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**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022 at 10 am.**

**Present:**

David Rose, Chair Melvyn Francis, Vice-Chair and Short Courses Organiser

Mark Jackson, Business Secretary Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary

Siobhan Lee, Groups’ Co-ordinator Christine Berrill, Treasurer

Dianne White, Speakers’ Secretary Diane Heenan, Member

Barrie Saunders, Member Philip Attenborough, Equipment

Angela Cornish, Webmaster Greg Umney, Membership Secretary

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. **Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting** were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
3. **Groups’ Co-ordinator** 
   1. Siobhan Lee reported more Groups were now back up and running. The new Flower Arranging Group had now started.
   2. The Group Leaders/Helpers’ Lunch, was successfully held at The Half Moon on Monday, 28th February. Thanks were given to Siobhan for organizing this.
4. **Speakers’ Secretary**
5. There had been very good feedback on the speaker, Rev. Alan Haydock, at the February meeting. It was felt that speakers would be seen better if they were on the stage.
6. Dianne White reported the speaker for the March monthly meeting would be Andy Smart on the History of Nottingham’s Theatres. After the break a short video would be shown about local U3As involved in “Picnic in the Park” some years ago. A cheque would be presented to the John Godber Centre towards the cost of the defibrillator by member Lynne Baker who had done a sponsored walk. Total funds raised by both the walk and the bucket collection was £740. When the defibrillator has been purchased, it was suggested its operation could be demonstrated with possibly a video so that all members could see.
7. The speaker for the April monthly meeting (after the AGM) would be Bryan Gladstone entitled “My Mum was a GI Bride”.
8. There was a general discussion on the possible need for a Fund for Speakers. Speakers’ fees are budgeted for in our accounts but some fees have increased over the last few years. Several recommendations for speakers were put forward.
9. **Social Sub.Committee -** 02.02.22. minutes circulated via email. David Rose reported the next social event would be the Bestwood Male Voice Choir Concert on 23rd April. There are still a few tickets left.
10. **Webmaster –** Angela Cornish reported we need to publicise the Facebook website more; we had 77 followers so far.
11. **Treasurer –** Christine Berrill had circulated the accounts via email. There were no matters arising from these. David Rose announced Hucknall & District U3A had received a grant of £200 from The Community Group with special reference to the Litter-picking Group. The Flower Arranging Group had also received a grant of £200.
12. **Equipment Manager –** There was nothing to report at the moment.
13. **Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops**
    1. Melvin Francis gave information on Homestart Nottingham who were willing to speak on their work.
    2. Silvertime Legal would be happy to give a talk on details of elderly care costs etc.
    3. There were also plans for a First Aid Awareness workshop/talk.
    4. David Rose would remind the organiser of CAST, a youth opportunities group about the possibility of being a speaker at one of our main meetings.
14. **Membership Secretary – Greg Umney reported the** Membership was now 495; 411 have renewed and a second reminder is going out to non-renewals.
15. **Business Secretary** –
16. The Committee reviewed the need for the **Covid 19 risk assessment policy** and as the JGC’s policy was now in line with Government rules, it was agreed individual members would decide their own policy.
17. **April AGM** - Mark Jackson had produced the AGM notice which would be sent out. The format would be firstly the Annual General Meeting & Election, followed by refreshments and then the speaker.
18. **2022 Committee update** – Six members would be retiring and six members were willing to stand for election to the Committee. Melvyn Francis would stand as the next Chairman. Geoff Cree was stepping down as Independent Examiner and John Twells was willing to do this.

**Any other business:**

* 1. The recent JGC open day was not very well supported by the local public but was useful for the stallholders.
  2. A review of a previous committee decision excluding non-members from attending a monthly meeting or a trial session of an interest group was discussed and it was agreed prospective new members could attend one monthly meeting before becoming a member. Also if non-members were attending a U3A group event (eg outings in order to fill a bus etc) then they should be charged the £1 temporary membership fee.
  3. David Rose said he had been contacted by several U3A members to see if U3A were doing any fundraising or donating towards the Ukraine charities. It was agreed information about local collection points could be publicised and that a bucket collection for the Red Cross would be available at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am and was followed by a New Members’ Meeting organized by Greg Umney at which 13 new members attended along with the full Committee.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 at 10.00 am.