

## **HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**Minutes** of the meeting of Hucknall & District U3A Committee held on Wednesday, 4th September, 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.  
There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### Groups' Co-ordinator –

- Siobhan Lee had attended the National Conference (two days) which had included three interesting Workshops: E.Learning; History of a Local Welsh Area; and Memory. She wondered if the Notts. U3As could undertake a similar workshop, ie History of the Dukeries. There was a report of the Conference on the website.
- The boards for the Boardroom had been evaluated and repaired. The posters where information never changed from month to month would now be located in a wallet on the new large blue noticeboard. The others would still be in the boardroom. There had been a request for the main board to be located on a lower table to enable members to access the information better.
- A new group had been set up; Boccia. Sue Knight, the Group Leader would like to speak at the main meeting.
- National Trust Group would probably be closing as no-one had come forward to run it when Sue Spolton retired at the end of the year.
- Acoustic Guitar – the Co-ordinator had planned how the group would operate. There were ten prospective members. It was suggested that a preliminary meeting take place to confirm how the group would operate etc and after that two guitars could be purchased from funds.
- Details of all new Groups would be on the main board at the meeting.

### Speaker's Secretary –

- September speaker – Elizabeth Gowing – “Rubbish Picker's Wife”. She had requested travel expenses only plus a possible donation to the charity. It was agreed to pay £100 plus travel. She would need the laptop, etc.
- Maggie Huckerby asked whether meeting reports should still be sent to the Hucknall Dispatch as no-one seemed to have read them and it was difficult to get the reports to their Mansfield office. It was agreed no further reports be sent to the Dispatch.
- David Rose to show slides of the 50 and 75 miles Great Notts Bike Ride & presentation of certificates at the start of the September meeting.

### Treasurer's Report –

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

Equipment – Nothing to report.

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

- The Falls Prevention talk has been re-scheduled for Thursday, 12th September at 10.30 am.
- A further First Aid Course is planned for Thursday, October 3rd, 10 to 12 in The Studio, John Godber Centre.

- A "Scams" talk is planned for 31st October at 10.30 am.
- Another Films Workshop is planned for October/November.

Membership Secretary –

- Meeting attendance figures had been circulated via email.
  - Marguerite Hodgkinson reported the new members number was not increasing at a big rate.
  - Most letters were hand delivered but some had to be posted. Marguerite requested the purchase of ten books of second class stamps which was agreed.
- Marguerite also wondered if the larger room would be required for the January and February meetings; it was felt definitely the February meeting would require this. Maggie Huckerby said the November 2020 Steel Band Group would necessitate us having the larger room. Barrie Saunders would consult the Leisure Centre Staff.
- Marguerite suggested that Group Leaders collecting monies from members could use the Beacon system as an accounting record. Mark Jackson confirmed this could be done.

Business Secretary –

- Mark Jackson could not attend the Network meeting in October. Barrie Saunders would attend.
- David Rose and Mark Jackson would be sorting Gift Aid shortly.

Any other business –

- Barrie Saunders would be attending the Notts. U3A Ageing Well Conference on 19th October.
- Ashfield are going to hold a Murder Mystery evening which is sold out and Barbara Ives thought that our Social Committee may like to consider holding such an event in the future. Barbara can provide details.
- The Notts U3A are organising a meal in Calverton to mark the Chinese New Year.

Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday, 2nd October, 2019 at 10 am at the John Godber Centre.

The meeting closed at 11.40 am.

(David Jackson attended during the short break to take Committee members' photographs for the display board at the monthly meeting.)