

## **Boldon and District u3a**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Present Chair P Devenport (PD) G Cucchi (GC) S Soulsby (SS) J Jordan (JJ) C Jordan (CJ) Sheila Miller (SM) Bill Coombs (BC)

1. **Apologies for Absence** none

2. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July were agreed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**

**4. Chairs Report**

There is a motion at the national u3a AGM on October 6<sup>th</sup> that the capitation fee be increased in line with inflation. We have not registered to vote, PD will be on holiday. PD has downloaded a new members handbook from the u3a Brand centre, but it is 8 pages long and needs more work to make it more relevant.

The attendance spreadsheet has now been updated to July, 62 members have not been to any monthly meetings, 34 have not attended and meetings or groups, 11 have only attended trips, so 23 don't seem to have taken part in anything, it could be that the group members list is not up to date

PD has noticed that a few members of groups have not paid their subs, this needs to be addressed as we must ensure that only members are attending meetings for insurance purposes.

As well as printing tickets for Kath, the new speakers list arrived from Regional and was printed. Someone fell on the last coach trip, Kath will remind people to stay seated while the coach is moving.

5. **Treasurers Report**

Currently there is £8,875 in the bank, although approximately £1000 is for Beacon and the capitation fee. After the trip to Newby Hall, refunds have been given to 3 members who cancelled as tickets were bought on the day, no refund has been given on the cost of the coach. It was **agreed** that refunds remain at the discretion of the organiser.

BC to issue a form for group leaders to record money collected and spent.

There has been an increase of £1 per hour in the hire of the halls at All Saints,

6. **Membership Report**

GC We have a total of 210 members, with 3 new members last month.

7. **Group Report**

We have 10 active groups, which our members are enjoying.

The Thursday walking group has a leader for August but no one has yet volunteered to arrange any for the Autumn.

SS was delighted to hear from Sue Goddard that the bridge group is 'flourishing'. They regularly have 4 tables(16members) playing and occasionally get 5!!

SS has organised a lunch for all group leaders and members who have supported us over the year either at monthly meetings or planning events throughout the year.

All group leaders responded and 12 members will be joining the committee for lunch on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August at The Britannia pub in Cleadon, 12.30pm. For those

members who are on holiday or unable to make lunch it was **agreed** to give bottles of wine.

Annie Telling has organised a Nouveau Beaujolais lunch at Romano's in Cleadon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm. An expression of interest list will be available at August meeting.

SS will liaise with Marion Wheeler to try and organise a short Christmas Craft course, (4 or 5 weeks) leading up to Christmas.

PW & SS to organise a date to restart Music Appreciation.

JJ & SS to liaise and get a choir/singing group up and running in Sept/Oct.

#### **8. Speakers Report**

The August Speaker is Margaret Bozic on Citizens Advice Cases in 1950's Tyneside: Divorce, Domestic and Rehousing.

Tony & Sarah singing duo have been booked by SM for a Christmas Extravaganza on 12<sup>th</sup> December, they charge £100.

#### **9. Beacon Report**

PD has received new terms and conditions, but has not yet read all 18 pages.

#### **10. Website report**

PD reported an extra 200 page visits last month, mainly to the Events page and the new luncheon group.

11. **Facebook** 48 members, most posting are made by the committee

#### **12. Any Other Business**

PD,SS,GC tried afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel in Seaburn, and enjoyed it. It was **agreed** to book for 60 on September 21<sup>st</sup> which is u3a Day. PD to print tickets to sell at the August meeting. Final numbers to be confirmed by 14<sup>th</sup> September.

It was **agreed** to buy bunting and a feather from the u3a Brand Centre.

#### **Date and time of next meeting**

Next committee meeting 10.30 12<sup>th</sup> September at East Boldon Library.

Next Monthly meeting 15th August.