

**Minutes of on-line (Zoom) committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Tony Henry, Chair; Pam Campbell, Business secretary ; Lesley Patterson, Treasurer; Averil Fendley, Membership secretary; John Rutherford, Group Convenor Co-ordinator; Ian Webb, Website Co-ordinator

- **Apologies**

- **Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted as a true record.

- **Matters Arising**

The presentation of the U3A Beacon system is on hold as there appears to be some uncertainty over its planned update.

- **Monthly Meetings and Speakers from September onwards**

- 17<sup>th</sup> May A Zoom presentation from the Words and Pictures group, led by Bernard Harvey
- 21<sup>st</sup> June A Zoom talk on the Advances in Treatment of Stroke by Dr James Scott
- 19<sup>th</sup> July An afternoon garden party at the Three Wheat Heads following the lifting of Covid restrictions. Tea and scones will be available for anyone to purchase @ £6.50  
Hopefully talks in the Jubilee Hall can resume after this
- 20<sup>th</sup> September: Rita MacDonald -- Fats of Life
- 18<sup>th</sup> October - Larry Lampert -- From Black & White to colour panted newspapers
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Sonia Waterfall & Fran Elson -- Escape to Auschwitz.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December: Des Herron (by Zoom from CapeTown) -- Sailing across Pacific Ocean
- Jan 2022 - ? Rosie and Graham Stacey
- February -- Life of a slave
- March -- Chris Mullin

**Actions:**

- Pam to contact Adrienne Thunder re use of different mediums in May's presentation

- **Recruitment and Retention**

This is something of great concern to the national U3A as they have seen their funding reduce dramatically with the pandemic and are concerned it may not rise to pre-pandemic levels again. There are also concerns that the age of members (nationally) is heavily skewed to older members and there is an impetus to attract younger members for renewed vitality. Locally there was little concern as committee members felt that numbers would rise once group activities could re-commence as there were already signs of this happening. There had been 2 or 3 new members this month without any additional advertising. It was agreed that the garden party would be a good opportunity to attract new members and posters/on-line advertising could be put up about this nearer the time.

**Actions:**

- Pam to sort posters for July to advertise garden party
- New web co-ordinator to set up on-line information about the garden party
- **Report back from Network meetings**

Tony had attended a Chairs meeting

Lesley and John had attended a finance meeting. There was pressure for individual groups to produce their own accounts, but locally group leaders always managed their (low cost) finances informally and resisted anything more formal.

Pam had attended a regional meeting on recruitment and retention

**Actions:**

Nil

- **Preparation for AGM**

The format of the last AGM would be mirrored, and officers would be formally re-elected. Gerry Hoyer to be nominated for the web-co-ordinator role. Treasurer's report will also request payment of membership fees by BACS where possible

**Actions:**

- Pam to send a copy of April 2019 Minutes and AGM agenda for 2021 to all members with Zoom invites for AGM
- Tony to contact Gerry Hoyer to formally invite him to act in the role of web co-ordinator
- Pam to send the email (already approved by committee members) with details of BACS payments to all members following AGM

**Any Other Business**

Averil raised the issue of Membership cards and questioned whether everyone needs these or whether, if on-line payments are made, an email receipt will suffice as evidence of payment/membership.

**Actions:**

Pam, Averil and Lesley to meet to discuss the detail and practicalities around membership cards

- **Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

7<sup>th</sup> June 5.00pm via Zoom