



In the Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region

**Minutes of the Regional Retired Members' Association Committee  
held at Grove Hall on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
at 10.30am.**

**1. PRESENT**

George Tutill, Dick Hazel, Neil Moore, Barry Christopherson, Lita Southam (Secretary) and Graham Benton (Senior Organiser/RMA Coordinator).

**2. APOLOGIES**

Stan Bradbury and Bill Hinsliffe.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING 15/2/11**

Agreed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

a) General Secretary gave apologies for the 5/5/11 South Yorkshire RMA meeting, no further date given.

b) GB to forward BH & DH details to Neil Derrick to volunteer their services.

c) GB had forwarded S99 Branch Congress motion to Monica Smith as requested.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Marjorie Jones' letter of resignation from the Committee read out.

## 6. TRIPS

a) York and Leeds/Bradford members to Whitby on 31/8/11 and 1/9/11 respectively with two coaches each with details on the regional website. Tickets on sale shortly. NM considering a change from Whitby for 2012 looking for ideas.

b) Sheffield members visited Chester with a boat trip on the Trent at Newark due shortly. A visit also being arranged to Southport in August.

## 7. REPORTS

a) National RMA Conference - GB apologised as he had missed the date for the conference as it had been included in a set of minutes from the national committee. No motions had therefore been sent nor details of the delegates until a few days before. He had however managed to book accommodation for BC, DH & BH in time which was appreciated.

b) Congress - The S99 motion was withdrawn at the request of the CEC and referred back to the national RMA conference.

c) National RMA Committee - It was reported that tagging the national conference on to Congress wasn't working so it was envisaged next year's would revert back to Manchester on a separate date as previously.

d) National Pensioners' Convention - It appears that only two GMB delegates attended the meeting in Southport on 23/3/11 and that was DH & BH. The Pensioners' Charter is being reviewed for presentation to Parliament.

## 8. GMB@WORK

GB reported that the region continues to grow, in the previous 12 months to May 2011 by 2.1%. Regions were focussing on consolidation in organised workplaces which was proving successful. An update was given on the situation within Southern Cross homes where visits were being arranged to every establishment to brief members and recruit new ones.

## 10. REGIONAL RMA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

GB and LS to review the numbers of retired members with more than 50 year's service and write to them asking if they would like to receive a long service badge in appreciation of their service to the union. If sufficient numbers of badges remained then this could be rolled out to members with more than 40 years.

## 11. DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Grove Hall commencing at 10.30am.