

**N/W1072 TCX NATIONAL BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, MAN AIRPORT ON 29th MARCH 2012**

Branch Officials Present

MARTIN BROWNE – Chair
JUNE KNOX – Branch Secretary
Matt Irish – Equalities
Janet Thorpe
Alex Garcia-Cobo
Rachel Brockie
Hayley Browne - H&S

Apologies

Duggie Kirk
Nichola Faiers

Chairperson's opening Remarks

MB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Welcomed a newly elected workplace rep and Branch Official, Rachel Brockie. MB thanked Laura Gray for all her hard work and dedication during her time as a rep and Branch Official. Laura is leaving Thomas Cook and this was her last meeting. She will be greatly missed. Presentation print was made to Laura by way of thanks from the members of N/W1072.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

N/A

Announcements and Correspondence to be dealt with

MB put forward a motion with MI as seconder to send a message of support from the Branch to our colleagues in the fuel tanker sector. This was carried by a show of hands, and will be actioned once confirmation of industrial action dates are known.

Branch Secretary/Treasurer's Report

JK explained that the current Branch review is still on-going. The aim where possible and appropriate is to merge Amicus and TGWU Branches. There are currently inactive Branches within the union, which also needs to be addressed. The Branch accounts were made available for attendees to view. The Branch funds remain healthy.

Committee Reports

JK was unable to attend the last Area Activists committee meeting as it coincided with a full reps' meeting at Thomas Cook.

The date of the next AA meeting is the 7th June 2012

JK attended the CAT sector committee meeting on the 26th March 2012. Peter Newns talked about a learning agreement at Thomas Cook which was close to being finalised. The Branch nor the workplace committee were aware of this and will look into further.

Jet 2 cabin crew are working towards recognition with the help of their BALPA colleagues. Virgin at MAN is now no longer a 100% campaign target.

There have been four nominations for the three CAT cabin crew vacancies. This means a meeting will be organised to elect three from the four. The nominations are **Martin Browne**, Andrew Knott(Thomson), Claire Ross(Virgin) and Lisa Wallace(Monarch).

The next CAT meeting will be held on 18th June 2012.

Consolidation of TCX cabin crew Membership into N/W 1072

As above. Review on-going.

Health & Safety Update

HB updated all regarding the progress of the setting up of the H&S committee. TCX are well outside the statutory times-lines to action this. Colin Carr is to contact the company. An election needs to take place in order to elect a vice- chair to the H&S workplace committee.

100% Campaign

Thomas Cook hanger personnel are a 100% target for our Officer Colin Carr. Recruitment figures for the NW CAT Jan- March 2012 stands at 104 new members.

AOB

JK gave dates for the following meetings:

Policy Conference 25th-28th June 2012

TUC Conference 10th-13th September 2012

Labour Party Conference 30th September-4th October 2012

JK informed the attendees that the Unite Policy Conference Preliminary Agenda is available for viewing upon request. Any amendments from the Branch must be submitted by 18th May 2012.

JK reminded everyone about the Unite Community Membership which gives union cover for 50pence per week. Those eligible are pensioners, unemployed and students.

Date of the next Branch Meeting - TBA