

Grange & District u3a

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held on Friday 15 July 2022 in the Council Chamber, Victoria Hall

	ACTION
<p>Present Brian Loader, Michael McCormick, Susan Jones, John Eakins, Mick Love, Julia Nicholson, Christine Patrick, Tricia Thomas, Ged Jones</p> <p>Apologies Hilary Wade</p> <p>1 Minutes of the previous meetings (held on 17 June 2022) The minutes were accepted.</p> <p>2 Matters Arising/Actions Check Michael confirmed that the CLA copyright licence is in the process of being obtained from the Third Age Trust. Ged had confirmed that the Third Age Trust holds an MPLC licence which allows local u3as to show films to its members. John recalled that there also used to be a need for a Filmbank licence for films not covered by the MPLC licence.</p> <p>Ged will follow up the issue of the Filmbank licence with the Third Age Trust</p> <p>Brian has not yet completed the grant application form on behalf of the Social Tennis Group as he is awaiting information from the group leader.</p> <p>3 Newsletter Brian commented that it was unfortunate that a miscommunication with the printer had resulted in the summer newsletter being printed in a square format rather than the usual A5. While this had been an inconvenience the newsletter was still readable and enjoyable.</p> <p>4 Future meetings Neither Brian nor Hilary can make the July general meeting and Christine agreed to introduce the speaker.</p> <p>It is still planned to provide a roving microphone for the Q&A session following the talk and Michael will ask Amanda if there is a microphone which does not need to be held so close to the speaker's mouth.</p> <p>Summer event Julia reported that a poster had been included in the summer newsletter but the email to all members advertising the event has not yet been sent. [Post meeting note: an email has been sent to members]</p> <p>Thus far only a small number of members had indicated an intention to attend the summer event and it was agreed to publicise it at the July monthly general meeting. 31 July will be the closing date for responses.</p>	<p>Ged</p> <p>Michael</p>

It was agreed that if we do not reach a critical mass of members to go ahead with the Summer Event then we will convert the session into a games morning rather than revert to the format of a regular general meeting.

Julia also raised the question of holding a national u3a raising awareness day on the same day as our Summer Event. After a debate it was agreed not to hold such an awareness day this year.

5 Membership

Susan had circulated a report prior to the meeting. We now have 475 members including 2 new members.

6 Finance

Michael had circulated a report prior to the meeting and the accounts were accepted.

Michael had investigated the issue raised by John regarding identical amounts shown going into and coming out of the Holding account. Michael explained this was due to the way the transfer of funds between the Holding account (group funds) and the Community account is shown and there is no discrepancy.

Michael reported that on enrolment day £24 (which is the amount for two memberships) had been paid but details had not been recorded. Attempts to identify the individuals involved had not been successful so the £24 is being treated as a donation.

7 Group Coordinators/Leaders (GC/Ls)

Nobody has stepped forward to take on the role of GLO and Brian thanked Mick for stepping in as the point of contact on a pro tem basis.

John agreed to approach a particular member to see if he would be willing to become the GLO. John also stated that he was willing to act as a mentor to members seeking to establish a new group but he was unwilling to take on any commitment beyond this.

John

Tricia pointed out that an important aspect of the role of the GLO is to counsel a group if it is going to lose its GCL.

Ged reported that he had received a call from Pat Ramsden to inform him that she is stepping down as the Friendly Bridge GCL but a replacement has been identified and she will forward the details to Ged. Pat also informed Ged that there is an aim to set up a Bridge for Beginners group and a potential GCL has been identified. She had asked Ged if there was a template for setting up a new group.

Ged will go back to Pat and explain (to the best of his knowledge) what is required to set up a group. The Group Leader's Handbook should be useful guidance for this process.

Ged

Mick pointed out that the centre spread in the latest newsletter stated that members of the snooker group also had to be members of the Institute (£35p for snooker members) but he thought that the whole point of the snooker group was that they did not have to join the Institute.

<p>Brian agreed to contact Chris Wilkinson (who is one of our members) in his role as Chairman of the Institute to seek clarification</p>	<p>Brian</p>
<p>8 Bay Area Network (BAN) John had circulated a report prior to the meeting. There was nothing material to add to the report.</p>	
<p>9 Security of u3a equipment. It was agreed that the current ad hoc procedure for using the u3a lap top is not fit for purpose and we need to institute a process by which it is possible to keep track of who has possession of Grange u3a equipment.</p> <p>John agreed to create a draft procedure for using our equipment.</p>	<p>John</p>
<p>Tricia mentioned that after the Victoria Hall had been burgled the police had recommending strengthening security provisions.</p>	
<p>Michael agreed to investigate the British standard for cabinet locks so we can upgrade the security of the u3a cabinet if necessary.</p>	<p>Michael</p>
<p>10 Any Other Business Christine asked whether it is acceptable for any author speaking at our general meeting to bring along copies of their books for sale. It was agreed that this was perfectly acceptable.</p>	
<p>11 Date of next meetings There is no planned meeting for August 2022 due to the holiday season. If necessary, a short notice Zoom meeting will be arranged</p>	<p>Brian</p>