



National Back Exchange (London Group)
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at St George's, Tooting. Wednesday 22nd July 2015 3:30pm

		Action
1	<p>Apologies: David Hughes (DH), Danielle Holmes(DH), Terrsa Yiannaco (TY) Francine Mutuma (FM), Pat Alexander (PA), Maggie Williams (MW), Carol Innerarity (CI), Valerie Philips (VP), Yogen Jassani (YJ), Antonia Hearn (AH)</p> <p>Present: Ian Harvey (IH), Sally Cassar (SC), Liz Hughes (LH), Martin Pendry (MP), Rosemarie Scrutton (RS) Suzanne Payne (SJP), Mark Curtis (MC), Jolie Driscoll (DG), Glynis Watson (GW), Carol Stewart (CS)</p>	
	Rosemarie Scrutton welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked people for attending	
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting (AGM) 2014: These were agreed as being correct once corrections made</p>	
3	<p>Matter Arising: There were no matters arising</p>	

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Chairs Report;

It has been a very difficult year for many members, the national austerity measures have impacted on many organisations, and our role as safer manual handling champions is continuously challenged.

We have seen the retirement of several longstanding members, Fay Reid, Joan Gabbett, David Couzens- Howard, Eila Mohey and their contributions to the group both practically and supportively over the years have been immense. Their dedication to the publishing of the standards led by David should also be recognised, as a group we wish them all well in the future and hope they will stay in touch.

There have been some interesting sessions over the year and, I am of the opinion that they have been well attended although there is always room for more, we do need to be ever mindful of members priorities and reflect on the past (how it used to be) but look to the future and embrace it.

A huge thank you to Martin Pendry who has held the group together through fragile and painful times, without his tireless efforts I am in no doubt the London group would tragically have folded. My thanks also to Sally for keeping me sane when I needed to sound off, and Francine for her calm approach to all we as a committee, strive to achieve.

For our group to achieve maximum benefits from sessions we need your help to set the scene for the coming year. Please consider any topics of interest that you feel members may find interesting, and dare I say fun! Any ideas for joint sessions with the South London group would also be welcome.

I hope some of you have managed to secure funding for NBE conference and look forward to seeing people in a social context as much as work related, sometimes the best outcomes are achieved over a glass of wine or your favourite tipple.

Wishing you all a happy summer.

I would be willing to continue as Chair person for 2015/16 unless someone is willing to step into the role.

There was a vote of thanks from the floor for taking on the role of chair and leading the committee and keeping the group going.

Treasurer's report;

Francine was not able to make the meeting so Martin reported on her behalf. The accounts were circulated, at the AGM. The financial position is healthy.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2015

Income for 2014/2015

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Expenditure for 2013/2014

Consumables

50.00
Stationery

Travel

Strategy CD refund

2759.22
Speakers

518.00

Expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March 2014

3327.22

Excess income over expenditure

(2830.22)

Total funds at 31 March 2014

3957.79

Total funds at 31 March 2015

1134.59

Assets at 31 March 2013

Secretary's Report;

Membership stands at 24

Memberships lapsed mainly due to retirement 5

Potential new members 1

- September 2014 - Single Handed M&H with Rosemarie Scutton
- September 2014 - Falls with Glynis Watson
- October 2014 - Joint meeting Visit to Liko
- November 2014 - Cancelled visit to Benmore
- December 2014 - Christmas get together
- January 2015 - Care Bill with Fiona McMullen
- January 2015 - Care Bill Quiz with Rosemarie Scutton
- March 2015 - M&H techniques with Sally Cassar
- May 2015 - ATM Airpod with Yogen Jasani
- May 2015 - Update on the Care Act with Rosemarie Scutton
- July 2015 - Direct Payments with

The committee now intends to use the website to share information www.lgnbe.org.uk

The survey will be out this week so please fill in the survey and to help the committee for fill your needs for getting the best from the group.

I have sent in the afflation pack to NBE and there are a few members who have not paid their subs to national. Can I urge people to pay so we can go forwards with the full list.

I have sent out post cards to all local authority M&H teams with our details and will do the same to NHS trusts north of the river.

There was a vote of thanks form the floor for all the work of keeping the group going.

<p>Election of officers:</p> <p>Chairman: Rosemarie Scrutton was elected Chair ~ Unanimous</p> <p>Vice Chairman: Sally Carrar was elected Vice Chair ~ Unanimous</p> <p>Treasurer: Francine Mutuar was elected Treasure ~ Unanimous</p> <p>Secretary: Martin Pendry was elected Secretary ~ Unanimous</p> <p>Meetings Secretary: Carole Stuart, Glynis Watson and Jolie Driscoll ~ Unanimous</p>	