

Date: Friday, 09 May 2008

To: Branch Secretaries

FBU Annual Conference Resolution 83.

Dear Brother/Sister,

Branch members will be aware that FBU Annual Conference takes place the week commencing 19th May 2008 at Southport with a number of motions being discussed at conference and if agreed will become a conference resolution and as such the national policy of the Fire Brigades Union. The Merseyside Conference delegation normally seeks the views of our members through a sub committee of the Brigade Committee but due to the extreme interest indicated by members by resolution 83 the brigade officials feel it necessary to undertake the fullest consultation process and seek your urgent assistance in this matter.

The resolution in question is resolution 83 being moved by the Gloucestershire Brigade Committee, and is as follows:

83. BOYCOTT THE WORLD FIREFIGHTER GAMES 2008

As a gesture of support and solidarity with fellow Merseyside members in the face of continued management victimisation, Annual Conference recommends that members do not attend the World Firefighter Games 2008 hosted by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service. This is also to be communicated to other firefighter trade unions in the international labour movement.

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The FBU Executive Council is to discuss whether to support this resolution at the Conference EC meeting.

To enable the Merseyside delegation to adopt a position of a democratic mandate, i.e. whether to support the Gloucestershire Brigade Committee resolution, I ask that you quickly canvass the views of your branch members and report the results of that consultation process back to the FBU Brigade Office as quickly as possible. Naturally the delegation will adopt the democratic position achieved through this consultation process.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours in unity

L Skarratts
Brigade Secretary