**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**MINUTES of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 5TH JULY 2023 at 10 am.**

**Present**: Melvyn Francis [Chair] , Christine Eagle , Sue Tedstone, Tina Holmes, Liz Attenborough, Angela Cornish, Gary Holmes, Helen Rose, Lynda Smeathers, and Greg Umney

**1.Apologies:** Mark Jackson, Diane Heenan

**2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting** signed as a true record

**3. Arising from the Minutes:** None

**4. Chair:** a. Proposed resolutions from U3As for 2023 AGM

i. To give greater status to smaller networks possibly via devolution – Voted against

ii. To increase membership through improved marketing – Voted against

b. In response to an inquiry we are part of the local North Notts network, so any member in the network may join our groups with the proviso that the Group leader has the final say on numbers

c. Former speaker, Farmer Barnes, has invited interested groups to visit her farm

d. As the Committee minutes are put on the website, it was decided that Notes from the Committee would be discontinued in the newsletter.

**5. Speakers’ Secretary:**

Speakers for 2024 are nearly all booked. Graham Short requires an hour, and the Marie Curie length of talk to check. The maximum cost for a speaker is around £150 and charities can only receive payment through their speaker. The November talk is Local Heroes. The main hall is available in October as the Beer Festival is in February - availability to be verified

Sue Tedstone, who hosted the June Monthly Meeting, dealt with a strong complaint about the speaker’s poor delivery. ST also followed up the criticism via email. One factor is that JGC microphones do not always work. This will be raised with the JGC

July 2023 - Maureen Taylor: Garderobes, Grime and Leeches in 16th Century

**6. Social Subcommittee –** Trivia Quiz 23 June – went very well

Next event 23rd September Frocks and Rocks tickets £8

**7. Webmaster:** No matters arising

**8. Groups’ Co-Ordinator:**

1. 6th October Group Leader's Meeting Buffet “Pierre” booked @ £6.50 per head
2. Christmas Tree Festival 6-9th December- Flower Arranging Group offered their services which was gratefully accepted
3. Monthly meeting Group presentations -Wine Tasting, International Dining, Tea organisation [MF to cover August may need help], Real Ale if time allows - to talk about their group's activities
4. Purchase of new compostable cups agreed

**9. Treasurer:** [Account updates received prior to meeting] Group accounts reviewed and shared with group leaders. Expenses are in line with the budget

Gift Aid, which is only claimed on subscriptions, has been received, plus Riviera Travel commission

**10. Equipment Manager:** All U3A equipment have beenPAT tested. Faulty hired items to be notified to JGC. Liz absent for August monthly meeting

**11. Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops:** In hand

**12. Events Organiser:** 9th September 2023 publicity stall at the Rotary Community Day on the market. Volunteers to man the stall MF, MJ, LS, AC, GH

**13. Membership Secretary:**

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| Membership | 473 | Non Renewals | 45 *[April]* |
| Full | 435 | May attendees | 144 |
| Associate | 19 | Left early | 30 |
| Affiliated | 19 | New members since Sept 22 | 40 [9 potential for July] |
| Printed Newsletter | 80 printed | 75 taken | 5 left |

Instructions in case of fire ready to be read out at each monthly meeting

**14. Business Secretary:** [see Chair’s remarks]

**15. Any other business:** 'In response to a member's query, it was decided a welfare officer is not required

**The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 2nd August** **2023@10.00** **.** Apologies Lynda Smeathers Meeting ended 11.26