

Peckham Branch Labour Party

Minutes of Meeting

Held on 11th July 2024 at St Luke's Church Hall

Branch members present:

Tolu Elewere (TE), Sabina Emmanuel (SE), Tracy Julian (TJ), Isha Lakoh (IL), Sunny Lambe (SL - Chair), Malc McDonald (MM), Alfred Mayaki (AM), Yunze Wang (YW)

Also present: Ward councillors Barrie Hargrove (CBH), Cleo Soanes (CCS)

Apologies: None

Meeting commenced at 19:45. With 8 members present, the meeting was quorate. Minutes taken by MM in the ongoing lack of a branch Secretary.

General Election result

The meeting opened with a round of applause for the Labour victory at the General Election on 4th July.

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

These were adopted without amendment.

Ratification of Papa Asiedu as youth delegate to the CLP General Committee was deferred pending the outcome of election of branch officers (see below)

Election of branch officers and delegates

Nominations for branch officers and delegates were as follows:

	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	
Branch officers				
Secretary	Yunze Wang	TJ	SL	Elected unopposed
Vice-Chair	Alfred Mayaki	SE	TJ	Elected unopposed
Women's Officer	Isha Lakoh	MM	SL	Elected unopposed
Additional CLP delegates				
None				

MM resigned as a CLP General Committee delegate, and from the Campaign Database Officer position. As a result, the branch officers and CLP General Committee delegation both meet gender balance requirements, with women members holding 50% of the positions in both cases. However, this prevented the meeting from ratifying Papa Asiedu as youth delegate.

Nominations for CLP Officer positions

Nominations for vacant CLP officer positions were as follows:

	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	
BAME Officer	Deborah Hobson	SE	TJ	Nominated unopposed
LGBT Officer	Yunze Wang	MM	TJ	Nominated unopposed
Youth Officer	Yunze Wang	MM	TJ	Nominated unopposed

Nominations for CLP delegates to conference

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	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	
Women's conference				
	Tracy Julian	??	??	Nominated unopposed
	Isha Lakoh	??	??	Nominated unopposed
National conference				
	Barrie Hargrove	AM	Everyone	Nominated unopposed
	Cleo Soanes	TJ	SL	Nominated unopposed
	Althea Smith	SE	SL	Nominated unopposed
	Tracy Julian	TJ	MM	Nominated unopposed
	Cassie Rist	MM	AM	Nominated unopposed

Nominations for national party positions

Nominations for national Labour Party positions were as follows:

	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	
Auditor				
	Sunny Lambe	YW	SE	Nominated unopposed
National Executive Committee				
	Sunny Lambe	SL	YW	Nominated unopposed

Branch back account signatories

The meeting ratified that the bank account signatories should be the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, with any payments authorised by any two of these three officers. For clarity, as of this meeting, the role holders are:

Chair	Sunny Lambe
Secretary	Yunze Wang
Treasurer	Tracy Julian

Other business

- TJ raised the issue of abuse and intimidation of election candidates
- SE reported on a distressing firearms incident in North Peckham Estate the previous day. The victim was currently in a critical condition
- TJ raised the issue of engagement with branch members and suggested October or November for a members' cheese and wine social event. A budget of £100 from branch funds was agreed. There was also discussion about varying meeting day and time and a mix of in-person and Zoom meetings, to see whether this would enable more members to become active in the branch
- TJ proposed a farewell meal for MM; CCS thanked MM for his service to the branch. MM in turn thanked the branch for the friendship and comradeship he had enjoyed over many years

Meeting closed at 21:06