all meals and other extras to be covered by the individual

**Dick:** we have had to buy a new shredder for the National Membership Secretary, this has been added to the assets account

**Brian Roche;** Postal members, Last year due it anticipated increase in postal charges, the postal coordinators and membership secretary were given £200 in advance.

What is the procedure for this financial year? It was agreed that this is by far the easier method; however recipients will have to maintain a stamp register. It was agreed that each of the postal coordinators would receive £200 in advance, the membership secretary £150

**Item 7**

**Regalia Stock & Pricing Mrs Annie Burden:** Annie went over the stock in hand; The proposed new Ladies pendant was discussed at length, we have an ideal “miniature medallion” depicting the association logo, but getting a suitable chain at an affordable price is proving difficult: Brian informed us that he had bought one for his wife, and bought a more stable chain to go with it “The Chain was expensive”, therefore it was suggested that we sell the medallion without the chain. David said that he and Annie would try and solve the problem There was a suggestion that we sell them in a presentation box, this was scotched, it would push up the price, and if a member wanted one they could buy one of their choice from any stationery store.

**Action David Neil & Mrs Annie Burden**

**Item 8.**

Unveiling, Dedication of New Memorial at the Arboretum on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013, Organisation and responsibilities of individual members to the NEC on the day.

The Debate was opened by National Chairman, who emphasised the importance of the day, he then handed over to the secretary; Ted Williams who issued every member with a copy of order of service, programme of the day was issued earlier; Ted went over the programme event by event, these were discussed. It was agreed that the whole team would visit the Arboretum after the meeting, to prepare as much as possible and see where everyone fitted into the programme. It was felt that the responsibility for the weather, should be handed over to the Padre, who we believe had direct contact.

To maintain communications on the day we exchanged mobile numbers

**Responsibility for the too National Chairman Ted Williams**

**Item 9**

Membership Numbers;	Membership Secretary	Bob Roberts	Bob gave a very good Introduction;
Membership	1905		Facts
Non paid	1835		
Difference of	70	35 not paid	35 Overseas member
Returned or			
New Member	24		
Those Passed on to New pastures		40	
Resigned	52		

There was a long debate; Chairman without conscriptions the association cannot continue Brian related the method he uses to remind members of due date of subscriptions, branch Secretaries to be contacted by the National Secretary to request when members do not pay, the reason is passed onto the National Membership Secretary copy to National Secretary There was a long debate; National Chairman, when correspondence is sent to Branch, the secretary should request acknowledgement

Malcolm White questioned figures we have had 18,000 @ £7 per head = to £12,000, How much have we received Dick £9,632. Malcolm Why the difference, Ted; I believe this to be a quirk in the system i.e. we pay subscription in advance, the decision to increase, a large number would have already paid before the decision was made. This led to a heated argument The Chairman stepped in; it would be very difficult to go back to those members who had already paid and request an addition payment with hindsight we should have done it differently. National Secretary to investigate and report back to the NEC

**Action Secretary**

Item 10

Drawing new boundary lines between North & South Postal areas

Bob Roberts Membership Secretary: To even number out between the Postal South and Postal North and thus even the workload and responsibilities of the coordinator. It was agreed for ease of control the boundary should be based on postal code

After debate the following was agreed

Postal South; would cover; Wales, Hereford, Worcester Gloucester, Oxford, Buckingham, Bedford, Essex and all counties South

Postal North

All Counties North of these are Postal North

**Action Mr Bob Roberts**

Item 11

Overseas Membership, It was agreed the Mr Ron Blain had too much work on with his international work, and with his agreement the responsibility for overseas members would be handed over to Mr Clive Boyles immediately

**Action Mr Bob Roberts**

**Mr Ron Blain**

**Mr Clive Boyles MSM**

Item 12

Revamp Joining Application Form: **Ted Williams**

Ted produced an amended application form, which was refined and adopted for immediate use (See Website)

Item 13

Bristol Branch, Unfortunately due to decline in numbers and attendance (due to mobility of some members)

The Officers of Bristol Branch decided it was no longer viable therefore branch has closed down the majority of members going to Postal South)

Item 14

Certificates will be issued to Honorary Members for achievement and service (This includes service to a Branch) Branches can recommend Honorary members The National Secretary will maintain a registered of Honorary so we can show them the respect they deserve and we have them on the database. Certification can only be authorised by the NEC

Item 15

Do away with Delegates Meetings: National Secretary **Ted Williams**

Delegates meetings are for proposals/ Questions from Branch level, but the delegates meeting cannot make a decision. All recommendations can only be

agreed at the AGM, but the AGM is for individual proposals, questions (Not Branch matters) Therefore in these days of austerity Do we need a Delegates meeting? Why can't both functions be carried out at the AGM thus simplifying procedures and saving a good deal of money  
This was agreed by the NEC to be put on the agenda on the AGM

Item 16      AGM/REUNION DINNER 2014

In many ways the Tillington Hall Stafford is a better venue than the Royal Court Coventry it's easier to get too by those travelling by public transport and more disabled rooms available than at the Royal Court. There are more facilities around the Hotel, i.e. Pub Dry cleaners News agents etc., A number of members have requested that we have a change of venue Secretary to get proposed dates and prices by the AGM

**Action Secretary**

Item 17      Reporting Procedures; could copies of all correspondence, please be sent to the National Secretary so that he is aware of what is going on and all paper work is filed at one point

Item 17      AGM 2013 agenda for AGM will be circulated by the end of August

Item 18      NEC Claims/Donations Ted the NEC claim very little and there a lot is denoted back to the Association    Therefore could not the NEC Claim pro forma be designed to show at a glance the a the actual amount the NEC cost the Association,

**Action Mr Dick Richardson**

Item 19      Blackpool; this year we tried an informal reunion at Blackpool, we shall be arranging another in 2014 full details will be known by the AGM

The National Chairman Closed the meeting at 12:25 member re-met at the Arboretum

Meeting closed at 12:25

Proposed next meeting Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Tillington Hall Hotel Stafford