



NACC Scottish Regional Meeting

17 June 2009 – Ralston Day Centre, Community Hall, Paisley

Attendees

Gary Nicholl
Neel Radia
Myfanwy Taylor
Stephen Scragg
Stuart Campbell
Robert Beveridge
Brian La Combre
Lorna Muir
Julie Anderson
Fiona Henderson
Margaret McLaren
Laura Robertson
Joyce Gordon

Company/Authority

Hobart UK
Raj Foods
Meiko UK Ltd
BGL Reiber
Gram UK
Thermobox UK
Apetito
Renfrewshire Council
Renfrewshire council
Nestle
West Lothian College
Nutrition training Company
East Lothian Council

Apologies

Paul Haughey
Shona Strachan
Paul McGuire

ER Moffat
Fife Council
Williams/ Falcon

Welcome and Introduction

Gary Nicholl—Vice Chair welcomed those present, and a warm welcome extended to Fiona Henderson our new member from Nestle. Gary also thanked Lorna Muir from Renfrewshire Council for the venue and hospitality.

Lorna briefed us on housekeeping arrangements.

Minutes of meeting 11th March 2009

No amendments to minutes which were approved by Gary Nicholl and seconded by Laura Robertson.

Matters arising

No matters arising from last meeting

Gary Nicholl expressed his concern for lack of committee members and urged for volunteers to come onto committee. He feels he is only able to prepare one meeting at a time. Joyce and Shona assist on a regular basis, but there is no future plan.

More active committee members will help build structure and future growth of the Scottish Region and its events. It will also give more strength for National representation.

As a commitment to future meetings for the year, there will not be any charges to encourage attendance and new membership.

It was suggested that "volunteers" assist in the running of meetings e.g. minutes of meetings and everyone will take turn about until a permanent committee is established. Lorna Robertson kindly offered to volunteer to take minutes at next meeting on 30 September. Margaret McLaren also volunteered to help out as did Myfanwy Taylor.

Care Competition

Four candidates from two authorities were represented in the Scottish heat but we were unable to arrange a live cook off this year and therefore they were judged on content and presentation of their submissions.

The winner was Patricia Hepburn of Tayside Contracts, Dundee. Finals will be carried out on the 12 July and everyone wished Patricia Hepburn the best of luck.

Gary Nicholl asked members to start considering potential candidates for next year. By late Oct/Nov potential candidates should be put forward and it was agreed that a cook off be held to decide the winner and give relative experience of conditions that are experienced during the national finals.

The cook off should be scheduled for late Jan or Feb. of next year. Margaret McLaren offered the West Lothian College for the venue for cook off.

Doreen McPhee presented enthusiastically how the process for nominations should be carried out.

Points for CPD

Neel Radia intimated to members that attendance for NACC affiliated members who attend meetings and National Conference collects points towards CPD. Refer to www.cpd.co.uk.

NACC Awards

Award system changed this year "Innovation Award" and "Meals on Wheels". The Scottish Region would welcome any nominations from our members which would be submitted to council.

Diary dates

30 September 2009

Glenochil Prison- Proposed agenda: Control of infection/acquired infection "Swine flu"
TBC

Gary Nicholl to get detailed of a speaker from HCA. We are looking for speakers internal or external. Robert Beverage suggested Fergus Chambers from Cordia, on Commonwealth Games.

Meals on Wheels- first week in October . Details of any authorities initiatives would be submitted to national council for publication.

Gary Nicholl suggested that all reports and pictures from meetings and future advertisement of next meeting to be sent to Neel Radia and he will promote in next publication of the NACC magazine.

National Conference Wed 9th to 11 September 2009

National Regional Officers

Posts to be filled:

National Chair- Nominations: Derek Johnston (Deputy Chair) and Sue Ullman .

Gary Nicol proposed and Margaret McLaren seconded both nominations to go forward.

National Secretary- Nominations: Julie Noaks and Ros Speight

Joyce Gordon proposed and Myfanwy Taylor seconded both nominations to go forward.

December 9th 2009

Last meeting of the year: suppliers to organise: M Taylor to come back with possible venue. Speakers are required.

Round the Regions

Stuart Campbell – Gram Launching ice machines and new "Compact" refrigeration units. Defrosts its self and is a "greener" refrigerator on the market.

Robert Beverage- Thermo box- Margaret Cooper from Shetland Isles Council has gone live with Meals on Wheels.

Brain La Combe – Apetito now does individual portions for healthcare wards and day centres. Sponsoring a table at Catey Awards

Lorna Muir and Julie Anderson both from Renfrewshire Council – New T&C for employees: new annual leave entitlement will be accepted next week and will come into force in October. Meals on Wheels introduced, with over 400 service users. Have experienced problems with recruitment and staff turnover. Service Manager to be appointed.

Fiona Henderson- Nestle: responsible for the education and healthcare side of the business. Supplies, biscuits, coffee, and culinary aids through distributor network.

Margaret McLaren- West Lothian College: previously Beild Housing. Recently appointed at West Lothian College to teach REHSS, Food Hygiene, and Nutrition. "Well Being" classes for Prisoners and VQ's in cookery.

Laura Robertson- Nutrition Training Co. Qualified to train REHSS day or block courses. Her business partner Dr Somerville will be speaking at NACC Conference.

Joyce Gordon- East Lothian Council- Domicile Dept: Responsible for Care Centres and Home Meal service. Questionnaires out for home meal service. Going through difficult times, with "single status".

Neel Radia- Raj Foods – provision of ethnic and Hal Hal meals. Have recently developed African/Caribbean/ Chinese, individual meals for care homes and schools. Neel was our guest speaker at the meeting. His speech was titled "Spice for Life" where he gave an enlightening presentation on the benefits of curry once or twice a week to stave of Alzheimer's disease, and also the many medicinal uses of spices. He has been the South East Regional Chair for the past 18 months.

Myfanwy Taylor- Meiko UK- Sales Manager for German manufacturer of dish and utensil washers. Also supply a range of granular utensil washers, waste disposal units, and food waste management systems. Full range listed on OGC Buying Solutions contract.

Steve Scragg- BGL Reiber: manufacturer of food distribution systems. Have developed a new temperature monitoring system, a re- useable container for regeneration. Introduction of concept similar to that of "steamplicity". Listed on OGC Buying Solutions.

Gary Nicholl - Hobart UK – Key Account Manger. Hobart Scotland are busy with NHS and schools market place. Public sector continues to be a strong market. Private sector market is challenging due to economic pressures.

2 Food vacuum waste system will be installed in Scotland by the end of the year which will be the first of their kind in the UK. He emphasised Hobart's "Green" policies and the accountability that large manufacturers face. Also the success of Bonny cooking and refrigeration equipment –a premium and flexible range of French cooking equipment.

AOB

Neel Radia said there is an interesting report which can be found on; www.bapen.org.uk
The "MUST" tool is relatively simple to use and can quickly identify if people are under nourished. However, he pointed out it could be misleading and can be intrusive to the individual.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 30th 2009- Glenochil Prison.

Vote of Thanks went to Lorna Muir for the venue and hospitality.