



MINUTES OF IFE SOUTHERN BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting: 15th August 2006

Members present: President, Paul Marsh **PM**; Secretary, Tim Gates **TG**; Associate Rep, Colin Partridge **CP**; Shaun Lawrence **SL**

1. Apologies:

Vice President, Terry Lawes **TL**; Exam Secretary, Dave Norgate **DN**; Commercial Rep, Nicky Maynard **NM**; Steve Hamm **SH**

2. Minutes from last meeting:

These were agreed to be an accurate record.

3. Matters arising:

None.

4. Update on Treasurer situation:

TG stated that Simon Jewers had agreed to forward the accounts, but as yet they had not been received.

N.B. The accounts have now been received and Shaun Lawrence has them in his possession.

5. Future of the Branch:

A brief history of the past 2 years of the Branch activity was given by **PM** and he expressed his regret that collectively, the committee had not been able to dedicate the time and effort required in order to move the branch forward, as all had originally hoped. He also expressed concern over the lack of support from IFE HQ, despite repeated requests for information and assistance.

6. Standing down/election of officials:

PM stated that he would be standing down as President, due to business commitments not allowing him to dedicate the time necessary to the Branch.

PM also stated that he had been asked by Terry Lawes, for the Branch to accept Terry's resignation from the post of Vice President for the same reasons.

TG stated that he did not wish to continue with the role of Branch Secretary due to work and family commitments.

TG also stated that Dave Norgate had expressed a desire to stand down as the exam Secretary, but that if no replacement could be found, that he would be willing to continue in the role for a maximum of one further year. At this point he would stand down, even if a replacement could not be found.

CP stated that he was willing to remain in the role of Associate Representative if the Committee was unable or unwilling to adopt the role. Colin also gave a brief outline of his role.

PM stated that Nicky Maynard no longer worked for B&Q and that he was unsure as to her intentions for the Branch.

Shaun Lawrence asked for a re-cap on the vacant positions and this was done, as stated above, with the inclusion of details on the Treasurer's position, which is currently vacant and the Consultant Rep's position, which is currently held by Bob Cleary.

SL then expressed his interest in adopting the Secretary's position. This was proposed by **TG** and seconded by **CP**.

SL was thereby elected as the Secretary of the Branch.

After some discussion concerning plans and requirements for the Branch, **CP** agreed to take up the position of President. This was proposed by **PM** and seconded by **SL**.

CP was thereby elected to the role of President of the Branch.

Action: **TG** to inform IFE HQ of the change in Branch Committee members.

There was then some discussion regarding how the Branch could move forward and develop.

Action: **TG** to forward all Secretarial material to **SL** and to cc him with correspondence to IFE HQ, contact details for Committee members and electronic IFE documentation.

7. Any other business:

PM expressed his thanks to all of the Committee members for their support over the past 2 years and also wished **SL** & **CP** good luck for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 15:05.

