

**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10AM**  
**ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT THE JOHN GODBER CENTRE**

**Present:**

Barry Saunders	Chairman
Sandra Green	Minutes Secretary
Mark Jackson	Business Secretary
Siobhan Lee	Groups Co-ordinator
Marguerite Hodkinson	Membership Secretary
Maggie Huckerby	Speaker's Secretary
Philip Attenborough	Equipment
Dianne White	Co-opted Member
Diane Heenan	Co-opted Member
Angela Cornish	Webmaster

**1. Apologies** – Christine Berrill and David Rose

**2. Minutes of previous meeting** were approved and signed.

**3. Previous monthly meeting**

There had been an excellent response to the speaker, Mark Walsh, who has been booked again for May, 2020.

**4. Groups Co-ordinator**

- a. Siobhan Lee reported the proposed new Gilbert & Sullivan group would not be continuing as it had started with only 5 members.
- b. The Choir Group had gratefully accepted a £50 donation towards running costs. Mark Jackson would look into whether the copyright fee U3A paid would also cover sheet music. The Group may have to reconsider their meeting room also.
- c. There is a proposed new group, International Dining Two with eight people interested but a Group Leader still had to be identified.
- d. Forest Town U3A had vacancies in the following groups: Classic Cars Group and Country Dancing Group.
- e. Siobhan gave preliminary details of the Aging Well Conference to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10 am until 4 pm. at the Psychology Dept of Nottingham University. Tickets (limited to 100) would be available from 10<sup>th</sup> June on a first come first served basis. Lunch ticket would be £10. There would be two speakers, followed by "breakout sessions" then with less formal sessions in the afternoon.

**5. Speaker's Secretary** – Ian Morgan on "Footpads, Kings and Highwaymen" will arrive at 2.30 pm and will require two tables and a projector screen. Dianne White will contact Christine Berrill re cheque for payment.

## **6. Social Sub.Committee meeting**

- a. Maggie Huckerby gave feedback from the Social Sub.Committee Meeting (minutes had been circulated) and said it was a very enjoyable meeting with meticulous planning. Comments had been made about our urns used at the Leisure Centre which needed either servicing or replacing. John Berrill to be contacted.
- b. The Social Sub.Committee thought it would be a good idea for Committee members' photos and roles to be displayed for the benefit of members at the monthly meeting. Agreed. David Rose to be contacted.
- c. The Chairman's Lunch had been very enjoyable.
- d. Arrangements for the Irish Night were in hand.

## **7. Webmaster**

- a. Angela Cornish reported the reduced fee for host providing our Website had been increased to £5.99 per month. This was acceptable.
- b. Angela asked that the members' renewal letter be amended to include the U3A website as well as the Newsletter and the Monthly Meeting announcements, for information circulation. Agreed.

## **8. Accounts**

Christine Berrill had circulated the latest accounts and there were no questions arising.

## **9. Equipment**

- a. The equipment demonstration suggested by the Ukulele Group for March would be on hold for the time being due to the demonstrator's ill health.
- b. Phil Attenborough asked whether the personal voice amplifier Maureen Newton had purchased might be appropriate for the Drama Group members. Siobhan Lee to discuss this with them.
- c. Phil still had to collect the old computer from Christine Berrill.

## **10. Short Courses Co-ordinator**

- a. It was reported that the first film short course on February 26<sup>th</sup> had been excellent but it was felt more time was needed for discussion. The next ones would be on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. Phil Attenborough reported that unfortunately the U3A amplifier system did not interface with David Rose's laptop.
- b. The sale of the remaining 2019 calendars had been disappointing.
- c. The talk on Guide Dogs took place on 28<sup>th</sup> February and was very much enjoyed by those attending. Dianne White asked if U3A funds could be used to fund these one-off events, rent wise. After discussion this was agreed.
- d. David Rose had reported that the Trustees' information for the Charity Commission had now been updated.

## **12. Membership Secretary**

- a. The membership renewal forms had been sent out via post and email. 440 members have renewed. 49 members have not yet replied apart from 14 who would not be renewing. This could possibly affect Gift Aid and

Marguerite Hodgkinson would liaise with David Rose to check this out. Marguerite said there was an omission on the form for Associate members as it did not ask to which U3A the member belonged.

- b.** Marguerite and Mark Jackson had attended the Beacon update course and one topic which arose was to consider membership renewal by PayPal via email. Mark would make enquiries about this and report back.
- c.** 270 members had attended the February meeting and Marguerite suggested this could perhaps be because of renewals being due. She wondered whether renewals could be collected in March instead but after discussion it was felt the system should remain as it is for the moment.
- d.** Marguerite suggested the purchase of lanyards for the badges which might encourage members to wear them more often. It was felt instead of badges the U3A membership cards could be inserted into a holder on a lanyard (similar to those used by teaching and NHS staff). Marguerite would look into this and report back.
- e.** 17 new members had been invited to the March meeting and Diane Heenan would be happy to meet and greet.

### **13. Business Secretary**

- a.** Mark Jackson reported there had been another session for 9 Group Leaders on the Beacon system.
- b.** The AGM notice would be in the Newsletter and names had been taken for proposers etc.
- c.** Mark had circulated the updated Policies and Procedures and these were adopted. There would be a new model Constitution coming out next year.

### **14. Any other business**

- a.** Barrie Saunders reported the cost of new defibrillators was £900 upwards and so this was prohibitive.
- b.** Discussion took place on requests from prospective "vulnerable or disabled" members and their carers to join specific U3A groups. It was felt that full information should be ascertained about risk assessment etc before membership could be considered.

**Date and Time of next meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 at 10am in the John Godber Centre. The meeting closed at 11.50 am.