Minutes of the Hucknall and District U3A Executive Committee held via Zoom on Wednesday 2nd of December 2020 at 10.20 am

In Attendance

David Rose (Chairman), Melvyn Francis (Vice Chairman), Philip Attenborough (Equipment Manager),Siobhan Lee (Groups’ Coordinator), Mark Jackson (Business Secretary), Diane Heenan (Member), Barrie Saunders (Member), Greg Umney (Membership Secretary), Angela Cornish (Webmaster), Christine Berrill (Treasurer).

Apologies for Absence

These were received from Sandra Green (Minutes’ Secretary) and Dianne White (Speakers’ Secretary)

Agenda Items

1 Minutes of previous meeting

These were approved as a true record with one minor adjustment.

2 Groups’ Coordinator

Siobhan reported that some interest groups were continuing to meet via zoom while others were keeping in touch in various other ways.

Siobhan showed the wreath that she had made on behalf of the u3a. The outside of which consisted of a buckled cycle wheel. The wreath would part of the Hucknall Christmas tree festival and will hang with other wreaths on the railings of the church on the market.

3 Speakers’ Secretary

Diane Heenan reported that December would see A Christmas Spectacular and January A First Aid talk would be held. Both meetings would be held via zoom. Diane was looking at possible topics for February. Angela would put details on the website.

4 Social Subcommittee

This committee had organised the Christmas Spectacular for Wednesday December 9th at 2.00pm.

David Rose also reported that Christmas cards were in the process of being delivered to members.

5 Webmaster

Angela gave feed back on a recent meeting held with other website managers from other Notts u3a groups.

We agreed that she sets up a Hucknall u3a Facebook page which will give information about us. Its purpose would be to link users to our website. It would not be an interactive site but one for giving information.

Angela expressed her delight at the number of members visiting the website which were pleasingly high.

6 Treasurer

Little activity with the present lockdown

Cheques to reimburse members for the cancelled Burns Night had been sent out.

A couple of payments had been made from the General Account to cover the cost of printing the Newsletters and to pay for virtual presentations.

7 Equipment Manager

Very little activity at present apart from keeping the computer updated.

8 Vice Chairman and Short Course Coordinator

Melvyn reported on details for the First Aid talk to be held in January and reminded that the pre -Christmas film would be Miracle on 34th Street.

9 Membership Secretary

Greg explained the preparations for membership renewal and that he had contacted eleven prospective new members.

The committee formally approved the paperwork to be sent out at renewal time. Thanks were given to Mark Jackson for his help with this process

10 Business Secretary

Mark advised that 56.2% of members voted in the poll to temporarily change membership fees for 2021-2022. This represented 99.3% in favour. Mark thanked members for voting.

The fee was therefore agreed at £8 per member for next year. Members could pay an extra £3 to receive the Third Age Magazine.

11 A.O.B.

Christine asked for some help to set up the new u3a logo on the paperwork that she sends out. Mark to offer advice.

David shared some details of a recent virtual meeting held for Chairman of u3a’s in the Notts group. This reflected some of the difficulties presented by lockdown together with things which some groups were doing to keep members engaged.

A discussion took place regarding future numbers within the Hucknall u3a and the importance of attracting some younger members.

The meeting finished at 11.30 am

The next meeting to be held by zoom on Wednesday January 6th 2021