

The London Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund

Date: Friday 21st September 2018 11:00 Waterloo

General Meeting

AGENDA

Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the delay in holding it this year. Andrew went on to explain that this would not be a full AGM but there were a number of important things we need to discuss and make decisions on.

Financial Administrator's Annual report and Financial Analysis.

In terms of the finance our funds went up by £11,000 last year despite subscriptions being down by £4000.

We discussed reasons for subscriptions being down and determined that this could be due to the turnover of staff, we have a number of international staff, temporary staff, staff using the LAS as a stepping stone in their career and therefore do not see the point in joining the fund.

Another reason could be due to lack of publicity, staff not being informed of the fund when they join or seeing notices on station.

Death grants were down this year and but retirement grants were up slightly

Tina confirmed that she is not always getting updates or staff changes, names and address.

Christine had created a poster to be sent to stations

Action

- Better publishing
- Posters – amended by Christine, send to Andrew to send to all sites, along with leaflets on the benevolent fund , and reminders about changes of address etc

Sites to include Training stations,
Operational Placement sites
Union street
Pocock street
Cody road -
Clock tower
Deptford Stores
HR

New Committee,

We discussed the decline in executive committee members. Andrew confirmed that he had reluctantly accepted Lisa Wilkins resignation, this was confirmed by Tina who had said that she had, had little support from Lisa in the last 6 months.

Andrew reminded the committee that Christine 3 year term of office was up and so he proposed a motion to re-elect her which was seconded by Tina.

Andrew also reminded the committee that his 3 year term as chairman was also due up. Tina proposed Andrew and Christine seconded it, Andrew reluctantly accepted the term of office again.

But motioned for Christine to become deputy which was seconded by Jackie.

Tina reminded us that she will not be with us for much longer, and so consideration is needed for the future and how we will deal with not having a central person.

In February 2018 a notice went out in the RIB requesting benevolent fund members to join the committee. 8 Staff responded:

The committee voted to invite the first 3 from the list onto the committee. Reject the next 3 the Last 2 at time of request were not in the fund. So could not be on the committee.

It was agree that the members would be invited to a meeting with the chairman to explain what is expected of them and then given a 6 month probation period before asking them to sign the paperwork.

Loans

All were in agreement to amend the criteria of the loans to just say the fund will not pay out for car purchase and remove the maintenance part.

Lodge

Andrew, Tina and Jackie had all managed to get down to the lodge over the last month, Andrew had been able to get Shorefields to tidy up the garden. They all noticed that there was a stain on the new carpet in one of the bedrooms. The blinds need looking at again.

Andrew presented the committee with a Quotes to re-paint the outside of the lodge from a friend of his. The quote was

"To Re-decorate the Chalet, sand and clean, treat with anti fungus wash, and treatment of any damaged timbers. Inclusive of windows, Facias, Doors. Cuprinol is the stain I will use, gives 6 years protection, and can be applied onto a sound surface without removing all the

stain on at present. it also gives us like for like colours. Works will take up to 2 weeks, depends on the condition of the wood.

Inclusive of all materials £1850.00

Good and clear access is required to all sides of the property. “

Tina agreed to contact shorefields for a quote.

All agreed that a new dining table was required.

The Alarm is still not being set by shorefields

Christine is booked in for end of October.

It was decided that we need to go down at the end of season to ensure every is shut down properly

Once again the problems with the French door locks was mentioned. Andrew of Christine to look at when next they go down

Action

Tina to modify the paperwork that is sent out in regards to the lodge

- **A. O. B.**

None

Andrew closed the meeting at 13:00