



MINUTES OF THE MIDLANDS
Date: 25th February 2016
Venue: Bidvest Foodservice; Nottingham

Present:

Jane Coleman
 Simon Parry
 Carol Tuck
 Mark Griffiths
 Alan Drayton
 Donna Kibby
 Karen Oliver
 Keith Horner
 Ros Speight
 John Pickering
 Donna Halasz
 James Pittard
 Robert Wager
 Ivan Perkins
 Chris B-Reynolds
 Sheila Murdoch
 Marcela Flores
 Peter Glossop
 Martin Dore
 Jayne Benfield
 Alan Briggs
 Preston Walker
 Simon Ellis
 Stuart Long
 Paul Holland

Apologies:

Dave Grundy
 Roger Kellow

1.	<u>Welcome Introduction and Apologies</u> JC – Welcomed all attendee’s and presented the days agenda	
2.	<u>Minutes of the last Meeting</u> Minutes of the last meeting were provided to all – nothing arising	

3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	
4.	<p><u>Update from The Chair:</u></p> <p>Welcome everyone to our first meet of 2016 and a special welcome to Carol, her first meeting as Regional Secretary and for arranging the venue here at Bidvest.</p> <p>House Keeping</p> <p>Within our region we are keen to involve membership and provide meetings that you find interesting, to this end we have re- introducing a survey sheet, your feedback and ideas are really required and would help us drive forward the NACC and its influence. We are actively trying to retain existing members and increase membership. To help increase membership as a region we decided to write to Care Homes close to the venue of each regional meet and invite them as guests to learn more about the NACC. We asked our members to invite likeminded people to join and promote the work of the NACC and to this end please hand out the membership fliers to explain what the NACC is and the benefits in joining. Please come forward with ideas for venues and what topics and training you would like to see. We also need sponsors for the meetings to enable the NACC to operate and campaign. Please remember our Regional meets are about what the members need and want. Now off my soap box</p> <p>National Exec The NACC continues to have a high profile and as an association is increasingly being requested to attend events, work alongside other associations and provide their views. Please look on the website for up to date information.</p> <p>The main objectives</p> <p>Meals on Wheels and keeping the services in the limelight please if you haven't already done so sign the on line petition and encourage others to do so. I have here MOW badges at £2 each please purchase one NACC working with the charity Sustain to produce a handbook at no cost to send to Local Authorities identifying 4 alternative models to providing Meals on Wheels.</p> <p>Working groups have been established to spread the workload and look at how the association will move forward.</p> <p>Looking at Catering more broadly across the care sector. With care homes and identifying hospices. At TDF looking at palliative care, with more training days arranged. Also partnership with Children's food trust and fostering</p> <p>Forthcoming</p>	

	<p>Nutrition and Hydration week March 14th – 20th –</p> <p>Afternoon tea on the 15th. Are any of you hosting or aware of any events. Please publicise this on twitter, Facebook and send items into the NACC. Share good practice.</p> <p>Training Development Forum 5th -7th October</p> <p>East Midlands Conference Centre Nottingham. Excellent venue, Meet the Buyer. Earlybird discount</p> <p>Meals On Wheels Week 7th -11th November</p> <p>Please notify NACC of any events planned</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Bidvest – Martin Dore our host presented an overview of the their business and how they can support care caterers – copy of presentation attached</p> <p>Mabel Blades – Unfortunately Mabel got stuck in traffic and did not make the meeting, Ros Speight stood in and gave the presentation provided by Mabel on “The Importance of good nutrition” – copy attached</p> <p>Red Tractor – Jonothan Draper presented an over view of Red Tractor – copy of presentation attached</p> <p>Owen Taylor Catering Butchers – Nigel Winn provided an insight into their business and how they work with their customers.</p> <p>NCB Foodservice – Tony Goodyer gave an insight into his time as a Care Caterer and more recently his role with NCB Foodservice and how they can support care caterers – copy of presentation attached</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Care Cook 2016:</u></p> <p>March 16th Midlands Care Cook:</p> <p>We have 8 finalists competing for two places in the National Final. The whole event is sponsored by Premier Foods and they will provide one judge, Aimia Foods are sponsoring the Regional event and they will supply the 2nd judge; Carol, and Stratford Upon Avon College in Rugby will provide the 3rd judge.</p> <p>The college plays host for the 4th year and is a wonderful venue with viewing windows so you are able to watch the progression of the event and the skills on display. You are all welcome to attend and an</p>	

	email will be sent inviting you along. Refreshments and lunch will be provided and the day will be at a cost of £10.00. We will need to know numbers for catering purposes	
7.	<u>Any Other Business:</u> Internet links – It was highlighted that a number of Local Authority website links to their chosen meals on wheels provider do not work – it was proposed that each NACC region check the websites within the regions and report back those that do not work, these can be collated at head office and the individual authorities contacted – JC to speak with Neel	
8.	<u>Date of Next meeting:</u> 9 th June 2016 – Venue to be confirmed	