

HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the meeting of Hucknall & District U3A Committee held on Wednesday, 5th February, 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
David Rose, Short Courses Co-ordinator
Phil Attenborough, Equipment
Angela Cornish, Website
Dianne White, Member

Apologies for absence: Diane Heenan, Member

Minutes of the January meeting were approved and signed.

Groups' Co-ordinator:

- a. The Ceroc Class at the Godber Centre had closed.
- b. Information for the back page of the newsletter – to be changed after the AGM.
- c. National Trust Group – In view of the big response to the next trip, the onus would be on members to put their names down and places would be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- d. The Adventure Before Dementia Group had closed.
- e. U3A Choir – As the musical director had stood down, the accompanist would take over this role.
- f. Regional Conference at Eastwood: four members from the Committee wished to attend. Agreed.
- g. National U3A Day 3rd June – no ideas have been put forward by groups.
- h. Arts Festival – only the Watercolour Group had signed up so far.

Speakers' Secretary –

- a. It was felt last month's speaker had not been up to standard.
- b. Dianne White reported the February speaker, Paula Cornwall ("The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce") did not require any equipment.
- c. Social Subcommittee meeting minutes had been circulated via email and points raised as follows:
 - i. Christmas Social/Lunch – the caterer suggested changing the boiled potatoes for mashed potatoes in view of previous wastage.
 - ii. Complaints had been made about insufficient space between tables and discussion took place about either reducing the number of tickets sold and providing more space at either end of the tables.

- iii. Comments had also been made about whether Groups' entertainment should be included at the Social/Lunch or just have a professional entertainment. It was decided to ask members for their opinions via the newsletter and website.
- d. It was agreed the Social Sub.Committee could make decisions on the comments raised.
- e. Rose Ridley asked for permission to organize a U3A visit to Northumberland (Beamish) in 2020. Agreed.

Website – There was nothing to report.

Treasurer – Christine Berrill had circulated the monthly accounts via email. These were accepted. There was a query about the Paypal account for membership renewals which Mark Jackson clarified. Christine also asked Dianne White to check on an outstanding Riviera claim.

Equipment – Phil Attenborough would enquire at the Hucknall Leisure Centre who had done their Portable Appliance Testing as the Godber Centre engineer would need to have all equipment etc brought to the Godber Centre for testing. Phil also reported that the U3A sound system could now be plugged into the Centre sound system which would improve the sound quality.

Short Courses Co-ordinator –

- a. 21st January - Diabetes Workshop speaker unfortunately did not turn up at the correct time and it was agreed that in future speakers should be asked to report to Reception for directions to the appropriate room.
- b. 30th January – Cyberspace – 110 members attended this very good workshop. A suggestion was made that possibly this subject could be a future monthly meeting talk. There were leaflets available which could be picked up by members on arrival at the next meeting.

Membership Secretary –

- a. Marguerite Hodkinson had circulated attendance numbers via email.
- b. She reported that so far 60 members had renewed via Paypal. A further 333 had still to pay but the majority of those renewals payments would be made at the February meeting.
- c. The U3A County Arts Festival would take place at the Henry Mellish Centre, Bulwell on Saturday, 15th August, 10 am until 4 pm. The programme had not yet been finalised.

Business Secretary –

- a. TAMS newsletter – Marguerite Hodkinson reported 49 members did not wish to take the newsletter. Discussion took place on the funding of TAMS and Mark Jackson had provided a breakdown of how a subscription reduction for those members who did not take TAMS would affect U3A funding. This subject to be discussed later in 2020 as a decision had already been made that the annual membership should remain at £15 for this year.
- b. Annual General Meeting – Mark Jackson would send out a draft Annual General Meeting letter for discussion/approval. Discussion took place on the long-term future make-up of the Committee and it was agreed there was a need to establish interest from members, via the newsletter and the website.

Under the Constitution the Committee should be made up of between 5 and 12 members with 2 co-opted members to do specific jobs.

c. It was reported Geoff Cree would be standing down after 2020 as Accounts Examiner. Enquiries to be made to see if anyone was able to undertake this role.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 4th March, 2020.