

Boldon and District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting 3rd April 2023

Present: Chair Pat Devenport. (PD) Sue Soulsby (SS). Bill Coombs. (BC) Gillian Cucchi. (GC). Sheila Miller (SM.) Pam Marley. (PM). Shirley Walkinshaw. (SW.) SW had to leave the meeting early.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jim Jordon. Cath Jordon. Did not attend

2. Minutes of previous Meeting

Minutes of March 2023 **approved**

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairs Report

Another month when all everyone thought about was recruitment.

SW is considering the chairman role

3 new potential committee members Sue Masters, Anne Witherington, JoAnn Frankie

No response to PD request for a Business Secretary

The Trust office has asked for the u3a Annual Return to be completed by the end of April, PD will call and ask for an extension, could it be sent in May after AGM, also ask Denise Walter about last year's return. **Action PD**

SM will undertake to book dates for hall for meetings and confirm with Shirley in church office.

PM will be minutes secretary

SW agree to be nominated for Chair. Will need help with IT

5. Treasurers Report

See bank statement ending 3.4.2023.

Bank balance. £6,448.65

BC to chase up 3rd age Trust subscriptions to TAM magazine.

6. Membership Report

There have been no new members or resignations in March.

We have 214 members

7. Group Report

The Art Appreciation group met at The Boldon Golf Club and the 'new' venue lived up to expectations. We were warm, comfortable and the darkened room improved the quality of Jean's slides. Coffee was available from a vending machine, £1.60/ cup.

Feedback from members was ALL positive. I think we have found a new home.

Eight people attended the second 'Enjoy Singing' group, last Friday. As the dates for the next two meetings fall on bank holidays it might be worthwhile if we E-Mail the group members to see how many are available to attend as SS may need make decision re booking the hall.

The railway group is doing very well covering costs.

Scrabble covering costs

Photography doing well

Monthly walking group, members taking turns running this group

Flower arranging ticking over. They pay in advance so room rent covered.

The majority of groups seem to be 'ticking 'over.

Kath Lodge is organising a trip to see Ray Lonsdale in May.

Some people may wish to bring friends to the trip to Bishop Auckland. Non members should pay more. **Agreed.**

I suspect there will be discussion 'within' groups about what will happen if a chairperson is not found by May. SS would appreciate any feedback from the groups you attend re the feeling's of members.

8. Speakers Report

April speaker Sergio Petrucci. Red Sky Foundation. No fee. No travel expenses.

Collection at general meeting.

9. Beacon Report

New sign-on due from April 18th, members will be notified after the AGM. This will replace the current 5 piece authentication with username and password.

10. Website report

Slight increase in page hits from 5231 in February to 5368 in March.

Group leaders should always contact the web editor for page updates if they do not edit their own page.

11. Facebook

Still 58 members

12 Tea Rota

U3a members are willing to assist with the tea and coffee at the monthly u3a meetings SW will need to check with SS as her current list may have some of the same names.

Also we need to know if a few of these people are willing to attend a little earlier to prepare the setting up of the trolley and flasks of hot water. SW

13. Any Other Business

Recruitment of Business Secretary

Preparation for AGM

Photography to do something ~ Colin Dudley

Art to bring a selection of paintings

Scrabble notice

Flower arrangement

Mike Valance to do introduction of railway group

Peter to play a couple of classical pieces

Adam to do quiz, 10 questions. To be on last

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd May 10.30am Boldon library