

Minutes of Rother Fed EGM held Wednesday 9 April 2008 Silverwood Miners Resource Centre

Delegates Present: C. Wright, L. Booth, D. Senior, H. Leigh, P. Botham, S. Stevenson, F. Roe, B. Roe, P. Lee, A. Dawson, C. Hartley, V. Baldwin, C. Hammond, R. Mugglestone, P. Collins, L. Sales, T. Harrison, S. Mayo, G. Bell, A. Roddison, D. Corkell, J. Holbrook, J. Madden, M. Hartley, J. Beech, M. Davis, C. Eyre, G. Whiteley, L. Shears, J. Jones

Apologies: D. Dobbs

Annual Report and Accounts.

1. Peter Collins, Chair welcomed delegates and all colleagues to the meeting, and outlined the order of business, there being only one item, the Accounts for approval. He introduced Roy Mugglestone, Treasurer who went through the accounts page by page, highlighting points of interest. He then asked for any questions arising from the report.

2. Questions.

a) What part does Treeton Partnership play in Rother Fed, are staff employed by them?

Steve explained that the Treeton Partnership had facilitated salaries and other areas of staff support during the first full year of operation. He also reported that the salaries would be input by Rother Fed as the Partnership had now closed. Rother Fed now employed staff directly.

b) Why is the cost of cleaning so low?

Steve explained that 2010 Rotherham had given Rother Fed free use for the building we occupy and there was informal understanding that services provided at the building were free including heating, lighting, cleaning and telephones. He would as a matter of urgency, get specific written assurances about which facilities were free and which we would have to pay for.

c) Public liability Insurance. Why can we not have joint insurance to reduce costs?

This item produced a lot of debate, some groups obviously didn't have Public Liability Insurance, and questioned why it was needed. Roy Mugglestone indicated that High Nook TARA used Ladbroke's at Dinnington. Steve explained that he had some initial discussions about getting joint cover for all our members but we had not achieved that as yet. Andrew Roddison explained the reasons why it was important. Steve said that as this was so important for members, this was a subject that we would address at a future delegates meeting.

d) Why is there a cost for telephones when you've already said you pay nothing for phones?

Steve and Andrew explained that they were costs for the equipment and a mobile for the Development Officer.

e) What are the debtors and Creditors listed on page 9?

Steve explained as the examiner of accounts had informed him, that these costs were monies which were to be spent or received before the end of March.

f) Do TARAs have to have Public Liability Insurance, who and what does it cover?

Steve reiterated that a future delegates meeting would be held on this subject.

g) Do we have a contingency plan should the free premises facility be lost?

Steve is approaching 2010 about our tenure and what costs it covers.

The Chair then asked delegates to approve the Annual Report and Accounts. It was accepted unanimously.