

Boldon and District u3a

Minutes of Committee meeting 13th March 2023 at Boldon Library

Present: Chair Pat Devenprrt. (PD). Sue Soulsby (SS). Gillian Cucchi (GG) Bill Coombs(BC)
Jim Jordan (JJ) Cath Jordan (KJ) Sheila Miller (SM) Shirley Walkinshaw (SW) Pam Marley(PM)

1. Apologies for Absence. None
2. Minutes of previous meeting February 2023 approved by PD
BC November 2022 meeting. Approved by PD
3. Matters Arising. No matters arising

4 Chairs Report

Most of my time has been thinking about how we attract new members to the committee.
Attended regional chair meeting, ideas were given about recruiting new committee members. Have sent out an email to all members giving details of what a chairman does, no response.

PD welcomed Mike Wallace Regional Treasurer talking about a detailed letter his U3A sent to their members encouraging recruitment. Also how many U3As were having problems with recruitment of committee members. He also spoke of the requirements for dissolving a U3A. How 21 days notice should be given and the Resolution Dissolution could be carried out at the AGM. He noted the bank account would need to be kept open for a little while to agree the accounts, and that remaining funds would revert back to the Regional U3A.

5 Treasurers Report.

BC produced spreadsheets detailing our accounts
Bank balance £6,516.39.

Room rent to be covered by funds.
Contemporary Music - March group free admission
April group meetings free admission
This was AGREED

Art and line dancing- write off losses for these groups
This was AGREED

6 Membership report

There have been 2 new members this month making a total of 216
I have had 2 members letting me know they will not be renewing in April

7 GroupReport

This has been a quiet month. All groups seem to be running as they should.

Enjoy Singing

This group met for the first time on 24th February and 12/13 members turned up. It was agreed they would meet on the last Friday of the month 10.30-12.30pm in Cleadon Methodist Church. Room, facilities were good and a couple of 'new members' attended. Once a couple of technical problems were solved an enjoyable morning was had by all. Hopefully numbers will increase as the word spreads.

JJ to have songs prepared prior to the meeting

Art & Painting

Two new members have attended this group in past few weeks which has helped increase their numbers.

Thanks to Linda Cowan and Marjorie Ballantine the group description has been updated on the website.

Art Appreciation

This group will trial a new venue, Boldon Golf Club for the next two meetings. Hopefully it will be warmer and darker to appreciate Jean's slides more.

Photography

Two of our new members have signed up to this weeks event.

Hopefully all the other groups are continuing as normal.

Music Appreciation

PW informs me that the group is averaging 8 members.

Expression of Interest

Sheets were available at the last meeting for Weight Training, (25), Chess,(0), Reading,(2).

Numbers in brackets show numbers who signed up.

Although a keen interest in the weight training has been shown it was felt that Jess Jones would prefer to talk to people first.

8. Speakers Report

March speaker NHS Jason Wilson. No fee. No travel expenses.

April speaker Sergio Petrucci. Red Sky Foundation

May. AGM

9 Beacon Report

PD sent out the latest Beacon news to the committee, more enhancements on the way.

10. Website report

Work has started on the replacement for site builder (site works) Two U3As have been chosen to trial new system and should be on line in the next couple of months

11. Facebook report

58 members, around 35 regularly check out page. SY has started Foodie discussion which is popular

12. Any other business.

Recruitment. Preparation for AGM. Nomination forms circulated at General Meeting and to various groups

13. Date and time of next Committee Meetings -

Monday. 10.30 3rd April 2023

Tuesday. 10.30 2nd May 2023

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