**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**MINUTES of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 10 am.**

**Present:** Melvyn Francis [in the Chair], Angela Cornish, Christine Eagle, Diane Heenan, Gary Holmes, Tina Holmes, Mark Jackson, Helen Rose, Sue Tedstone and Greg Umney, Lynda Smeathers

**1.Apologies:** Liz Attenborough

**2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting were signed**

**3. Arising from the Minutes:**

**4. Chair:** a.Expenditure Approval - Clarification on item 9 [2.8.23]

The committee gave authority to the U3A Chair to be able to authorize expenditure up to £100 for urgent matters from general funds

b.Future Committee Members - AC, DH and MJ will stand down at the next Annual Meeting. New members required, and the roles of Business Secretary and Vice Chairman to be filled.

c. Details for the publicity stall on Hucknall market at the Rotary Community Day finalised

**5. Speakers’ Secretary:** The August speaker Graham Short, ‘My Life as a Micro-Artist’ was good. September speaker, Heather Griffiths, Perfect Princess – Grace Kelly, to begin at 2.45 p.m.

October speaker John Smith on Body Language. [Post meeting update – John Smith cancelled, now Steve Wallace on Sherwood Observatory]

Speakers for next year’s programme being finalised

**6. Social Subcommittee –** 23rd September Rocks and Frocks tickets £8. Over 50 tickets sold

 Xmas Social Afternoon Monday 4th December- Xmas lunch in hand with 3 choices plus in-house entertainment. December monthly meeting programme to be confirmed.

**7. Webmaster:** Induction of new webmistress, Lynda Smeathers will begin in October

**8. Groups’ Co-Ordinator:**

a. 6th October Group Leader's Meeting Buffet 12.30-2.30 with 47/49 expected. HR to take a record of the meeting especially the Q&A session

b. Christmas Tree Festival - Application to participate to be completed by LS.

c. Terry Moult is now the Pickleball Coordinator

d. Lunch Group and Pub Quiz need new coordinators. Sandra Green has stood down but has left detailed future plans. Pub Quiz- organisation to rotate for now. ST to contact Lunch Club members for new leader.

**9. Treasurer: [Financial update sent out prior to the meeting]** We may end the year on a surplus which should be used for the benefit of all members. [See also item 4a]

**10. Equipment Manager:** Liz absent in September. Sound at the monthly meeting still an issue and needs further investigation and improvement

**11. Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops:** Planning forIntroduction to Yoga ongoing.

Talk entitled Tax and Toyboys to be arranged in Oct/Nov

**12. Events Organiser:** 9th September publicity stall, Rotary Community Day.

Talk on Nottingham Castle Monday 23rd October price £1 advertised in newsletter

**13. Membership Secretary:**

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| Membership | 479 unchanged since August  | Non Renewals | 44  |
| Full | 442 | **Meeting attendees** | **121** |
| Associate | 18 | **Left early** | **15** |
| Affiliated | 19 | New members since Sept 22 | 46 |
| Printed Newsletter | **80 printed** | **67 taken** | **13 left** |

It is U3A policy to reduce the membership fee from December each year to £8.

Request for website to require new members to send both application and fee together agreed.

**14. Business Secretary:** Charity Commission Annual Returns now filed

**15. Any other business:** Clarification was given on the subject of notes from the committee in the newsletter and the posting of approved minutes on the website.

It was noted that we have 3 sum-up machines for use.

**The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 4th October** **2023@10.00**