

Dukeries U3a Committee Meeting

Monday 8th January 2024

Present

Maria Pitrolino – Baranauskas – Committee member

Barbara Baglee -Minuting Secretary

James Bartlett -Business Secretary

Barry Callieu -Treasurer

Pam Hardwick -Charity Organiser

John Harris -Newsletter Editor.

Jane Young – Activity Group Coordinator and Press Officer

Ann Street -Website and Speaker finder.

Apologies

Leslye Henstock, Chris Neighbour, Wendy Neighbour.

The meeting was chaired by Ann Street.

Ann Mounsey

We remember Ann Mounsey, a long- standing member of our U3a who sadly passed away on Christmas Eve. Ann served as Chair from 2011 to 2015 and until she died was the group leader for the book club and the knit and natter group.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to Mike and their family and our appreciation for Ann's contribution to our U3a. A card has been sent to Mike on behalf of the committee. Ann's funeral will be at St. Paulinus Church, New Ollerton, on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 1.15pm.

Before the meeting commenced Maria addressed the committee.

Due to Health and personal reasons, she has taken the decision to stand down as Deputy Chair. She will continue to be a member of the committee.

The committee thanked Maria and assured her that they fully understood and supported her decision.

1 Welcome

Everyone was welcomed by the Chair who read the above obituary to Ann Mounsey.

2 Minutes of the last meeting.

Matters arising. -Social Prescribing. Barry reported that the surgery at Edwinstowe are already planning to do it. ACTION -Barbara will try and find out how we can be included. Facebook, James has established that an administrator for the Facebook page is not required. Group leaders will be asked to contact members who have lapsed. ACTION Jane.

Minutes proposed by Pam and seconded by John.

3 Treasurers report

Barry reported that we have a healthy balance.

The committee agreed a grant for soft tennis equipment. Paul Webb is going to restart the group.

The review of signatures for the account will be held over to the February meeting. Barry is not in favour of increasing the number of signatories. We are the trustees of members' money and need to be seen to be in full control of it.

A question arose on the purchase of copy paper. It was decided that group leaders should buy their own and be reimbursed for it.

4 Air Ambulance

Pam has received a thank you certificate from the Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance. This will be displayed at the Members Meeting.

Some members are selling items the proceeds of which will go directly to Cancer Research.

We have established that, as a charity, we can support other charities as long as no money raised passes through a U3a bank account.

5 Membership

We have 151 members. This comprises 146 full members, 4 associate members and 1 honorary member.

6 Open Day.

This will take place on Monday 18th March. We would like this event to be as interactive as possible. ACTION --Jane will contact group leaders and encourage them to have a table. CARRIED OVER -Maria is responsible for refreshments but would like to pass this on, it will be carried over to the next agenda. ACTION – Ann and Jane will discuss advertising. ACTION – Wendy will decide how she wants to organise the membership renewal.

7 Events

Christmas Party. This received some mixed reviews. Most members thought it went very well but some felt there were too many games. The committee acknowledged that members like to have time to just chat. Father Christmas was well received. There was a discussion on food and food safety. ACTION John will look at the Food Standard Agency Rules and the Jubilee Hall letting agreement.

The Events Team will man the table at the members meeting. They will take names but not money.

8 Groups.

Jane reported that the TV at Ambleside belongs to Stefan. Stefan has it at home at the moment but is arranging with the council to have it put on the wall at Ambleside. At the moment it is not sure who will be able to use it. A new group, banjuleles will be starting. Check newsletter for starting date. Paul Webb will also be re-starting soft tennis, not more details now. At this time it is uncertain what will happen to the knit and natter group.

9 Newsletter.

James has been looking at the newsletters of other U3a groups and praised ours for it's presentation and content. Our thanks go to John for this.

John reported that the Microsoft contract is about to run out but he has no details on the current contract. ACTION John will investigate and sources of word processing and also look into starting a new Microsoft contract.

10 Marketing

Jane is still having laptop problems and will meet with John. An invitation has been received for a committee member to attend a meeting of the Newark Shared volunteer Service. This is a good networking opportunity. ACTION Maria will attend. There is a meeting of the Edwinstowe Community Groups on January 23rd. ACTION -Ann and Jane will attend.

11 Business Secretary

Please let James know if any equipment is received or disposed of. All meetings at the Jubilee Hall are booked and confirmed as are bookings at Ambleside. Notts Council have asked for a copy of our Public liability Insurance.

12 Members meeting.

Barbara will lead the January members meeting and Val Saunders will operate the membership table. All committee members who can attend will help set up. There will be a bring and buy table.

Barbara will appeal for a Deputy Chair. ACTION it was suggested that induction for officers be put on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th February.