

HAXBY & WIGGINTON u3a
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2023
St. Nicholas Church Hall at 10am

Present: Peter Gibbons (Chairman), Yvonne Brabbs (Secretary), Peter Murray (Treasurer), Mike Calvert, Dorothy Croft, Anne Hysted, Wendy Mitchell, Judy Moore, Gordon Moore, Jenni Rutland.

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes 20 June 2023

GM: Membership cards are £350 for 1000 with a 7 day lead time. The Committee unanimously agreed that GM can go ahead and purchase some. Members will be charged £3 for a replacement card.

Action: GM

GM: Risk assessments for the Monthly Meeting and Committee Meeting have been done.

PG: A request for a Volunteer Pianist was put in the News Sheet. WM may have found someone.

PG: Review of Procedures information has been put on the website.

PG: The £250 donation for the defibrillator has been made and the machine is installed.

DC: An email of speakers to fill in at short notice has been forward to MC.

PG: The News Sheet asked for various helpers, but there have been no volunteers so far.

4. Correspondence

22/6/23 From TAT: Voting open for AGM; YAHR Trustee Election nominations - Margaret Fiddes and Nick David.

29/6/23 From TAT: UPDATE email: 2024 Diaries are available from TAT Brand Centre; the Copyright Licensing Agency fee is increasing on 1/8/23 from £60 annually to £64.20; there is a new grant of up to £5000 to attract new members (applications need a large audience); details of the 'Write a letter to your younger self' event is detailed on Learning Pages; June's u3a radio pod-cast is now available; Subject Volunteer Advisers are needed; details of July Workshops are listed; new Health and Safety Policy is available; u3a week is the 17-24 September 2023.

The York 50+ Festival sent 3 emails: 3,17 and 19 July, but we are not participating this year.

The YAHR sent 3 emails: Recruitment and Retention ideas and TAT articles; R&R Bulletin; and Pilot Council notes for information. ALL INFORMATION FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE OR RELEVANT OFFICER.

DC asked if the TAT Resource Centre was still operating. PG offered to look into this.

Action: PG

5. Officers Reports

a) Treasurer

A written report was circulated in advance by PM. Currently there is a bank and cash balance of £13,653. Entries for the July Monthly Meeting are still to be posted. Invoices for hire of the Committee Meeting venue for 7 months have been requested again.

The difference between expenses and income against the outings of £1,592 relates to future trips to Harewood House and Whitby/Saltburn.

PG asked PM as Treasurer to propose a figure for our Reserve Fund. PM proposed £10,000 (to cover 2 years' expenses) as our Reserve Fund. This was agreed unanimously by the Committee.

b) Groups Coordinator

A full written report was provided by WM. All Risk Assessment forms, except one, have been received. WM will complete the last one herself. There have been many updates to the group timetable. Details of these have been sent to the Webmaster. Planning for the Group Leaders' Meeting in September is under-way. WM has sent Group Leaders an email inviting them to the meeting. If they are unavailable, they have been asked to send a representative from their group. A new Tennis group has been proposed and WM is awaiting details of an initial meeting.

c) Membership Secretary

Membership details were provided by DC by email:

Paid up members 554, 23 without email, and TAM 322.

d) Speaker Finder

A written report was provided by MC. The Sept/Oct/Nov 2023 speakers are arranged. Once the Sports Bar reservations are agreed, the 2024 Programme of talks can be booked with Guest Speakers chosen by the Speakerfinder Team. MC has a reserve talk ready should any speaker cancel at short notice. DC has contacts who can be called upon too, if necessary.

e) Social Events

AH provided a written report. Brodsworth Hall was a success. The Harewood House trip is 10 August with 42 members due to go. A Risk Assessment form will be completed. An itinerary for the Whitby trip on 8 September will be sent soon. The 2 Xmas Lunch trips are fully subscribed. Menus and payment information will be emailed out at the end of September. A meeting to discuss the Xmas Social is planned for 18 August. The next Social Team meeting will propose future possible trips to Thursford, Castle Howard and Theatres.

f) New Members

JM reported that the meeting for new members on 24 July had been disappointing. Six people were due to attend, but one came for half an hour only, and another arrived just as the meeting was ending. Twenty emails have been sent. There is no meeting in August.

6. AGM Planning

One third of the Committee has to step down: PG, YB and WM.

7. u3a Week 17-24 September 2023

We are not having an Open Day this year.

8. AOB

The Camera Group leader, David Loades, wants to buy a portable projector screen for the group. The cost is £59.90 currently. WM proposed authorising this, seconded by MC and agreed by the Committee. David to arrange purchase and be reimbursed via PM.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 10am at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Wigginton.

The meeting ended at 11.15am.

Signed: Date:
Chair

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