

## **MINUTES OF THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 10.00 am at the John Godber Centre**

There were no apologies for absence.

Barrie Saunders announced the death of Len Hill, who, with his wife, had organised the U3A Book Stall.

**Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting** (circulated via email) were signed after a slight amendment with regard to the disposal of three ukuleles and a stand.

It was agreed that Committee Minutes would not be placed on the website until after the next meeting when they had been approved by the Committee.

### **Arising from the last meeting:**

- a. Inclusion Workshop 30<sup>th</sup> October – Marguerite Hodgkinson and Mark Jackson had attended this Workshop, one topic of which was members with “memory loss”. It was felt it would be difficult to expect members to be responsible for other members with memory loss.
- b. The North Notts. Network Group discussed group co-ordinators contacting other U3A group co-ordinators regarding small groups in danger of closing due to low numbers, to open up places to members from other U3As. Siobhan Lee would circulate groups to this effect. Three new U3A groups would be opening at Bulwell, Wollaton and Calverton in the near future. A query had been raised at the meeting that Hucknall had not yet paid the affiliation fee to the North Notts. Network but it was pointed out that because of the time Hucknall joined the Network, in fact the fee was not due until their next meeting.

### **Previous monthly meeting**

- a. Speaker: 10<sup>th</sup> October – Christine Robinson – “Christmas at Chatsworth” – Everyone enjoyed this speaker
- b. Announcements – Siobhan Lee reported that last month, as the announcements were quite short, this meant the refreshments were not ready in time. It was agreed that John Berrill be informed of the name of the next to last announcer due so that the refreshments could be prepared in time.

### **Speakers’ Secretary**

14<sup>th</sup> November - Foolsgold Acoustic – “Mix of Songs, stories & Beat Drum shows” – Maggie Huckerby said the group wished to arrive early to set up their equipment etc about 1 pm and she would liaise with them.

### **Social Events**

Christmas Social & Lunch 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Tickets were now sold out.

### **Webmaster**

Angela Cornish had nothing new to report. Barrie Saunders thanked Angela for including the minutes on the website so promptly.

### **Previous Month’s Accounts**

Christine Berrill had circulated the accounts via email. There were no issues raised. She reported the format of the accounts would be printed differently from next month. Banking update forms were completed by the Committee members. It was agreed to plan a Budget meeting in January.

### **Equipment**

- a. Phil Attenborough reported all equipment had now been tested satisfactorily.
- b. Sound system – Barrie Saunders had been in discussion with the Social Sub.Committee regarding the proposal for the purchase of an extra sound system and as a result of all the criteria being met it was agreed that the decision to purchase a new system would be delayed until after the demonstration in January. Brian Stanley would take responsibility for the storage etc of any new sound system which would be used at every Ukulele Group session.

- c. Vivian Ellis would be willing to approach other local U3A's to sell the spare ukuleles, if the Committee so wished. The wooden Christmas tree had been returned to Brian Stanley and the old tree had been discarded

### **Short Course Co-ordinator**

- a. Short courses & Talks update – David Rose reported the First Aid Course had gone very well.
- b. 2019 calendar – The calendars would be available at a cost of £4 each.
- c. Ten Year Anniversary commemorative mugs would also be available to order at £4 each. 30 had been ordered with a possibility of more if required.
- d. David Rose proposed to organise three 2hr sessions on the subject of 'Viewing and discussion around 3 films based on books by DH Lawrence and Alan Sillitoe' which would take place in February, March and April, 2019.;
- e. Sandra Green asked if members could order U3A diaries through Hucknall U3A. Due to problems with ordering last time members would be asked to order their own directly from National U3A.
- f. David Rose would arrange for the Book Stall to be returned to the Board Room as there is more space there and it would encourage more members to check out the boards.
- g. A request had been made from the Craft Group to sell their crafts at the U3A meeting. It was felt that if this was for U3A funds then this was acceptable but not otherwise.

### **Groups' Co-ordinator**

- a. The Dining In Group was not now run under the auspices of the U3A
- b. The Choir Group was now run by Christine Hemsley who was very keen to increase numbers and especially would like men to join the group.
- c. It was reported that at the Discussion Group a member had brought along a grandchild due to babysitting problems. The Group Leader to be informed that this was not permitted.
- d. Siobhan Lee reported that there would be an Aging Well Conference in October which might prove interesting. Barrie Saunders had received information about a volunteer scheme to help aged people and it was agreed this article could be put in the Newsletter.
- e. Barrie Saunders to contact Albert Briggs to ask if he wished to continue as our Fire Officer.

### **Membership Secretary**

- a. Marguerite Hodgkinson had re-done the Membership Renewal Letter which was now on Beacon and asked for approval of this new format.
- b. Gift Aid details had to be stored for six years and paper storage for this would be too much so it was suggested these details be scanned and copied onto a disc.
- c. Membership cards – Marguerite showed the suggested new cards which could be printed for £59. Agreed.
- d. Clarification was asked about the lower age limit for U3A membership and it was confirmed there was no lower age limit apart from prospective members not being in full time employment
- e. Postal Membership was discussed in view of increasing membership and capacity of the hall for the monthly meetings in the future. This to be borne in mind for future discussion.
- f. There would be an article in the newsletter regarding the new renewal letter

### **Business Secretary**

- a. Beacon update – Beacon Workshop 24<sup>th</sup> October – Some information was not up to date and needed addressing. A second Workshop would take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November for those who could not attend the first one.
- b. Data Protection (Privacy) Policy – Mark Jackson had produced a draft policy form because the personal information of members from other U3As who were affiliated to groups in our U3A should not be kept by this U3A
- c. Update from Notts U3A Network meeting – Committee members had received the minutes of this meeting.
- d. Information was received about a proposed U3A "Flash Mob" some time in the future. Members indicated their willingness (or otherwise!) of being involved.
- e. The subject of recruiting new Committee members would be discussed at the next North Notts. Network meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Any other business**

- a. Charnwood U3A had sent information leaflets about fundraising which were circulated.
- b. Phil Attenborough to check with Albert Briggs about a piece he wished to do at the Showcase meeting.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 10 am at John Godber Centre