

# Private Hire Board

## ...the industry's collective voice

Hi Everyone, please see the page opposite for details of the second **Private Hire Ball** at the InterContinental Hotel on Park Lane London.

Following last year's great success we have moved to a bigger and better venue, with parking and overnight accommodation available if required.

The **Private Hire Board** is the industry's collective voice and its role should be to promote the objectives that are of paramount importance to the trade, in conjunction with associations and unions.

The acting **committee** feels this could be achieved by selecting the top two or three subjects and continuing as we did on **red routes** until the objective is reached, with committees formed as the best plan of action.

The **structure** of the Board could be flexible to allow the primary requirements to be achieved. I believe in this way we can go forward united speaking as one, highlighting and emphasizing the problems that are of utmost priority to the trade such as Bus lane access, Driver Safety & promoting the Industry as an integral part of TfL.

Before can we do this we need to re-establish the structure and constitution of Board Membership, the committees and 'The Main Board' and if we revert back to the aspirations of what was initially envisaged the structure could be as follows:

**INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIP** Industry Representatives, Trade Associations or Unions comprising of people who work either directly in or for the industry or contribute financially via standing order, paid function attendance or donation. Industry Members would form the core of the membership and vote to select the three main action committees plus the events committee. Each committee would have its own mandate with the individual committees electing their own Chair and Vice Chair.

**FUNDING** Funding should be raised by events like the Ball to allow independence from any group or company. Other funding for legal or professional help should be raised on an item specific basis e.g. to run a campaign 'like door to door' or to fund or support ongoing legal and political activity.

by **EDDIE TOWNSON**  
Chairman Private Hire Board



**COMMITTEES** Each committee would have its own mandate with the individual committees electing their own Chair and Vice Chair. Committee member's term of office should be for a set period of time and then re election or election should be sort. Committees would be drawn from the PHB Industry Membership.

This proposed new structure was discussed by the acting committee recently and will be put forward to a full meeting of Board members in due course. The Main Board can then be constituted from Committee Chairs, Trade Associations and Unions Representatives.



## FREE member's helpline

The **LPHCA** has financed a free helpline for members with Croner Consulting one of the biggest consultancy companies in the U.K. Full details of how the helpline works has now been sent to all members with a membership card. Any members who have not yet received a membership card, please contact us.

### Cruel Spur...



Following Tottenham Hotspur's January thrashing of their arch rivals in the second leg of the Carling Cup, a group of four Arsenal fans decided they would leave White Hart Lane before the final whistle – to avoid the crowds in the Seven Sisters Road. Dashing to a nearby cab office, they soon found themselves in the sanctuary of a local minicab. Dressed in their red & white regalia, their allegiance was evident to all including their laconic driver. The driver (a Spurs supporter) was listening to the match on 5Live and greeted the announcement of the fifth goal with a discreet smirk. As the four decamped the cab at the local tube station (minimum fare) the deadpan driver suddenly piped up: "You know they are setting up a special helpline for Arsenal fans." "Really?", said the front seat Gooner, producing the 'dead money' (exact fare) as he extricated himself from the minicab. "Yeah, its 0800 5-1 5-1 5-1!", said the impish cabbie.