

Dukeries U3a Committee Meeting, Monday 9th October 2023

Present

Maria Pitrolino- Baranauskas – Deputy Chair

Barbara Baglee – Secretary

Barry Callieu – Treasurer

John Harris -Newsletter Editor

Chris Neighbour -Committee member

Wendy Neighbour – Membership Manager

Ann Street – Speaker Finder and Website manager.

Leslye Henstock, present at the beginning of the meeting

James Bartlett – Guest

Apologies

Jane Young (proxy vote given to Ann Street) Pam Hardwick, Kevin Mulloy

The order of the agenda was rearranged in order to allow Leslye to speak first and then leave the meeting.

1 Events

An events committee has been formed with the support of Jean and Pam. More members are still needed.

Quiz night- all arrangements have been made but we still need more teams.

Christmas Celebration – Due to the rise in Covid infection and the amount of work it takes for a shared buffet, it has been decided that members should bring their own food and drink.

Entertainment has yet to be decided but there will be some special treats as a thank you to group leaders, committee members and other helpers. This will replace the working lunch that had been suggested. Leslye estimated that this would cost no more than £200. Wendy proposed to approve this spending, Chris seconded the proposal, and the vote was unanimous.

8 u3as will take part in a games day at the John Fretwell Sports Centre next June. There will be games taking place both indoor and outdoor. A £200 deposit is required and we need to pay our share of £25. Funding has been applied for but not yet approved. Ann proposed we pay the £25, Barbara seconded the proposal and all agreed.

Leslye then left the meeting.

Maria took the chair.

2 Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising – Barry pointed out that £1000 had been transferred to the social account not to a savings account as stated in the minutes.

3 Meetings

We had been looking at venues other than the Jubilee Hall to hold meetings. Chris proposed we remain at Jubilee Hall. Wendy seconded the proposal, and the motion was carried.

4 Policy Review

Equal Opportunity Policy. Some Committee members had not had chance to read this policy so it was deferred to the next meeting. However, it was agreed that it should now be called The Inclusion, Diversity and Equality Policy. Barbara agreed to be the lead for this policy and Barry agreed to be the lead for the Safeguarding Policy.

5 Membership and Funding

Wendy reported that membership remains the same although there may possibly be 2 new applications.

Wendy has adapted the membership form to include permission for Gift Aid. She latter sent a copy to Committee members.

Unfortunately, the application for Lottery Funding was refused but we will try again next year after looking more closely at the application requirements.

6 Finance

Barry presented the financial report. Everything is in order. Barry will register us for Gift Aid. It was decided that we would not claim it retrospectively.

7 Speakers and Publicity

Ann has booked speakers up until June 2024.

We have been invited to have a stall in Edwinstowe on November 23rd. We will need to provide some lighting. We decided to have a tombola and will ask for donations at the members meeting on Monday. Maria and Barbara will tape tickets to the donations.

8 Members meeting

James has agreed to be a greeter.

If Leslye decides she does not want to chair the meeting then Maria will do so. Ann will introduce the speaker as usual.

Donations will be requested for the stall at Edwinstowe.

9 Groups

Jane has suggested that we have a decorated Christmas tree in Ollerton Church. It was suggested that the Sunday Group might like to make decorations for the tree. Maria suggested that she may have a suitable tree.

10 A.O.B.

Barbara reported that on 7th October she received an email from Kevin Mulloy. He had forwarded an email sent to him by John Banbury, nominating Kevin for the role of Business Secretary. Barbara will provide John with a nomination form. It was decided that if we have more than one nomination for the post it would be voted on by a show of hands. John Harris has taken the U3a telephone. Wendy and Chris gave apologies for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.