

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMANS SEMINAR 27 NOVEMBER 2010

GOVERNANCE

Where do we get our say as a Membership Organisation?

Chairman's response

The enhanced Membership Council will be the forum for members to influence Haig House as well as the proposed annual membership conference.

This is very much a Top/Down directive rather than the other way round as in the past members were allowed to contribute.

Chairman's response

This is rather an unfair comment as it was made plain that, within the broad overall new structure proposed, there would be consultation. That process has already started with Devon being at the forefront of it.

If the stats indicate that we lose 90% of members from Club closures, Head Office should help address this.

There appears to be no inclination towards comradeship in Head Office, the future may be a Charity without charity.

Chairman's response

This is rather an unfair comment as it was made plain that comradeship would be reintroduced into the Royal Charter thus making it one of the Legion's charitable purposes.

Lack of comradeship and identity over the last 20 years may be because the Services did not wish to project that image.

We are not a monopoly; H4H, Families Charities and other Service Charities are competing in the same market place, we need to enhance our image and appeal to the younger age grouping.

In this day and age why do we need the Women's Section?

AFFILIATION FEE

Agreement in principle to affiliation fee rises although need to see higher level savings and reduced staff costs.

Rises are better portrayed in pence than in pounds.

How much did it cost to bale out NLC? Was this loss put against the General Fund?

There is not a lot of benefit from membership. What do we get for our money?

What will happen if we go up to £14.50 or £16 and we start to lose a lot of members in the short term?

Member will not pay £16, Club closures will accelerate. To big an increase all at once.

Executive summary required of positive measures required by local membership.