

COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF NCROPA MEETING HELD ON THE 5th APRIL 1984 at  
15 SLOANE COURT WEST CHELSEA LONDON SW3 4TD

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- (1) Apologies for Absence received from D Kennington , G Fowler, and Ms P Manson.
- (2) David Webb the Director, in the chair, introduced the item on finance by pointing out that NCROPA hardly had any finance at all and that this, despite the fact that postage was being paid for by the Essex Corporation, was having an extremely deleterious effect on NCROPA's activities. He said that this was being worsened by the fact that many members had failed so far to pay their 1984 subscriptions.
- (3) Resignation of Lord Norwich from the Committee was noted and details of the relevant correspondence between himself and the Director were read out. It was decided to ask Lord Houghton of Sowerby to join the Committee to replace Lord Norwich. It was noted that Lord Norwich had never been an active member of the House of Lords whereas Lord Houghton was.
- (4) Details of the NCROPA motion submitted to the NCCL AGM to be held on the 14th and 15th April 1984 were noted. It was also noted that NCROPA was entitled to send two delegates to the AGM. It was agreed that if at all possible those two delegates should be David Webb and Ms P Manson. The Director therefore said that he would contact Ms Manson about this to see if she could be the second delegate. If not he would contact some other person to be that delegate. It was noted that E Goodman would be attending as an individual member.
- (5) Details of the motion submitted by D Webb on behalf of NCROPA at the Equity AGM, which unfortunately was also going to be held on the 14th and 15th April 1984, were noted. D Webb stated that he and Ms Manson as members of Equity would try to be present at both the Equity and NCCL AGM, if at all possible, despite the fact that they were held on the same weekend.
- (6) Information being supplied by E Goodman to Lord Houghton of Sowerby on behalf of NCROPA to assist Lord Houghton in his opposition to the Video Recordings Bill was noted and discussed. Lord Houghton's request for draft amendments which he could raise in Committee of the House of Lords in May was noted. E Goodman took details of proposed amendments by E Miller and

Dr <sup>6</sup>Christine Pickard and the Director and stated that he would incorporate them <sup>^</sup>into a list of draft amendments based on the NCROPA critique <sup>1</sup>and send them to Lord Houghton as soon as possible.

(7) It was decided that NCROPA could not hold its AGM until it had completed its work in trying to oppose the passage of the Video Recordings Bill which it was estimated would take at least another two months. It was decided that if at all possible NCROPA would then hold a press conference and, after that had been done, then arrange <sup>9</sup>to have its 1984 AGM on a separate date.

(8) Under the item <sup>11</sup>"any other business" it was noted that the necessity of opposing <sup>5</sup>the Video Recordings Bill and monitoring its progress through both House <sup>s</sup>of Parliament and in Parliamentary Committee had imposed a great burden on NCROPA precluding it from pursuing other activities. It was hoped that once the Video Recordings Bill had completed its passage NCROPA could move out of the defensive.

(9) The Meeting lasted from 7 pm until 11.15 pm.