

## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

Minutes of the meeting of Hucknall & District U3A Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2019, at the John Godber Centre.

### **Present:**

Barrie Saunders, Chair.  
Christine Berrill, Treasurer  
Siobhan Lee, Vice-Chair & Groups' Co-ordinator  
Maggie Huckerby, Vice-Chair & Speaker's Secretary  
Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary  
David Rose, Short Courses' Co-ordinator  
Mark Jackson, Business Secretary  
Marguerite Hodgkinson, Membership Secretary  
Phil Attenborough, Equipment  
Diane Heenan, Member  
Dianne White, Member

**Apologies for absence** were received from Angela Cornish..

**Minutes** of the previous Committee Meeting were approved and signed.

### **Arising from the Minutes**

- a. Elizabeth Gowing (September speaker) was excellent and members had asked if a collection could be made at the next meeting. Agreed.
- b. Larger hall – Barrie Saunders was having discussions with the Leisure Centre re use of larger hall for February and November 2020 meetings.

### **Groups' Co-ordinator –**

- a. Showcase meeting, December 11th – Only four groups and the Committee had volunteered to take part in the Showcase this year. Siobhan Lee proposed that the Showcase should not be part of the 2020 December meeting.
- b. National Trust Group – Siobhan to speak about this group's future at the next meeting.
- c. Albert Briggs would not be the Short Walks leader in the future. David Rose said the group members would take this over.
- d. Siobhan reported there were 9 names down for the new Boccia Group.
- e. Acoustic Guitar Group's inaugural meeting would be on 3rd October with Pete Robinson as leader.

### **Speaker's Secretary –**

- a. The proposed October speaker, Martin Ward, had cancelled for health reasons and Maggie Huckerby was making enquiries for a replacement speaker.
- b. The Social Sub.Committee minutes had been circulated via email. The Northern Soul evening was very successful. The suggested Murder Mystery Night had not yet been discussed at the Sub.Committee.
- c. The Social Sub.Committee did not feel their photos were required for display.

**Webmaster** – Nothing to report. Barrie Saunders commented that requests for additions to be made to the website were dealt with very quickly and efficiently.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

Previous month's Accounts – circulated via email There were no issues raised. Mark Jackson had again provided a Budget sheet for information.

### **Equipment –**

- a. Phil Attenborough had arranged for PAT (Portable Appliance Test) to be carried out.
- b. There had been a suggestion that the purchase of a less bulky sound system be looked into. Agreed.
- c. Vivian Ellis had suggested that the old ukuleles be sold and the money raised be used for something else. Agreed.

### **Short Courses' Co-ordinator –** David Rose reported as follows:

- a. The Falls Prevention talk took place on Thursday, 12th September. David had not been impressed by the talk or the speaker. He asked if Rosie Legge from AgeUK could speak for 10 minutes at the next meeting. Agreed. He also suggested Sue Bailey could do a talk on Diabetes at a future meeting.
- b. 20 names were down for the First Aid Course planned for Thursday, October 3rd, 10 to 12 in The Studio, John Godber Centre.
- c. A "Scams" talk is planned for 31st October at 10.30 am.
- d. Further Films Workshops are planned for October, November and December. David also suggested the possibility of further workshops at St. Peter & St. Paul's church hall where there was a very good film screening system. The hall and equipment would cost £50 per session.

### **Membership Secretary –**

- a. Meeting attendance figures had been circulated via email.
- b. Marguerite Hodgkinson reported 4 new members were expected at the next meeting.
- c. A new letter needed to be formulated for renewals in 2020 to include details of Gift Aid etc.

The discussion took place on both this and new membership cards and it was agreed with Marguerite that the same membership cards that we had last year would be used.

### **Business Secretary –**

- a. It was agreed the Budget Meeting would be held after the next Committee Meeting when the subject of an increase in subscription fee be discussed.
- b. Mark Jackson felt the Beacon System should be promoted more.
- c. It was noted that the new U3A logo now omitted the word "university".

### **Any other business –**

- a. David Rose reported the Committee photos were in the process of being printed.
- b. The subject of Ceroc classes was discussed. Siobhan Lee to check this out further.
- c. Bulwell U3A would be starting up later today.
- d. There had been some confusion over two options being offered for new Leisure Centre members and Barrie Saunders had clarified these.
- e. Barrie Saunders confirmed that Sue Spolton still wished to continue to do U3A printing when requested.
- f. Sandra Green pointed out that the scheduled January Committee meeting would be on New Year's Day and the Centre would be closed. It was agreed to book the room for Thursday, 2nd January instead.

**Date and time of next meeting** – Wednesday, 6th November, 2019 at 10 am at the John Godber Centre.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

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