**Minutes of the Hucknall & District u3a Committee Meeting held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 10.00am.**

**Present**

Melvyn Francis. Chair.

Greg Umney. Membership Secretary.

Angela Cornish. Webmaster.

Mark Jackson. Business Secretary.

Sue Tedstone. Group Co-ordinator.

Liz Attenborough. Equipment Organiser.

Diane Heenan. Speaker Secretary.

Christine Eagle. Assistant Speaker Secretary.

Lynda Smeathers. Event’s Organiser.

Apologies for absence. Gary Holmes, Tina Holmes.

Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting, accepted as read.

No matters arising from the minutes.

**Chairman’s Report.**

Feedback was given on the loop system in the main hall from the last meeting that all seemed well and it was decided that reserving of the front row was no longer needed.

**Groups’ Co-ordinator.**

It was stated that Jim Spray would be Group Leader of the Easy Wheelers due to Dave Rose’s injuries prohibiting him at this time.

The Group Leaders Meeting held on the 24th February was well attended and positive of all 46 groups. Sue thanked the committee members who helped answer questions from the floor.

Some being, the need for groups to be self-financing after initial start-up costs. The use of a form to be used for temporary membership with cost.

The use of membership forms and keeping the Beacon system updated.

The use of Medical Cards was discussed and decided they are there for members who require them. A look into having a batch printed for future use was decided.

**Speaker’s Secretary**

A request from the Speaker for March, for equipment required, noted by the equipment manager.

Also discussed was the April Speaker being slightly later due to the AGM.

**Social Sub Committee.**

A meeting is being held on Friday the 3rd to finalise events for the coming year. It was reported that The Irish Night on the 1st April was selling well and that advertising this event after the meeting on the 8th March will be done.

**Webmaster.**

It was reported that on instruction from the web provider to update, this being done previously without problems, the site crashed. Working with the provider it was finally back to pre-update running. At this moment the site still needs updating. The provider also mentioned a cost but nothing yet received.

Face book this month featuring the Not So Grumpies.

**Treasurer Report.**

The report show’s finances up to date. No matters arising.

**Equipment Manager.**

The suggestion that the laptop currently with the previous Minutes Secretary be looked into regards whether it can be obtained, due to being of no use to the previous secretary. If not then the purchase of a new laptop for the new Membership Secretary be looked into with a view to purchase.

A discussion was held regards the mike stands belonging to the u3a. These will be looked at with a view of repair and if not, new stands be purchased.

**Vice-Chairman, Short Courses & Workshops.**

The Vice Chair requested some assistants with courses and the Event’s Organiser has offered to assist.

An astrology talk has been organised for the 17th & 23rd May at 10am for two hours. The John Godber Centre has been booked for both the dates.

A calligraphy course has been organised at the John Godber Centre during April. This will be four Tuesdays, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, at 10.00 -12.00am.

**Membership Secretary.**

The current membership stands at 502. Full 459, Associate 21, Affiliated 22,

The renewals are 367, leaving 135 to renew.

In February there were 11 resignations with 12 new members joining.

The attendance at the February meeting was 166 with 32 leaving early.

**Business Secretary.**

The amendments to the constitution for presentation to the AGM was discussed and agreed.

If was suggested that with a year before committee changes take place that we should start and look into replacements over that year, starting at the AGM.

**Meeting closed at 11.35am**