

HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the meeting of Hucknall & District U3A Committee held on Thursday, 2nd January, 2020, at the John Godber Centre, Hucknall.

PRESENT:

Barrie Saunders, Chair.
Christine Berrill, Treasurer
Siobhan Lee, Vice-Chair and Groups' Co-ordinator
Maggie Huckerby, Vice-Chair and Speakers' Secretary
Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary
Mark Jackson, Business Secretary
Marguerite Hodgkinson, Membership Secretary
Phil Attenborough, Equipment
Angela Cornish, Website
Dianne White, Member
Diane Heenan, Member

Barrie Saunders reported the death of Hucknall & District U3A President John Ellis and the Committee stood for one minute's silence. Barrie gave details of the funeral arrangements which would also appear in the newsletter.

Barrie welcomed Gwyneth Crooks, Hucknall & District U3A member, as an observer to the meeting.

Apologies for absence: David Rose, Short Courses' Co-ordinator

Minutes of the December meeting were approved and signed after amendment. A copy of the amended Minutes would be forwarded to Angela Cornish for inclusion on the website.

Arising from the Minutes:

- a. **Arts Festival** – Siobhan Lee would email groups to see if they were interested in taking part in the Notts. U3A Arts Festival in 2020. Marguerite Hodgkinson would let Siobhan have minutes of the Notts. U3A meeting giving more details of the Festival.
- b. **National U3A Day**, 3rd June, 2020 – Siobhan Lee suggested all Notts. U3A's Ukulele Groups and Guitar Groups could have a joint event on the day. The day of the June Committee date would have to be changed.
- c. **Committee 2020** – Several members have expressed interest in offering themselves for election to the Committee from April onwards. Groups' Co-ordinator post 2020 onwards should be advertised to members.

Groups' Co-ordinator:

- a. Siobhan Lee reported that the Showcase meeting had gone well.
- b. The Ceroc Class at the Godber Centre had asked if U3A members might be interested in a free Tuesday evening class. Siobhan to publicise this.
- c. Information for the back page of the newsletter – Steve Lawrence's suggestion for individual Group Leaders' telephone numbers to be included was discussed and it was felt it would be

appropriate for the Groups' Co-ordinator's telephone number only be included. Individual Group Leaders' numbers were printed in the leaflet given to all new members.

- d. Siobhan Lee showed a compostable drinking cup and asked if these could be used at the meetings. However Chris Berrill said that Veolia would not recycle these. At the moment the Youth House Administrator disposes of the bags of used paper cups on our behalf.
- e. National Trust Group – Barrie & Sue Saunders had arranged for the first outing to be to Fountains Abbey (near Ripon). General discussion took place regarding the occasional problems arising with bus hire.

Speakers' Secretary – Maggie Huckerby reported Bob Massey would be speaking on Caves Under Arnold at the next monthly meeting. He would be asked to bring his own projector but would require a microphone.

Website – Angela Cornish reported the updates had been completed with no issues arising.

Treasurer – Christine Berrill had circulated the monthly accounts via email. The printing expenditure was discussed and Marguerite Hodkinson reported there had been a high rate of printing of renewal letters, leaflets, booklets etc this year which contributed to the expenditure. Christine reported the old urns had now been disposed of.

Equipment – Phil Attenborough would enquire from the Godber Centre who had done their Portable Appliance Testing.

Short Courses Co-ordinator – The workshops would be going ahead as already outlined.

Membership Secretary – Marguerite Hodkinson reported the renewals letters and leaflets had been printed and would be going out in January. She would mention the alternative PayPal system for renewals at the monthly meeting and it would also be on the website. There were seven new members starting in January but none planned for February.

Business Secretary – Mark Jackson reported that in the near future Riviera Travel commission would be paid directly to National U3A who would then re-distribute this to the appropriate individual U3As. It was noted that Riviera Travel commission represented one third of Hucknall U3A's revenue.

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 11 am.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 5th February, 2020.