

MINUTES OF THE HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 2021 AT THE JOHN GODBER CENTRE

Present:

David Rose, Chairman	Christine Berrill, Treasurer
Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary	Mark Jackson, Business Secretary
Siobhan Lee, Groups' Co-ordinator	Diane Heenan, Member
Phil Attenborough, Equipment	Greg Umney, Membership Secretary
Angela Cornish, Webmaster	Barrie Saunders, Member
Melvyn Francis, Vice-Chairman & Workshops/Short Courses Organiser	

Apologies for absence – Dianne White

Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting (circulated via email) were approved and signed.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Groups' Co-ordinator –

- a. Siobhan Lee reported most groups were now up and running
- b. The identity sashes for Committee members and Group Leaders were distributed.
- c. Parish Church Christmas Tree and Wreath competitions would be as follows;
Christmas Tree – 1st – 5th December
Wreath – 4th – 18th December
It was agreed U3A would enter the competitions; donation of £10 per entry to be made. Science Group to enter the Tree competition; other suggestions were made for the Wreath competition.
- d. Siobhan suggested the Group Leaders' annual lunch take place at the Half Moon in February or March at a cost of £8 per head. Agreed.
- e. It was decided not to hold a Chairman's Lunch this year.

Speakers' Secretary –

- a. September meeting: It was reported 133 attended with 18 leaving at half time. Christine Berrill reported the refreshments would be in the bar area in future rather than collecting from the kitchen hatch. John Berrill and three helpers would be required.
- b. The October meeting would commence at 2 pm with Chairman's announcements and the speaker (who would require the screen) would be speaking at 2.15 pm with further announcements & refreshments from 3.15 pm.
- c. November's speaker would be Stephen Walker with a new talk.

Social Sub.Committee – The next meeting would be later today. The Quiz Night on 1st October was successful with 66 people attending. The Christmas Social on 6th December would now be one session from 1 pm until 3 pm and would be by ticket only and limited in number.

Webmaster – Angela Cornish reported the U3A Facebook site was up and running and she proposed that information on the monthly meetings, special events be included and a suggestion which arose from the East Midlands Conference for a U3A email account to be set up with an U3A advert at a cost of £14 was agreed

Treasurer – Chris Berrill had circulated the accounts via email which were accepted. Several groups had now closed and any monies in their accounts would be transferred into the main account. Ravenshead Community Transport had increased their mileage rate to £1.10 per mile and it was agreed to remain registered with them.

East Midlands Conference – Christine Berrill and Angela Cornish reported back on a good conference. Christine had attended the Finance Session and had circulated information to the Committee on the need for finding new Committee members and retaining the interest of new members to Groups etc. Also that there would be a National U3A Open Day annually any day in the fourth week of September. Angela had found the Social Media session very informative and helpful.

Equipment Manager – Phil Attenborough reported U3A could use the Centre's PA system. It was reported the John Godber Centre were unable to provide any more storage; Siobhan agreed to store the large display board. Christine Eagle had requested that the items stored in her garage be removed. Books were being stored at the Youth House and alternative ways of selling them to be considered but if necessary we may have a one-off sale and then dispose of the books left over to charity shops. The staging items could be offered for sale to other U3As.

Vice-Chairman & Short Courses/Workshops Organiser – Melvyn Francis had nothing to report.

Membership Secretary –

Greg Umney reported 13 new members in September which brought the total number of members to 479, made up of 444 individual members, 19 affiliated members and 16 associate members. He stressed the importance of monitoring the numbers, especially from the point of view of fire regulations etc., by making sure members indicated whether they were staying for the whole of the meeting and for them to sign out if leaving early. After discussion it was agreed that the doors would open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start and members should not be allowed in before that time.

Business Secretary -

- a. Risk Assessment – Mark Jackson said no changes to the Risk Assessment policy needed to take place.
- b. Committee 2022 – Due to lack of time, this to be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

Any other business – It was suggested that the National U3A Tree Scheme be publicised to members. (Page 6 in the latest TAM magazine)

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 3rd November at 10 am at the John Godber Centre.

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.