

MINUTES OF EXE VALLEY U3A COMMITTING MEETING HELD AT THE OHSCC ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Present: M Turner (Chair), C Redhead (Secretary), P Sadler (Treasurer), J Riddiford, D Lal, J Jeffrey, J Kelly, A Bush

Apologies: K Huntley-Sadler, E Oakley, C Boote

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being a true record and signed.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting – he had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

1. Chris reported on the National Office AGM which she had attended on Zoom.
 - a) There will be no subscription increases from NO for the next two years
 - b) Advice given to look on the National Website at TATTL (Third Age Trust Trading Ltd.) for items you can get discounted from various places and also legal advice and other matters.
2. Chris has received an e mail from NO with all voting results.

Treasurer's Report

1. The total assets as of today's date are £2796.06. The HSBC account can only be closed with Eric present as he is the signatory. Paul will be contacting him to arrange this. Lloyds account is now completely up and running.
2. It must be made clear that all groups who hire hall or pay for speakers need to produce an annual statement showing their income and expenditure. This is a ruling from NO. **Karyl** is requested to send an e mail to all group leaders informing them of this and asking them to produce their statement of account in good time before the March AGM.
3. It must also be made clear that any excess monies accumulated by groups need to be handed over to the Treasurer on a regular basis and not left to accumulate in group funds.
4. It was agreed that before the AGM an Agenda/Minutes of last year's meeting and a statement of account must be circulated to all members.

Membership Secretary's Report

1. There are now 224 members, 2 new members have joined this month.
2. **Jill** will test the renewal system on 6 November and send renewal reminder out to all members.

Beacon Report

1. PayPal has now been disabled on Beacon. PayPal ledger is still there and can't be removed but no one can pay on it.
2. Jo has e mailed Wendy asking her to remove PayPal from the Website.

3. Renewal payments can be made via BACS, cash, cheque or the SumUp Machine.
4. Group Leaders should be reminded that when new people join or leave their group Beacon needs to be updated. Karyl also has the facility to do this.
5. Jo will be away from the end of November to the beginning of February. Carol Boote is on standby but Jo will also keep an eye on things from New Zealand and will report in each month.

Programme Organiser's Report

Anne Widdicombe has now been confirmed to speak to us on Wednesday 30 October next year.

IT – no report

Social Organiser's Report

1. York has been confirmed as our Quiz compiler and Quiz Master for next year's Quiz on Friday 22 March. The venue has yet to be confirmed. Several committee members stated they are happy to go on a sub committee to help with refreshments. **Joan** will apply for a licence from MDDC.
2. The Lyme Regis outing for 2024 is being arranged. Anne has provisionally booked the coach. **Anne** will enquire if it will incorporate a talk about Mary Anning.
3. The Treasure Hunt has been confirmed for 9 May.
4. **Carol** will be asked to print tickets for the Quiz and Treasure Hunt at a later date.
5. The quiz will be £7 per ticket and a price for the wine and soft drinks will be discussed later.
6. **Anne** will hand over the tea float to Paul at the next meeting and as from December will keep a small float and hand over the surplus on a regular basis. Monies for such things as mince pies and coffee mornings will be dealt with separately.
7. It was agreed that it will be free entrance and free teas and coffees at the December Christmas meeting. **Joan** will ask Tim if carols are incorporated in his entertainment. **Anne** will organise the mince pies.
8. The coffee morning for new members and committee will be on Friday 26 January at 10.30. **Anne** will book this at the Tiverton Hotel and send a "save the date" e mail to new members.

Group Co-Ordinator's Report

Karyl had e mailed her report to Chris.

1. There are now only two more Risk Assessment forms not received from Group Leaders.
2. There has been a suggestion to form a Chess Group and **Karyl** will look into this.

Website

Home Hits – 320. Newsletter – 112 making a total of 432

Anne will inform Wendy of the Quiz, Treasure Hunt and Lyme Regis dates for the Website.

Welfare

The usual cards have been sent.

Newsletter

1. Info re Quiz, Treasure Hunt and Lyme Regis
2. NO – TATTL information
3. Reminder of change of venue to Cherith in December.
4. Christmas free entry and free teas, coffees and mince pies.
5. Risk Assessment reminder
6. Group finance reminder

AOB

Due to time the following items have been deferred to the December meeting.

1. Discuss Facebook and Publicity
2. Discuss a fund raising event for next October.
3. Discuss making the Anne Widdicombe afternoon an open event to attract new members.

Deborah has been told that Mike Warren is standing as the chair of the Tiverton U3A. **Mike** will make contact with him.

There being no other business the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 December at 9.30.