

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Nurses League.

Charity registration number 290546

Minutes of zoom meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2023 @ 10am

Present – Mike Surkitt Parr (President) Hilary Barker (Treasurer) Chris Parfitt & Sondra Gorrick (Joint Editors) Margaret Allcock (Heritage Lead) Geraldine Copsey (Membership secretary) Mary Dolding. Elizabeth Blaxill. Doreen Betts. Jan Beart. Tessa Holmes (Secretary)

Apologies for absence – No apologies.

Minutes of meeting held on 9-2-2023 – the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Overseas Nurses – Mike Surkitt Parr has contacted the lead for overseas nurses Lisa Dennis and she is keen to progress this. A meeting will be set up after the AGM. Lisa has agreed to be the Speaker at the Betty Lee lecture this year and hopes to also have input from some of the overseas nurses too.

Display Boards – Elizabeth Blaxell confirmed that the display boards have been purchased and Margaret Allcock and the Heritage team are already working with these. Hilary Barker asked for the invoice to be passed to her at the AGM.

Venues for Trustee Meetings - Mike Surkitt Parr spoke of the increasing difficulties being experienced in booking venues for meetings and the AGM at the NNUH site. Considerations need to include the following if future meetings are held off site; the services of the chaplaincy team cannot be used if the AGM is held off site. If Live Streaming of the AGM is our aim for 2024, we would need technical support, and this is not available at weekends from the NNUH team.

Possible stall at Royal Norfolk Show – Tessa Holmes has approached CES a company that she knows who have a stand at the show every year, they are willing for the League to have a table within their area where we could perhaps have a draw and a display from Heritage Group. Agreed that we would look into holding such a stand in 2024.

Media sub-group – Tessa Holmes fed back to the meeting following the first meeting of the media sub-group on May 2nd. Group members are Mary Dolding, Jan Beart, Chris Parfitt and Tessa Holmes. A discussion took place, Sondra Gorrick felt the group needed to also consider what the League is offering in order to attract and retain new members and that our service at the AGM is a Christian service, when we perhaps should be looking towards a multi-faith service to be inclusive to all groups. Mike Surkitt-Parr reported that we already offer the two annual lectures (AGM and Betty Lee) and the Heritage Committee work and felt that Trustee recruitment was another concern to be addressed with the possible introduction of Succession Planning. Ann Copsey reported that although nurses join as newly qualified it has not been the case to date that we retain them as paying members. Chris Parfitt reported that the new educational link for NNUH was Coral Draine who is planning to start meetings for Band 5 and 6 groups and perhaps this would be an appropriate link in for the League. Mike Surkitt-Parr thanked the group for their start to the work and hopes to attend their next meeting to be held on July 4th at 1pm Goodies Farm Shop. Pulham Market.

President & Trustee election nominees – Ann Copsey reported that none had been received. Mike Surkitt-Parr asked Margaret Allcock and Doreen Betts if they were willing to stand another term of office – both kindly agreed.

Meeting dates and venues for future meetings –

Betty Lee Lecture has been booked for Benjamin Gooch Hall on 11 October 2023

2024 AGM – booked for Benjamin Gooch Hall on 11 May 2024

Trustee meeting for 10 August 2023 – venue tba.

93rd AGM & Reunion Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2.30pm.

Mike Surkitt-Parr ran through the order for the day and advised that Professor Nancy Fontaine had agreed to fund the afternoon tea being provided by Serco. This will be set out by Serco outside the BG Hall whilst the AGM is in progress; they will not be providing service so this will need to be undertaken by the Trustees. Chris Parfitt will cater for the Gluten intolerant and vegan attendees. Mike Surkitt-Parr thanked Chris Parfitt for this and also for sourcing a pianist for the service, Peter Worby who is also a pianist at the cathedral. Chris Parfitt kindly proposed she funds a gift token to thank him. Flowers for Annette Jude have been arranged by Ann Copsey, as Annette is now home from hospital.

Hilary Barker has arranged the cake and Jan Beart has arranged the flowers for the day from Nightingale Florists who have kindly given a discount of £5. Jan Beart has very kindly funded the invoice for the flowers. Hilary Barker has arranged a Raffle (Prizes are £30, £20 and £10 M&S vouchers, all funded by kind donations from committee members so monies raised from this will all be profit for League Funds. Hilary Barker will sell tickets. Elizabeth Blaxill has the badges to be given out at the AGM. Ann Copsey has the Bee Taylor wooden plate and the collection bags. The counting of the collection will be undertaken by Grahame Allcock during the AGM.

The collection will be undertaken, and it was agreed that the total amount collected at the AGM should go to Dr Lucy Aurora's chosen charity 'Essentials' which is a charity managed by the hospital chaplaincy and provides food and essential items for staff of the NNUH experiencing hard times. At our previous trustee meeting we had proposed that the collection be split between the speaker chosen charity and a ward area for patient comfort aids, after discussion it was agreed on this occasion 'Essentials' would receive all funds. Chris Parfitt advised the committee that the new Lead for Charitable Funds at NNUH is Julie Cooper.

Joanna Parker, the new chaplain, will undertake the service, she has organised the piano and the silverware. A list of those members who died in the past year to be remembered will be given to her by Ann Copsey.

The Treasurer's report will be read by Hilary Barker, and she will then invite any questions from the floor.

Ann Copsey will read the Membership Secretary's report; the name of Dorothy Pummell who has recently passed away will be added to the list of those to be remembered. Hilary Barker advised that she would attend Dorothy's service as an ex colleague and represent the league. Membership currently stands at 291, with Coral Draine joining as a new member. Ann Copsey has given a gift voucher to Charlottes Ayers (Auditor) who sends her thanks for this to the league.

Apologies for absence have been received from Maxine Farqueson who now lives in Wisbech.

League Website – the password was confirmed as being Norfolk and the Username NNUH.

Joint Editors Report will be delivered by Chris Parfitt. Members thanked Chris Parfitt and Sondra Gorrick for the Editor Job description which they have created. Mike Surkitt-Parr thanked the editors for another excellent journal.

Heritage Committee report will be delivered by Jan Beart on behalf of the Heritage Group.

Members will aim to be at the BG Hall by 12.30 to assist with the setting up of chairs and tables as required.

Any other business

International Nurses Day – Mike Surkitt-Parr will deliver his talk at 1pm on Friday 12th 'Nurses league over the years'. There will be a display from the Heritage committee of uniforms and memorabilia.

Hilary Barker reminded members to bring any expenses claims.

Doreen Betts had received a letter of thanks for her Christmas card and gift voucher from Marga Elsdon who had asked if the league would like to receive her old N&N Badge. Doreen will reply and accept this kind offer on behalf of the Heritage group.

Mary Dolding reported that CN Gavin Shears sends his apologies for the AGM but is happy to help the league in any way he can. It was suggested that he be invited to attend a Trustee meeting.

Ann Copsy reminded the Group that she will be doing the meet and greet on Saturday and has prepared in advance the labels for the 44 expected attendees.

Sondra Gorrick wished members all good wishes for Saturdays AGM as she is unable to attend.

Margaret Allcock asked if there was any news on the Jenny Lind clock. Mike Surkitt-Parr advised that he had spoken with Richard England and that he remains enthusiastic for the clock to return to the JL area but there is still a delay in building work preventing the final placing of the clock.

The meeting closed at 11.34am.

M. J. Surkitt-Parr
10:8:23.