

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR METAL DETECTING

Minutes of the NCMD Virtual Extra General Meeting (EGM) 21 - 26 August 2020

Attendees

Clive Coleman	Chair	Anglian Region
Alastair Hacket	President	Scottish Region
Kevin Gorman	General Secretary	North West Region
Hilary Fagen	Assistant General Secretary	North West Region
John Rigby	Membership Secretary	Central Register / Individual members
Siobhan Liehne	Treasurer	Scottish Region

Regional delegates

Tommy Allinson	North East Region
Sid Hallam	Yorkshire Region
William Hargreaves	North West Region
Wendy Howard	Anglian Region
Brian Pollard	Midlands Region
David Rees	Western Region
Clive Sinclair	Southern Region
Lesley Sleith	Scottish Region
John Wells	Midlands Region

The interests of individuals and clubs on the Central Register were represented by John Rigby.

INTRODUCTION

- The agenda and attachments for this EGM were circulated to the Executive Committee and delegates as indicated above. It was decided that this EGM should be held remotely to deal with several key topics which Executive Officers felt should be dealt with soon, rather than waiting until the next proposed AGM in February 2021. The attachments circulated with the agenda were a set of explanatory notes offering information on all five items listed for discussion and a short Work History for Catherine Lange.
- Comments and questions were emailed to everyone on the Executive Committee to enable virtual discussions to take place and to provide an opportunity for responding to the comments and questions before votes were taken on each proposal.
- Once discussions had taken place, delegates were asked to respond with the result of voting for or against each of the five proposals. It was requested that all comments, questions, and votes be finalised by 26th August 2020.
- There were nine regions invited to vote. The North East region did not record their vote.

1 PROPOSAL AND VOTE FOR CATHERINE LANGE TO BE APPOINTED AS COMMUNICATION OFFICER TO THE NCMD

- It was proposed that Catherine Lange be appointed to the position of Communication Officer to the NCMD. A short Work History for Catherine had been circulated with the papers for this meeting. The results of the vote were as follows:

- **VOTE**

Proposed by North West Region and seconded by Yorkshire Region.

The majority of regions voted in favour of the proposal: Scottish Region, Midlands Region, Western Region, Anglian Region and Southern Region. Individual members and Central Register voted against the proposal.

The proposal was agreed.

- **COMMENTS**

The Midlands and Southern Regions voted in favour with the proviso that this is a new position and therefore the decision will need to be ratified at the AGM in February 2021.

2 PROPOSAL FOR AN ANNUAL FREE DRAW FOR ALL MEMBERS TO THE VALUE OF £10K

- An annual free draw for all members to the value of £10k had been proposed. The results of the vote were as follows:

- **VOTE**

Proposed by Individual members and seconded by Scottish Region.

The majority of regions voted in favour of the proposal: North West Region, Yorkshire Region, Midlands Region and Anglian Region. Western Region and Southern Region voted against the proposal.

The proposal was agreed.

- **COMMENTS**

The Midlands Region voted in favour with the reservations that the prizes could have been different and the '4 or 5' distributors comment requires defining.

3 PROPOSAL TO SEND A PERSONAL LETTER TO EACH NCMD MEMBER

- It had been proposed that the NCMD send a personal letter to each NCMD member. The results of the vote were as follows:

- **VOTE**

Proposed by the North West Region and seconded by Yorkshire Region.
The majority of regions voted in favour of the proposal: Scottish Region, Western Region, Anglian Region and Individual members. Southern Region and Midlands Region voted against the proposal.

The proposal was agreed.

- **COMMENTS**

Western Region voted in favour of the proposal after learning that the NCMD will have an email database of all members in place by the end of September.

4 PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE IMAGE OF THE NCMD AT A MAXIMUM COST OF £25K

- **VOTE**

After consideration of the proposal to upgrade the image of the NCMD at a maximum cost of £25k, the results of the vote were as follows:

Proposed by Individual members and seconded by Scottish Region.
The majority of regions voted in favour of the proposal: North West Region, Yorkshire Region, Western Region and Anglian Region. There were no votes against the proposal. Both the Midlands and Southern Regions abstained from voting.

The proposal was agreed.

- **COMMENTS**

The Midlands and Southern Regions abstained due to lack of in-depth analysis.

5 SEARCHER MAGAZINE - PROPOSAL TO USE AN ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIER

- **VOTE**

After consideration of the proposal to replace the Searcher Magazine with an alternative supplier, the results of the vote were as follows:

Proposed by Individual members and seconded by the Scottish Region.
The majority of regions voted in favour of the proposal: North West Region, Yorkshire Region, Midlands Region and Anglian Region. Western Region voted against the proposal. Southern Region abstained from voting.

The proposal was agreed.

- **COMMENTS**

The North West and Western Regions recorded that the loss of a working relationship with the Searcher Magazine was a pity but understandably unavoidable, whilst at the same time urging caution regarding the new supplier.