## NORTH EAST ZONE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

# **NEZRAnews August 2015**

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This concerns our *Members Only Lottery*.

Over the last few draws we have unfortunately had to reduce the amount of prizes available due in the most part to members retiring or leaving BT.

Virtually since the inception of the draw the first prize (and sometimes the second) has been a car.

In light of the diminished revenue the Management Committee considered whether it was still viable.

The options being either to continue as at present or replace the first prize with a cash amount, with possible amendments to other amounts allowing more prizes to be offered.

Since the draw is a benefit to members it is only proper that they had a say on this matter, to which end in April every member was asked the question "I prefer to keep the First Prize as a Car?" via web survey which required a yes/no answer.

Of the 1215 members, 434 (approximately 56%) replied to the survey, with 28.3% stating they would like the draw to continue as at present, the remaining 71.7% wishing changes to be made.

The Management Committee have therefore made the decision that as from the next Lottery Draw scheduled for January/February next year), will be undertaken with cash amounts only.

# **Summer 2015 Lottery Draw Winners**

Congratulation to the winners of our latest Lottery Draw

£250	4034	Steve BUSH	Leeds
	4709	Stephen BRIGGS	York
	7175	Paul COULT	Doncaster
	309	Dave MINNS	Hull
£500	3134	Lisa COULTAS	Sheffield
	8816	Eva ALLAN	Newcastle
	4385	Bob CAINE	York
£1000	4240	Ian GRIFFITHS	York
Toyota Aygo 5 Door	1667	Jeffrey CLAY	Bradford

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## **Amendments to the Subsidy Scheme**

Going back several years I have had comments that both the Central and Northern Groups of the Association are not being serviced to any great extent by the company (LJ Leisure) which supplies our monthly events.

This is of course correct and also understandable as the firm is based in Rotherham and has no contacts in the other areas.

Throughout this time at my request suitable opportunities have been provided via LJ Leisure, solely for members in these areas, but the majority of those organised attracted little or no support.

The Management Committee recently established a system, which will to go some way towards meeting these concerns, not only within the Central and North Groups but throughout the Zone.

The original scheme has now been enhanced to include a subsidies being given when attending either "live performances" (held at recognised venues) or "attractions and events" not only throughout the Zone but outside our boundaries also.

There obviously has to be some guidelines for the scheme to work effectively:-

- The scheme is open to Members Only
- Some venues, attractions and events may be excluded from the scheme, (for instance Public Houses, Cinemas and large outdoor Festivals).
- Any subsidy will only be approved for up to four persons for any single event.
- The subsidy given will apply only to actual costs, i.e. booking fees, travel and other extras will not be accepted.
- Applications will only be accepted if submitted within 28 days following attendance, on the official form available on our website or from the NEZRA Office.
- Applications will only be accepted if accompanied by the original receipt in the member's name.
- Applications will not be considered without the inclusion of a stamped self-addressed envelope (for the return of the receipt and subsidy).
- Details of where to send the completed application is included on the form.
- Ten working days should be allowed for the claim to be processed and returned to the applicant.
- The actual subsidy will be established by the Management Committee which could be amended without prior notice.
- The current subsidy for is 25% (September 2015).
- The final decision on whether to allow a claim, or not, will be at the discretion of the NEZRA Office/Management Committee and is subject to funds being available
- Members will be restricted to a total of four applications in any twelve month period.
- The scheme cannot be combined with any other offer or discount which may be available.

I look forward to receiving your applications.

For further information on the scheme please contact

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