

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, 7TH
DECEMBER 2020, BY ZOOM**

PRESENT:	
Leslye Henstock	Chair of Dukeries U3A Establishing DU3A Virtual World on Zoom
Pam Hardwick	Group Secretary/Assisting Chair Links with Regional/National U3A and local community
Richard Titmuss	Treasurer
Ann Street	Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers Marketing and Communications in local press
Nick Mason	IT and Zoom Advisor
John Harris	Newsletter Editor
Marie Bartle	Membership Manager Contact for members' wellbeing
Christine Yates	Co-ordinator of Group Activities
Margaret Titmuss	Catering Manager and Health & Safety
Valerie Saunders	Minuting Secretary at meetings

1. INTRODUCTION

Leslye welcomed the Committee members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their efforts since the last Committee Meeting.

There were no alterations to the Minutes from 9th November 2020. Richard proposed that the Minutes be accepted and Marie seconded. Leslye signed the Minutes as correct.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Marie reported that we have four new members which brings the total membership to 107. This includes 99 fully paid-up members and 8 Associate Members.

Marie reported that Terry Woolnough is moving house. He has been a member for 13 years and during this time has held the positions of Treasurer and Chair of the Dukeries U3A. He has also been involved in running the Bridge Group. Marie has done some research and said that, under U3A rules, he would qualify for Honorary Life membership. As he is moving out of the area, it was decided that we would make him an Honorary Life Member after his membership expires in March 2022 in recognition of his contribution to the Dukeries U3A. He will also continue to receive the Newsletter.

It has become apparent that the Telephone tree, set up after the last Committee Meeting, for members without email was not needed every week and that an occasional phone call was more appropriate.

Marie has contacted John Lovell, the tutor to the Water Colour Group, to ascertain whether his tutelage is still continuing remotely. He confirmed that it was and that he was under the impression that his membership of the Dukeries had been renewed. The Water Colour Group will be debited with the cost of his membership.

It was also decided that there would be a discussion in the New Year concerning membership fees for new members joining in 2021.

3. CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pam confirmed that the Christmas cards that she has donated to send to members were stamped and ready for posting. It was agreed that the recent new members would also receive a card. The Committee agreed that the cost of postage stamps was a justifiable expense in view of savings made on rent of the Jubilee Hall, coffee and biscuits and was the safest way to distribute the cards under the present Covid restrictions.

Pam reported that she will be attending a Peer Support Group for Secretaries on Zoom hosted by West Bridgford U3A on 8th December.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard had already sent copies of the accounts for November to the Committee and he had nothing further to add in this respect.

Richard reported that we are still experiencing problems with logging on to the on-line bank account with Nat. West. The general opinion was that any problems were related to Nat. West and not to authorised members of the Committee who have tried to access the account. He said that he would try again to sort matters out with the bank in the New Year.

John reported that he has now received the CLA Licence and will send the bank details to Richard.

5. SPEAKERS AND PUBLICITY

Ann reported that she had researched Speakers who were operating on Zoom with a view to bookings for the Members' Meetings. The average charge was around £50. There was a discussion around whether the cost was justifiable if not many members are taking part in the Zoom meetings.

Ann said that Sharon Pinkett and Patty Bell had volunteered to talk about the Air Ambulance Service and an animal charity at the January meeting. She has been trying to contact them to ascertain whether they are willing to do this on Zoom. Marie will give Ann the email addresses of Sharon and Patty.

Rose Cook-Monk was booked to be the speaker in February but this is still to be confirmed.

Ann has continued to contribute publicity articles to the Sherwood Life and Roundabout magazines. She has also prepared an article for the Edwinstowe magazine for the March issue. Edwinstowe will be a target for new members when the current Covid restrictions have ceased.

Ann asked whether it would be possible to put screen shots of various Zoom activities on the Du3a website. Leslye said that we would have to ensure that no email addresses appeared on the photographs. John and Nick agreed that it would not be a problem to remove the addresses from the photographs and would assist.

Ann is attending a Notts. U3A Publicity Meeting on Zoom on 10th December which had previously been postponed.

6. ZOOM MEETINGS

Leslye gave a vote of thanks to Tony Brewer who has given two Photography presentations on Zoom recently.

She also thanked Jo Gray for her demonstration on how to make a beautiful Christmas wreath.

The remainder of the Zoom meetings are as follow:

Wednesday 9 th December (7.00pm)	Scattergories – we challenge you
Saturday 12 th December (7.00pm)	Laughter Night
Monday, 14 th December (2.00pm)	Du3a Members Hour
Wednesday, 16 th December (7.00 pm)	Christmas Quiz
Saturday, 19 th December (7.00pm)	Christmas Party

Leslye would also like to organise something for New Year's Eve.

Leslye has passed on to Richard the receipts for small prizes given for some of the Zoom competitions, the monies for which will be taken from the Social Account.

7. OPEN FORUM

Leslye gave a vote of thanks to individual members of the Committee for the work they have undertaken since she became Chair.

- She thanked Pam, not only for continuing her duties as Secretary, but for the work she has done on the re-branding of Du3A. She has also attended many virtual regional meetings on behalf of Du3a and generally been of great support for Leslye.
- Richard was thanked for continuing in his role as Treasurer, dealing with membership fees, trying to get the on-line banking working and general support.
- Marie was thanked for continuing in her role as Membership Secretary but also being very much involved in the welfare of our members. She was instrumental in contacting members by telephone during the present crisis. She has also been of great support to Leslye.
- John was thanked for his fantastic work on the Newsletter which has changed beyond recognition during the Covid crisis. Leslye has sent a copy of the magazine to Jean Hogg of Notts Regional U3A who thought that it was “absolutely outstanding”. John also delivers by hand a hard copy of the Newsletter to those members who do not have email.
- Ann was thanked for her promotion articles in the local papers and also for the work she has done on updating the Du3a website. She has also continued in her role as Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers.
- Christine was thanked for the series of Coffee mornings she arranged in her garden for small groups of members when rules during the Covid Crisis allowed. She has also continued in her role as Group Co-ordinator.
- Nick was thanked for all the technical assistance he has given, not only in helping get Zoom meetings off the ground but also in the production of membership cards. He is always ready to help on any technical issue when needed.

- Margaret was thanked for her general support during the long, difficult months of the Covid crisis.
- Val was thanked for continuing in her role of Minuting Secretary and giving support when needed.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

11th January 2021.