

Bailgate U3A Committee Meeting
Monday 13th February 2023
54 Albion Crescent

PRESENT

Tony Wass (TW)
Baz Aveyard (BA)
Derek Cottrell (DC)
Angela Pullen (AP)
David Hunt (DH)
Linda Mason (LM)
Christine Elsmore (CE)
Melody Cottrell (MC)

1. AGM

- BA stated the Minutes from the last meeting will be circulated with the AGM agenda.
- The name change to Lincoln Bailgate U3A to be added to the AGM agenda.
- Treasurer will be absent. Will pay rent in advance. Will leave cheque for Caterers.
- Catering to be provided after the AGM rather than before.
- DH to give the Treasurer's report. No external auditor needed as U3A is not a charity.

2. BUDGET

- Monthly Meeting and Speaker are the most expensive overheads. (Speakers booked till Dec 2023.)
- Room hire £30 per session. Speaker fee £55-£95 (ave £65)
- Caterer: Variable, £2 pp without biscuits £578 for 10 sessions (lowest £36).
- £1200 in bank
- CE and AP to be added as signatories to cheques.
- Discuss whether, going forward, the number of Speakers at monthly meetings needs to be reduced to save costs.
- Sign to be made for monthly meeting Reception indicating that subs can be paid in cash at Reception.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Current membership list 108 + 9 possibles. Annual subs £15 (£11 nett).
- BA to ask for subscriptions before AGM, explaining that although costs have increased there will be no subs increase this year.
- For AGM CE and DH to draw up accurate membership list and proof of payment.
- If a member belongs to another Lincolnshire group, then their Bailgate subs to be reduced, as per capita fee of £4 payable to national U3A is only charged once..
- In future additional members to show membership card to activity group leader, and also to Reception at monthly meetings - currently no proof is required.
- Two trial visits before becoming a member to continue.
- Members joining late in the year should not receive a discount. However, discretion to be used if very late.
- Cards currently do not show expiry date of membership.
- CE has a good stock of cards available. Future costs: £30 for 250 cards printed "Lincoln Bailgate u3a". New cards to show expiry date.
- Retrospective cap fee was paid late on 28/9/22 - £320 for 80 members.

4. COMMITTEE FOR NEXT YEAR:

- TW would prefer to stand down but will continue as Chair if no replacement found.
- All others to continue except BA and LM.
- Business Secretary is needed to liaise with Head Office; Vice Chair(s); also Speaker Finder.
- BA to continue to sign cheques until new Secretary appointed.
- Request more committee members at monthly meetings.

5. RULE CHANGES

- National U3A constitution has been changed.
- Committee members can continue for 9 years now, currently 6.
- TW, BA and DC to form small group to compare Bailgate's rules with National and discuss whether to adopt the national constitution.

6. WEBSITE COMMUNICATION

- Bailgate u3a site needs rebuilding. DC volunteered to improve the Welcome page.
 - Keep communication with members by email only. Mailchimp needs to be set up for this, instead of mailshot.
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