



Minutes of the East Midlands GPM Regional Sector Committee held on Friday 26th March 2010 12.30pm at the Unite Office - Leicester

Attendees: R Batchelor, A Dent, R Moosa (Chair), T Porter, R Swain. B Woodcock, R Mooney (Regional Officer)

Apologies: P Curtis, M Flavin, J Leivers, A Pilkington.

Minutes of the last meetings: - Agreed

Matters Arising: None

Regional Industrial Reports. Regional report circulated, the Regional Officer reported on the current BPIF/Unite National Agreement, as the employers negotiating panel were not in a position to enter negotiations as they had no mandate. This information has been circulated to chapels covered by the agreement as it has been suggested that each chapel call a members meeting and make a pay claim with their company for 3.7% in line with RPI. Reports were received from the Reps: CSK Leicester has submitted a claim but awaiting further financial information from the Company.

Qulavis Litho – Had submitted a claim for 4%, but has agreed to defer the claim until June.

Polestar Chromoworks – Pay negotiations are covered by a Group Agreement, a wage claim has been submitted. Current agreement on banked hours is due to finish at the end of March 2010.

Howitts – Pay talks ongoing, the Company have offered 2% with conditions attached.

Antalis – Pay offer of 3% in two stages along with the consolidation of £300 bonus into basic pay.

CSK Northants – In the process of starting negotiations in line with the BPIF Agreement.

National Policy Conference

The following delegates were elected:

- Raffiq Moosa
- Tony Porter

Substitute: Jane Leivers

Motions to Conference – A discussion took place on motions but none were agreed.

Rules conference

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- Raffiq Moosa

Substitute: Tony Porter

Regional Committee Report - R Moosa circulated a report.

National Sector Committee Report – Due to M Flavin unable to attend the meeting it was agreed for a written report to be circulated.

General Election Campaign – Kevin Hepworth spoke on the forthcoming General Election Campaign and the importance of activists/ reps encouraging their members to vote Labour and to help with the Unite's Election Campaign. Members were reminded of the gains under labour and the truth behind the conservative policies. Members were advised of the key seats in the area and the dates and times of the Regional phone banks, and the names and contact details of the Regional Political Officers.

Organising & Recruitment within the GPM Sector – A discussion took place in regard to GPM Chapels forming branches it was suggested that each chapel over 70 be given the option to form a workplace branch or be transferred to the nearest former Amicus geographical branch to their workplace. Smaller chapels, individuals should be transferred to the nearest former Amicus geographical branch.

Collective Bargaining within the Sector – The Regional Officer agreed to compile a database on the information provided from officers and reps.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 28th June Friday 10th September
Both meetings to be held in the Leicester Branch and to take place at 12.30pm.

Any Other Business

S Barker has resigned from the Committee as he is no longer working in the industry, his resignation was accepted and a letter of thanks would be sent by the Chair.

B Woodcock raised concerns about the number of courses held in the region for new workplace and Health & Safety Reps. R Moosa agreed to raise the matter at the next Regional Council meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 3.00pm.