

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MONDAY, 14TH MARCH 2022, AT EDWINSTOWE HOUSE, EDWINSTOWE**

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

1. INTRODUCTION

Leslye welcomed everyone to the meeting including new team members Sharon Pinkett and Patti Bell and new Du3a member, Maria Watson. Apologies were accepted from Bobbie Thompson.

There were no alterations to the minutes of 14th February 2022. Nick Mason proposed that the minutes be accepted, Christine Yates seconded and Leslye signed the minutes as correct.

Leslye asked the present Committee to state their names and job title for the benefit of the members attending who have not attended a Committee Meeting before.

Feedback

Jubilee Hall

The Jubilee Hall Committee has agreed that Du3a can have their own notice board. Leslye will send a letter thanking the Jubilee Hall Committee for this concession,

The forthcoming Quiz Night organised by the Jubilee Hall Committee will be advertised in the Du3a Newsletter.

Race Night

45 people attended the Race Night. Everyone attending agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening and that the food provided had been delicious. There was a small loss on the evening of £11 and this will be entered in the books under Social Events.

Members' Meeting on 21st February

It was generally agreed that the registration of new members and renewal of membership for existing members was not perfect on this occasion. We will therefore have two separate tables for this on 21st March.

Roles for Members' Meeting

- John will put the Du3a signs outside on Thursday of this week.
- Ann and Mason will deal with the screens, computer equipment, etc.
- Jane will supervise the number of tables required and the putting up of a banner in the hall. She will also ascertain whether there are any special items from Group Leaders.
- In Wendy's absence, Val will stand in on the new membership table and Leslye will deal with membership renewals.

Ukraine Appeal

Bob Crampton of Edwinstowe Lions Group is organising a passage of donated goods to the Ukraine and has asked Du3a whether we will support this appeal. An appeal will go out to members this week, with a list of items needed. Leslye will ask Bob if he will come to the Members' Meeting next week to give a brief speech and collect the goods donated.

It was decided that we would not have a "Bring and Buy" table for the Members' Meeting this month.

John passed around the Committee a new heading for the Newsletter and website which also includes the Ukraine flag. The Committee unanimously agreed that this was a symbol of our solidarity with the people of Ukraine and should go ahead.

John also agreed to take the Du3a mobile phone in Leslye's absence.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris had previously sent out copies of the February accounts to the Committee which included £712 in membership subscriptions. The Current Account total is now £3317.88 and the Group Funds Social Account £1023.48.

He further reported that he has finally been able to arrange internet banking for the Social Account.

After discussion, it was agreed that the money in the Social Committee account (£174.88) would be amalgamated with the Events account and would be renamed Social Events.

Chris asked whether Du3a wanted to continue their subscription to Zoom. It was agreed, after the March payment, that this would be cancelled.

3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Wendy reported that the membership total stands at 66 with subscriptions of £1244 for the year beginning 1st April 2022. Leslye asked what the split was between subscriptions paid by bank transfer, cheque and cash. Wendy said that it was approximately a third in each category.

Feedback

Wendy said that she had received six or seven very positive replies to a form she had sent out to new members, asking for feedback on their experience/s since joining Du3a.

Leslye said that she had sent out 10 invitations to new members to attend the meeting today to see how the Committee operates but many of them had prior engagements

Funding

Wendy reported that she was still awaiting a decision from the Covid-19 Recovery Fund run by Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding funding for a projector. She said that there was £223 from the Community Engagement Fund still to be spent and £100 from Andy Oxnard. The money from the Community Engagement Fund has to be spent shortly and she will contact them regarding this.

It was agreed that the £100 donated by Andy Oxnard will pay for a light folding table which can be used for promotional purposes. Any residual money from this can be spent on promotion work.

4. BRANDING/PUBLICITY/MARKETING

Ann reported that she has now booked Speakers for the rest of the year. She asked if Committee members had any ideas for Speakers for 2023.

The VE Day event on Sunday, 8th May, at the RSPB Visitors' Centre is still going ahead but, in view of the Ukraine crisis, this may just be a "Picnic in the Park". It was agreed that we would take the feather banner and publicity material to the event.

Ann reported that the North Notts U3A Publicity Group is still liaising regarding National U3A week in September. Leslye said that she and Janice would need to have a time line to organise and choreograph the Du3a Line Dance Flash Mob event for this.

Activity Groups

Jane had nothing new to report.

As a result of several members expressing an interest in a Line Dancing group, Leslye will talk to Janice Corkill, who already runs fitness groups not associated with Du3a.

Visits

Leslye has arranged a Dairy Visit to a farm at Melton Mowbray on Tuesday, 28th June. She needs a minimum of 20 people to make the trip viable and only has 15 at the moment.

Visits Organised by Sharon and Patti

Sharon and Patti are arranging the following visits:

- Newark Gardens on Friday, 22nd April

- The Botanical Gardens, Birmingham on Friday, 20th May.
- David Austin Roses, Shropshire on Friday, 22nd July
- Harrogate Autumn Show on Friday, 16th September

They are also hoping to arrange visits to the Community Gardens at Worksop, the Garden Centre near East Bridgford and Hollybeck.

5. AGM 16TH MAY 2022

Leslye is hoping to make this a fun occasion.

Leslye proposed that the meeting should begin at 1.15 pm, with members arriving from 12.45 pm.

The business of the meeting will include:

- Vote in the new Committee
- Finance Report
- Membership Report
- Presentation about grants and where the money has been spent
- End of Year Accounts which will put on a screen. Mason will help to organise the power point presentation.

Leslye would like to invite people from the community to talk to the membership. She will ask Andy Oxnard and Lee Brasier to speak to the membership for approximately ten minutes each.

Leslye is liaising with her friend, Ann Hill, about entertainment for the event.

Sharon and Patti are arranging a plant pot competition.

Several members have volunteered to make cakes for the occasion.

Leslye would like three or four long-standing members to talk about their experience of joining Du3a and the social life it has given them.

The hall will be decorated with lots of bunting and photographs will be taken.

Leslye will appeal to the membership on Monday for volunteers to help with the set-up.

Roles to be filled on the Committee

Du3a cannot operate without a Deputy Chair and this essential role needs to be filled.

Lesley would like several new people to join the Committee to bring some fresh ideas to Du3a.

6. JUBILEE DAY – SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE

Sharon and Patti have volunteered to arrange the whole event.

The Jubilee celebrations will take place at the Jubilee Hall and will begin at 4.0 pm and finish at 8.0 pm.

The tickets will cost £5.00 for members and £6.00 for guests.

Sharon and Patti will arrange the food and members need only bring their own drink and a glass.

The dress will be Fifties style.

Volunteers will be needed to put up bunting and put out tables and chairs.

Sharon and Patti have lots of ideas for the whole event. It was suggested by the Committee that there should be a photograph of the Queen displayed on screen and the event should begin with the National Anthem.

Leslye mentioned to Sharon and Patti that they will need to give receipts for all monies collected and suggested that they purchased two receipt books. Shopping receipts will need to go to the Treasurer.

Information about the day should go to Ann in good time to be advertised.

DATE FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

This will be held on Monday, 11th April at 10.0 am in the Jubilee Hall Bar Room. The Members' Meeting will follow at the usual time.