

Minutes of on-line (Zoom) committee meeting held on Monday 7th June 2021 at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Tony Henry, Chair; Pam Campbell, Business secretary ; Averil Fendley, Membership secretary; Pete Burrow, Social Secretary;

- **Apologies**

Lesley Patterson, Treasurer; John Rutherford, Group Convenor Co-ordinator;

- **Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted as a true record.

- **Matters Arising**

Membership cards now only given out on request

- **Re-establishment of groups**

John was not present to give an update but it was known that the walking group was now meeting regularly again.

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

The details of topics and speakers are now posted on the website up until the end of the year. Physical meetings are scheduled to commence in September, subject to government restrictions, and the Jubilee Hall has been booked.

Meetings for 2022 were proposed (not booked) as follows:-

- Jan 2022 - ? Rosie and Graham Stacey, with Northumbrian songs
- February – Brycchan Carey - Life of a slave
- March – Chris Mullin – Talking about his book “Friends of Harry Perkins”
- April – AGM
- May – Annie Lloyd –Wildlife Conservation
- June –Rhodesia in the 1960's, Clive Wilkinson

Actions:

- Tony to contact proposed speakers to book them
- Tony to contact Jubilee Hall regarding any Covid regulations we need to abide by before September meeting.

- **Preparation for Garden Party**

The Garden party is booked with the Three Wheat Heads for 19th July at 2.30pm (is this time

correct??) and due to their outdoor covered area should be fine to proceed even if it rains. The pub does require a rough estimate of numbers for the event. It was therefore agreed that an email would be sent asking for members who intend to attend although, due to practical difficulties, they will not be asked for payment in advance as they can pay directly to the Three Wheatheads on the day (£6.95 for scones and tea). This event had been envisaged as a good opportunity to attract new members and posters would therefore be needed to put up in Rothbury and Thropton, although it was agreed that these should only go up 2-3 weeks in advance i.e. at the beginning of July. Posters would need to ask anyone interested in attending to contact Averil (Averil is it ok to put your phone number on the posters for anyone to make contact???) And we could also put the TA Matters email on, don't see how this could work otherwise)

The possibility of live music at the event was also discussed and Rosie and Graham Stacey would be contacted in the first instance.

Clive Wilkinson had already agreed to make a short speech in view of the fact that it was the 10th anniversary of the Coquetdale group last year.

Actions:

- Pam to email members asking for members commitment to attend so that numbers could be given to the Three Wheatheads by the end of June
- Pam to draft posters to advertise garden party
- Gerry Hoyer to put the posters on the website
- Tony to speak to Rosie and Graham Stacey (ad the Three Wheats) regarding live music
- **Report back from Network meetings**

Tony had attended a Chairs meeting and already reported back to the group. Pam stated that she found the network meetings to be very long and found it difficult to commit to attending these. Tony and Pam were both due to attend a network meeting that was taking place the next day but agreed that only one person need attend.

Actions:

Nil

Any Other Business

Lesley had reported that we currently have received payment from 79 members and the majority have been via BACS; our main account currently stands at £3125.44, and the events account has £1274.93 (this after refunding £113 to members who were unable to attend rescheduled performances).

Averil stated her intentions to leave the committee next April as she felt it was the right time to for a new membership secretary to take the reins. All expressed disappointment at this, but recognised Averil's commitment could not go on for ever. Lesley's future role as treasurer was also discussed as she was approaching the maximum 6 year tenure of this role , and subsequent to the meeting Lesley confirmed that she would also be stepping down in April 2022.

Actions:

Committee members to remain vigilant to suitable new recruits for committee work

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

8th July 5.00pm –venue to be confirmed