LTDA Suburban Branch Meeting

Held for Sectors 8 and 9 Members

On 28/05/2019 @ Wembley

11 in attendance

Minutes read and accepted by DE & TM

Matters arising

An error was raised against the minutes for our Suburban Branch meeting of 4/12/2018.

Error was against the Chair’s report item on the change to Rule 44a. It was incorrectly stated that the rule change meant any vote at branch meetings would be “via a secret ballot”, it should read “any rule changes would be agreed by the entire membership after a postal ballot.”

(the actual request from the COM was attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes of our meeting of 26 July 2018)

A proposal was put forward that, for this meeting, Steve Howard would continue as temporary branch Sec as elections would be held at the next meeting.

Chairman’s Report

Dynamo Taxi

I went up to Coventry and had a test drive. Impressed but not sure about wheelchair access size, although it meets the conditions of fitness. No swivel seats. Looks as though it will be on sale in September with a London agent being appointed – NW Taxis whose website will go live mid-June.

Scrappage Scheme

It seems only 4000 responses to TfL’s consultation were received. this is disappointing. I urge all drivers and families to respond to any consultation that comes along and to look out for TfL’s weekly email which also has details of borough schemes and proposals especially in the suburbs.

LTDA has a euro 5 cab under trial with an engine upgrade that would enable the 15-year rule to be maintained if it works – update from Taxi hse awaited?

Sector Reports

A question was raised over the Greenwich Port as to the availability for the supply of taxis and how pollution levels equate to those omitted by taxis and what action is being taken.

A question was raised re the rank monitor system at Wembley. AS gave a brief report and that Tfl are looking into taking over ownership, at present time the system is not working.

A question was raised re the ComCab Taxicard fixed priced problems at present time; a drivers meeting took place at ComCab .

A discussion took place as to the success of the taxi decommissioning scheme, one point was put forward by AS that any driver having trouble about receiving their money after Decom, they should let the LTDA know.

Next Meeting will be for Sector 6 and 7 drivers held at New Malden on Monday 24th June 2019

Steve Howard Temporary Branch Secretary and Council of Management Member