

Bailgate U3A Committee Meeting
Monday 18th September 2023

PRESENT

Tony Wass (TW) - Chair
Margaret Chegwiddden (MC) - Business Secretary
Derek Cottrell (DC) - Website Manager
Chris Elsmore (CE) - Membership Secretary
Angela Pullen - Group Co-Ordinator
Melody Cottrell (Mel)
Jill Allen (JA) - Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES Dave Hunt (DH) - Treasurer

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held 11th July 2023 - Approved.

ITEMS FROM MINUTES:

- a) Website rebuilding. Baz is assisting. Head Office's new design is being trialed in a few area branches.
- b) Our advertisement for the monthly meetings has appeared in September's The Independent.
- c) MC reported our name change, to Lincoln Bailgate, has been accepted by Head Office.
- d) ACTION: DH to change bank details accordingly.
- e) Xmas meeting on 19th December: Caterer's quote - £7 per head for sandwiches, cakes, mince pies, tea/coffee. Agreed offer to members at £5, with U3A funds contributing £2. Tickets to be sold in advance at October and November meetings. ACTION: TW ask members' opinion at tomorrow's monthly meeting.
- f) From October MC will be sending out monthly reminders of meetings and speakers via her membership group email. She will also detail the Xmas plans.
- g) DC reports another point in favour of adopting the National Constitution is that it has become more flexible regarding the length of service required of committee members. ACTION: DC to produce a note showing the difference in lengths of service between the constitutions.
TW queried whether Gift Aid can be claimed back. Discussed complications of the process which would require a specific person to manage this. Agreed to consider this next year.

COMMUNICATION WITH NATIONAL U3A

DC reported Committee members' details have now been updated. Discussed whether all Committee should have access to the Site Builder - needs further discussion.

ACTION: DC to liaise with Baz re access to the U3A magazine.

ACTION: All Committee members to look up their role description - to discuss at next Committee meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

CE has successfully chased some late-payers, and the membership list is now up to date. Her current email/letter to enquirers cites £15 and £11 only.

A discussion took place on membership of groups from other branches.

It was agreed that the existing situation needed to be changed and clarified.

We would discuss and agree a proposal later for the AGM.

DC clarified that our 'capitation' fee is based on paid-up members at 31st March, not at 31st December.

AP commented that our insurance runs from 1st January to 31st December.

CE is receiving some messages from members via an old address. ACTION: DC to sort out.

TREASURER'S REPORT No change.

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Sign-up forms for new groups, including second groups for those which are full, will be at the notice board at tomorrow's meeting, including Psychology. ACTION: TW to mention at tomorrow's meeting, suggesting those interested stay behind for discussion.

DC is considering starting a 3-5 miles Walking Group in the future.

AP is considering starting Art Appreciation. These groups to be taken over by a group member after a specified time yet to be decided.

BUSINESS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Name change to Lincoln Bailgate has been accepted by National Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Speaker-finders have spent £570 of their £700 budget, with two speakers yet to advise of their fees - so may go over-budget.

AP offered to attend the Neighbourhood U3A AGM on 21st September in North Hykeham - gratefully accepted.

MC will include the Speaker's topic in her monthly email circular detailed meeting dates.
CE's emails to enquirers will include the next two speakers' topics.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10th October 2pm
