

# Socialist Societies Executive

Thursday 29 May 2008

## **1. Introductions and apologies**

Thanks to Nigel Spearing for his years of support to the Socialist Societies Executive, as he will not longer be the rep from SEA. Agreed to suggest and mark this end of an era. Secretary to write to Nigel.

## **2. Minutes of meetings 18 March 2008**

Agreed.

## **3. Matters Arising**

## **4. Nominations to the NPF**

Following ballot, Martin Rathfelder, Jacky Peacock and Simon Wright were agreed as then only three nominations for the 3 NPF positions – all Societies asked to nominate them.

## **5. NEC Report: Dianne Hayter**

NEC was moved from 22 May – 12 June (due to by-election). Discussion about Euro elections in 2009. Dianne took NEC to Brussels helped to gear them up. New General-Secretary appointment on 13 June.

## **6. Parliamentary Hearings report**

LPIS to be mentioned in the earlier part of the report. Simon to finish amendments and send to Ed Miliband's office for the 10 June meeting. Could be published and used at Conference. Jacky to do a press release. Should be available in Word and PDF format.

## **7. NPF process for amendments**

Amendments to Simon by 20 June.

## **8. Preparations for Ed Miliband meeting (10 June)**

10 June, 6pm. One person per Society to attend but not doing party piece. Agreed to ask him to start by responding to our report. Jacky, Dianne and Simon to lead discussion. Need to re-confirm his attendance.

## **9. Officers' Reports including Treasurer's Report**

## **10. Information Exchange**

Noted the death of Bernard Dooley, General-Secretary of the Labour Clubs. Martin Doré is General-Secretary of SEA. Louise Ellmann (JM Sec) now Chair of Transport Committee. JLM having event on 8 June

for 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of State of Israel. SHA has new Chair – Dr Brian Fisher.

**11. Any other Business**

SHA are booking a hotel for conference – contact Martin for room.  
Simon to check that a stand will be booked for Manchester 2008.  
Discussion about London under Boris and lack of Labour succession strategy.

**12. Date of next meetings**

14 July 2008 (request for this to change – will be consulted on via email), 15 September 2008.