

Minutes – Socialist Societies Executive

Monday 23 March 2009

Present: Jacky Peacock, Dianne Hayer, Carlie Newman, Melanie Smallman, Martin Rathfelder, Neil Nerva, Simon Wright, Martin Doré, David Caplin.

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies: Marianne Hood, Emma Burnell, Sheila Doré, Pat Ireland.

2. Minutes of meeting January 2009 - available to download from [here](#)

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

May date does not need to change now.

4. NEC Report: Dianne Hayter

Discussion about European elections strategy, parliamentary selections, party finances, MPs expenses. JLM holding meeting on beating the BNP on 22 April (all welcome).

5. National Policy Forum report (Jacky, Martin, Simon)

Discussion about the latest meeting and role of the NPF. Equality Bill issues: inclusion of age discrimination, banks getting private sector exemptions despite public ownership,. Agreed to invite Harriet Harman or Maria Exall to the next meeting and hold at Commons (Action: Simon).

6. 2009 Party Conference

SERA looking for venue so might offer fringe venue to other groups. Martin F looking into venue for 2010. Agreed that stall needs major overhaul – that Fabians should only have one-third, that no tables allowed - each Society to bring standard display stand, no bags and only one person per Society at any time.

7. Friends of Labour Groups, BAME Labour

Various groups starting. Discussion about role of BAME Labour.

8. Officers' Reports including Treasurer's Report
None.

9. Travel to Exec meetings; Yahoogroup proposal

Travel to NPF covered from party funds. Agreed that a Society with delegate from outside London and financial restrictions might be able to ask Exec for some travel costs. Current email and webspace arrangement should continue. Simon to circulate contact details of delegates.

10. Any Other Business

Pat Ireland now General Secretary of Labour Clubs. LGBT Labour launched new campaign and website www.lgbtlabour.org.uk using party's web creator.

11. Date of next meetings: 18 May 2009, 20 July 2009, 21 September 2009.