

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING ON**  
**MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022, AT THE JUBILEE HALL, OLLERTON**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	
Leslye Henstock	Chair
Pam Hardwick	Deputy Chair/Group Secretary
Chris Neighbour	Treasurer
Ann Street	Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers Marketing, Advertising and Website
John Harris	Newsletter Editor
Wendy Neighbour	Membership Manager
Christine Yates	Committee Member
Valerie Saunders	Minuting Secretary at meetings
Sharon Pinkett	Committee Member
Patti Bell	Committee Member

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Leslye welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Nick Mason, Jane Young and Bobbie Thompson.

There were no alterations to the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Chris proposed that the minutes be accepted, Christine seconded and Leslye signed the minutes as correct.

### **Feedback**

54 people attended the Members' Meeting in March.

Leslye said that it would be useful if the greeters for the Members' Meetings could arrive earlier and help set up the hall.

The timings for the Members' Meetings will be as follows:

- Doors will open at 12.30 pm by which time the hall will be set up.
- The meeting will start at 1.0 pm when any of the more important announcements will be given.
- The guest speaker will start at 1.30 pm.
- Refreshments will be served following the speaker
- Any other information for the members will be given after refreshments.

Leslye commented that the wired microphone is not working well and that we should use the wireless microphone for Members' Meetings.

Mason is keeping the rolling Powerpoint presentation up to date.

It was suggested that some background music would be pleasant to greet members as they arrive at the meeting. Leslye will investigate the possibility of this.

Leslye will contact Edwinstowe House to see whether she can negotiate an affordable rate for Committee Meetings to be held there.

The proceeds of the items that Ann Mounsey brought for sale at the last meeting went directly to the Ukraine Appeal.

Our members were also very generous in donating goods for the Ukraine appeal organised by Bob Crampton of Edwinstowe Lions Group and Bob has been in touch to say thank you. He was particularly touched by the box of items donated by Tilly who is Wendy Neighbour's niece. Bob will send an update of the appeal for the Newsletter.

#### Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance Charity

Pam gave us an update of the total amount raised to date in 2021/22 which is £2,285.20.

The Committee were asked whether they would support continuing with the Air Ambulance as our nominated charity and they unanimously agreed that we should. This may be put to a vote at the AGM.

### **2. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris had previously sent out copies of the March accounts to the Committee which included £1103.00 in membership subscriptions. The Current Account total is now £4299.95 and the Group Funds Social Account £790.70.

Chris said that he was confident that we would have enough money to cover expenses for this financial year, including the payment of capitation fees of £4.00 per member. New members who joined the Du3A from September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 only paid a subscription of £8.00 and £4.00 of that subscription would go to capitation fees which Leslye considers to be unfair. Leslye and Chris are attending a Zoom meeting later today regarding capitation fees and will report back.

As the Wine Tasting group is not viable because of lack of support in sufficient numbers, Lesley suggested that the £13.93 left in the account should go into the Reserve fund. The History Group will be deleted from the Group Funds Social Account.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Wendy reported that the membership total now stands at 107 which includes 105 Full Members and 2 Associate Members. The breakdown of payments so far is:

- 29 Members paid by bank transfer
- 27 Members paid by cash
- 51 Members paid by cheque

Membership cards will be distributed at the next two Members' meetings.

Wendy and Ann have put together a "Welcome" document for new members. This has been sent to recent new members, together with the latest Newsletter. Any new members in the future will be sent this document.

## Grants

Wendy reported that the last £500 in funding needs to be spent in the near future. She has been struggling with the old computer which was bought from Mason. It was agreed by the Committee that a new computer be purchased for the Membership Manager which will cost in the region of £300 to £400. Wendy will need to present a proof of purchase for the computer to the Community Engagement Fund and then the money going towards this item will be released.

## **4. BRANDING/PUBLICITY/MARKETING**

Ann reported that the Du3a notice board is now up in the entrance hall of the Jubilee Hall.

Ann has put an advert on the Du3a Facebook page supporting the RSPB "Picnic in the Park", taking place on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Ann said that she had signed a contract for a table at the event for advertising Du3a and that members should arrive at around 10.45 am and park in the RSPB car park.

The next meeting of the Publicity Group has still not been arranged because many Notts. U3As have not responded so far.

Ann reminded Lesley of a meeting with John Butler of Ravenshead U3A at 10.00 am on 15<sup>th</sup> April at the MySpace Gym in Mansfield. This is regarding a video of the Flashmob line dance, choreographed by Janice Corkill, which Du3a are proposing for the U3A week in September.

## Speakers

Ann reported that she had been approached by a professional story teller, Alaister Littlewood, who lives locally. She wondered whether he would be of interest as a future speaker for the Members' Meetings. All of this year's speakers have been booked.

## **5. ACTIVITY GROUPS**

In Jane's absence, Christine reported that the Sewing Group run by Cynthia Davis is no longer viable as they are down to 4 members. This will be removed from the list of activities.

Bowling will recommence this month. There is an open day on Easter Sunday at Ollerton Bowls Club and the Du3a Bowling Group will start again on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Mah Jong will re-commence on 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Jubilee Hall.

Leslye said that she had been approached about the possibility of Du3a joining a U3A Quiz League. She will make an announcement about this at the Members' Meeting.

Patti Bell has said that she is stepping back from running the All Sorts Gardening Group jointly with Sharon. She has family caring duties that are taking up much of her time. She will, however, still help Sharon when needed.

## Jubilee Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

The Ukulele Group have been asked to play at this event. Sharon, who is organising the day, together with Patti, said that she thought that asking them to pay for their tickets was unfair, as they have not had to pay for tickets at any other functions that they have attended.

Sharon reported that 10 tickets had been sold so far.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that, if necessary, £60 could be taken from the Reserve fund in the Social Events Account for the hire of the hall and £40 towards the cost of tickets for the Ukulele Group.

## **6. 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY AND AGM ON MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

This event is for members only. Paid up members only can attend an AGM.

34 members have signed up so far. We need 20% of the total membership to vote under the terms of the constitution.

Room Set-up will be from 11.45 to 12.30 am and will include:

- Putting out tables, chairs, bunting, banners, posters and memorabilia, tables for plants, badges and raffle.
- Setting up music, wireless microphone, screen, laptop and Zoom.

Group tables will not be needed generally on the day but if leaders need to collect money or signatures, tables for this could be set up in the bar.

### **Refreshments**

Leslye has asked Janice, Margaret (confirmed), Doreen and Georgina. We need to recruit two more members to help with washing up.

### **Cake Bakers**

Georgina – Chocolate cake/Coffee cake (total of 16 to 20 servings)

Lis Greenland – Chocolate cake/Mocha Squares (total 16 servings)

Margaret Titmuss – 2 lemon drizzle cakes (16 servings)

Wendy Neighbour – Victoria Sponge (8 servings)

Jane Young

### **Greeters**

Not asked yet

The doors will open at 12.45 pm and the meeting will begin at 1.15 pm

12.45 Display pots for competition

Each person will be given a raffle ticket on arrival. This will give us the number of those attending and we will know how many slices of cake needed. There is a prize draw with the tickets.

## **ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

Welcome to members and guests – schedule for the day.

Apologies from absent members.

Sign off Minutes from last year.

Say thank you to retiring Committee members (Christine, Marie and Val)

Achievements over past 12 months – website, marketing

Number of members

Membership fees 2022 and 2023 – vote in.

Accounts from the Treasurer

Committee 2022 – vote in/proxy votes/count votes

Funding from grants and items bought

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The business of the meeting will be followed by:

Birthday cake and hot drinks.

A talk by Councillor, Lee Brazier, on building links with the Community

A celebration of members over the past thirty years.

Hello from Andy Oxnard – Community partner

Charity donations – Pam will give an update. Possible vote to continue with the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance as Du3a's nominated charity.

#### **DATE FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

This will be held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.0 am. The venue is to be arranged.

Apologies for this meeting have already been submitted by Pam and John.