**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

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

 **Present:**

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Angela Cornish, Webmaster

Chris Eagle, Assistant Speaker Secretary

Gary Holmes, Treasurer

Tina Holmes, Vice-Chair. & Short Courses Organiser

Mark Jackson, Business Secretary

Lynda Smeathers, Events Organiser

Sue Tedstone, Groups Co-ordinator

Greg Umney, Membership Secretary

**Apologies for absence** werereceived from Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary, Liz Attenborough, Equipment Organise and Diane Heenan, Speakers Secretary.

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

**Chair –**

1. Sandra Green has sent her resignation as Secretary and from the committee with immediate effect due to health issues.
2. Terms of Office need to be considered for future to ensure that we have people in place to step into the committee roles. Currently, Mark, Diane and Angela retire in 2024, Melvyn and Greg will retire in 2026, Tina, Gary, Liz, Lynda, Chris and Sue in 2028. It was agreed that succession planning needs to go on the Agenda from January to start looking for replacements.
3. 8 people have paid their deposit to attend the Chinese New Year Buffet at Springwater in January.
4. The North Nott’s Neighbour Group (NNNG) want to restart their North Nott’s Network meetings, these ceased during Covid. The Chair, Vice Secretary and Business Manager have been informed, as they would be members of the Network. The group runs peer support groups for all committee member roles which were useful in the past. Melvyn will keep the Committee informed. Mark informed the Committee that as well as the NNNG we do accept other affiliated members. It was agreed that we would continue to accept affiliated members from all other U3a’s not just NNNG, as this is seen as a positive benefit to the groups. Sue will inform group leaders that anyone can attend a free session of a group to see if they wish to join it, regardless of which other U3a they are a member of.
5. This led to a discussion of the 3 memberships we offer, Full, Associate and Affiliated. Full member can attend any group and the monthly meetings. Associate members must be a member of another U3a and can attend any groups and the monthly meeting. Affiliated members are a member of U3a elsewhere and do not pay us any money but then cannot attend our monthly meetings. Mark informed the committee that the levy to U3a has now gone up to £4, after discussion it was agreed that this cost would not be passed onto associate members.
6. It was agreed that the front row would be designated seating for those with hearing issues.
7. The Chair to remind the monthly meeting attendees that it is good manners to be silent during any presentations.

**Groups’ Co-ordinator** – Sue Tedstone reported as follows:

1. New Bridge for Beginners group is now full and has had two successful meetings. 23 paying members and 4 helpers.
2. The New Wine Group started on 17th October, and is now called Wine lovers with 8 of the 11 members attending, led by Tina and Gary Holmes.
3. Sue is setting up another group leaders meeting where the following will be discussed:-

The different memberships in our U3a, the scenario sessions that Sue experienced on her zoom peer group session, bookings and cancellation of rooms and other finance implications, changes in group meeting dates or other relevant information and use Beacon. It was agreed the room fees and tea and coffee for the meeting be paid for out of group funds.

1. Complaint about meeting changing. Going forward Sue will ensure that once she has been informed of any changes to go on the newsletter and website
2. A member has suggested a card making group and Sue and has been looking into this.

Lynda informed Sue about a proposal for a Calligraphy group and gave Sue the details of the person willing to run the group.

**Speakers’ Secretary** –

1. November speaker: Annette Taylor – “Cruising” is confirmed.
2. David Fox is happy to reduce his talks to an hour to suit our meeting and Chris supplied a list of possible talks from him. It was greed to book him for the March
3. The levy to U3a has now gone up to £4, after discussion it was agreed that this cost would be passed onto associate members. Increasing the cost for associate members.
4. Suggestions for 2023: The Grace Kelly talk is being arranged for September and a new associate member has offered information on speakers that Ashfield has used. Helen Crowfoot is another possible speaker on various War time related talks.
5. Chris has joined Speakers group and there is a lot of information available from them, which she will investigated.

**Social Sub.Committee –** Meeting tomorrow.

1. Only 4 tickets left for the December social.
2. December 14th - Christmas Film “The Bishops Wife” - £2 entry on door. David Rose organizing. Melvyn will suggest the big screen be used to enhance the experience. Funds are available to pay for it.

**Webmaster –** New groups have been added to the web apart from the wine lovers group as Angela is awaiting information. Different group being featured each month on Facebook – flower arranging was last month’s subject.

**Treasurer–**

1. Gary Holmes had submitted written accounts which were circulated via email, which were agreed. Treasurer to talk to group leaders showing a high balance to ascertain the reasons for excess balances. Groups are meant to be self-financing not profit making.
2. The U3A Budget for 2023 was discussed and agreed.
3. It was agreed that membership fees would be considered prior to the March AGM. Current budget forecast shows no need for an increase.
4. It was agreed to run a trial for the larger screen with our equipment.

**Equipment Manager –**

1. Staging - Lovelace Theatre Group have shown an interest in the permanent loan of the staging and have asked to view it; this to be arranged when Christine Eagle returns from holiday. Melvyn Francis to liaise.

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

Tina Holmes has sourced a speaker for the Astrology workshop, provisionally a May date is being discussed with further details to be agreed. An email will be going out to all members to look for internal speakers on Philosophy, Digital Photography and Vegan Cookery and would report back.

**Events Organiser –**

No events outstanding at the moment.

**Membership Secretary –**

1. Greg Umney submitted a report as follows: Current membership is 496 - made up of 451 full members, 22 affiliated members and 23 associate members, – new members enrolled this month. Attendance at the October meeting was 128 with 19 members leaving early.
2. Six buddies have come forward from the prompt slips. Two people agreed to help with the tea making but didn’t put their names on. The position of Deputy Newsletter editor has been filled.
3. 100 Membership badges are in the process of being ordered.

**Business Secretary** – The Third Age Trust AGM resolutions and amendments meeting went ahead. No resolution was passed.

**Any other business** – A new minute secretary is required. A member can be co-opted for this role.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 4December 2022.

The meeting closed at 12 prompt.