

YSPG MINUTES FROM 16 MARCH 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN WETHERBY

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Peter Lawrence (Hon Treasurer)
Christine Pick (Vice Chair)
Paul Kaye (Chairman)
Maureen Freeman (Social Secretary)
Peter Williams
Kathryn Davenport
Sara Ludlam
Nick Haigh
Jessica Appleby

APOLOGIES:

Angela Davies (Secretary) (who attended but only to hand over to Sara Ludlam as new secretary)
John Dobbin
Richard Camidge
Margaret Adams
Fiona Tatton
Julian Taylor
Neil Liebermann

NOMINATIONS: Paul Kaye and Angela Davies stood down from their respective positions and nominations for Christine Pick as Chair and Sara Ludlam as Secretary were received and duly nominated albeit that Christine wished to share the role of Chair and Sara volunteered and they were each duly appointed Co Chairs.

Peter Lawrence was reappointed as Treasurer, **Maureen Freeman** as Social Secretary and **Julian Taylor** as National Executive Council Representative.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: an overview of the possible changes and future for sole practitioners in the face of "Tesco law" and the fact that licences for Alternative Business Structures will be available from October 2010. Rebranding opportunities may be of interest and importance of protecting the name "solicitor" will be an issue. Focusing on existing client bases and identifying your target market and opportunities would be the best strategy.

Peter Williams gave Paul a vote of thanks for his work as Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT: there are approximately 500 sole practitioners in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Membership of the YSPG in 2009 was 23. Cost of membership is £25 per year. Annual accounts were provided and the question of what the monies held should be spent on was raised.

Suggestions included paid attendance at this year's SPG Conference in Ascot; creation of a YSPG website/pages to be accessed from the SPG website; speakers of interest.

RESOLUTION PASSED: to pay members attendance at the SPG conference.

NEXT MEETING: 7 July 2010 was agreed. Venue and speakers to be confirmed.

SKL 11 JUNE 2010 AS APPROVED BY PETER LAWRENCE & MAUREEN FREEMAN