**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 3rd August, 2022 at 10 am.**

**Present:**

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary

Greg Umney, Membership Secretary

Liz Attenborough, Equipment

Angela Cornish, Webmaster

Diane Heenan, Speakers’ Secretary

Gary Holmes, Treasurer

Tina Holmes, Vice-Chair. & Short Courses Organiser

Christine Eagle, Member

Mark Jackson, Business Secretary

Lynda Smeathers, Events Organiser

Sue Tedstone, Groups Co-ordinator

**Apologies for absence** werereceived from Sue Tedstone.

**Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting** were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**Chair –** Melvyn Francis

1. Notts. Network U3A’s 40th anniversary celebrations would be at Highfields Park, Lenton from 11 am until 2 pm on 24th September. Members to be reminded.
2. Details given of a Notts. Network outing to Hadrian’s Wall in 2023.
3. Mark Jackson & Melvyn Francis attended the Notts.Network meeting last week when a suggestion was made to place a small form on each seat asking for member’s input; it was agreed to do this at Hucknall’s meeting; Mark Jackson to organise.
4. David Rose had volunteered to organise a Christmas Film Afternoon on whar would be the monthly meeting date (14th December)
5. It was felt necessary for a Deputy Newsletter Editor to be found.

**Groups’ Co-ordinator** –

* 1. Group Leaders’ Meeting on 22nd July.- Report had been circulated – This had gone well with suggestions put forward for further groups.
  2. Suggestions were agreed for the newsletter back page to be remodelled.

**Speakers’ Secretary** –

a. August speaker: David Skillen “Gretna Girls & Devil’s Porridge”.

b. September speaker; “Magnificent Women & Their Flying Machines”.

c. October speaker: Dr.Featherstone “Mashed Potato Sandwich”

d. November speaker; “River Cruises” followed by Homestart.

e. December – no meeting

f. Other speaker suggestions were made, including ones on more local topics.

**Social Sub.Committee –** Minutes of last meeting circulated via email.

1. 17th September – There were a few Hog Roast tickets remaining, on sale at £12.
2. 5th December – Buffet as last year.
3. New date to be arranged for the Irish Night.

**Webmaster –** Angela Cornish had posted information about Hucknall & District U3A on Facebook which several members had seen. It was also agreed Gallery photos should be displayed at the monthly meeting.

**Treasurer–**

a**.** Gary Holmes had submitted written accounts which were accepted. The bank mandate transfer had now been completed. Gary would like invoices to be signed by Group Leaders before payment is made.

b. A letter from Ashfield District Council had been received re risk assessments to be carried out when groups use their premises. Sue Tedstone to produce a list of rooms available for groups to use.

c. Approval was given for the purchase of stationery and stamps.

**Equipment Manager –**

a. “PAT testing session” would be held at the John Godber Centre on 8th August at 10 am and 13 members so far had booked places. It would be assumed that speakers had PAT tested their own equipment.

b. Staging - Sandra Green had contacted the Lovelace Theatre Group to see if they might be interested but as yet had not had a reply.

c. Equipment stored for the Ukulele Group was not now required; decision to be made about its disposal but removal to Paul Haigh’s home for storage was planned.

**Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops –**

a. Tina Holmes reported the John Godber Centre had not yet purchased the defibrillator therefore training for its use had not yet been arranged. She would contact John Godber Centre to enquire about this.

b. Tina had investigated First Aid Course providers which were very expensive. In abeyance for the time being.

c. A suggestion was made for new members to be shown around on meeting days.

(Christine Eagle left the meeting).

**Events Organiser** – John Godber Centre were holding a publicity event on 21st August as part of the Hucknall Food & Drink event and it was agreed Hucknall U3A would have a table at this event. Names were taken of helpers for Lynda Smeathers from the Committee.

**Membership Secretary –** Greg Umney submitted a report as follows: Attendance at the July meeting was 129 with 14 leaving early. Current membership is 485. Full 442

Associate 21 and 22 Affiliated members.  There had been 6 new enquiries.

**Business Secretary** – Third Age Trust AGM resolution on proposed TAT subscription increase was discussed and Mark Jackson was given discretion to vote on the Committee’s behalf at the AGM on 6th October.

**Any other business** –

Angela Cornish made a suggestion for a social media video for our marketing, possibly on our Facebook page.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 7th September, 2022.

The meeting closed at 12.10 am.