

HAXBY & WIGGINTON u3a Committee Meeting

Monday 19 February 2024

St. Nicholas Church Hall at 3pm

Present: Chris Jaques (Chairman) Gordon Moore (Vice Chairman), Margaret Edwards (Secretary), Maxine Kutler (Membership Secretary), Peter Murray (Treasurer), Anne Hysted (Social Events), Liz Ball and Paula Wills (Joint Groups Coordinator) Judy Moore (New Members Coordinator)

1 Apologies, Jenni Rutland

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2024

The Minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

New members courtesy calls were well received

4 Correspondence

All information forwarded to the Committee or relevant officer

TAT 22.01.24 Liz Thackery, Chair: ‘Fit for the Future Consultation’- Information pack to be provided regarding new structure of Board and the setting up of a new “u3a Council”. **Sam Mauger CEO 30.01.24** January updates: “Investing in Volunteers Accreditation.” **YAHRu3a 23.01.24** <https://yahru3a.uk/yahrinformation/recruitment-and-retention/> **03.02.24 Margaret Fiddes** Overwhelming response to u3a Festival at York. Pilot Council due to meet 28.02.24. Margaret Fiddes /Susie Berry, Chair offering to meet groups of u3as to present Fit for the Future plan. **Pat Collard** Call for additional administrative assistance for YAHR.

5 Officers Reports

a) Treasurer

The current financial situation is as follows - There is a bank, cash and PayPal balance of £17,524. Committee members have been sent an updated income and expenditure plus an updated balance sheet as of the 16th February 2024. On the report the difference between the income and expenses against the outings relates to trips to Tropical World/Abbey House Museum and Tennants. Notification has been received that the TAM magazine subscription will increase to £3.80 for 5 editions from April.

b) Groups Coordinator New Weekender Group has met. Around 14 to 15 participants. A Jigsaw Swap Group is to be set up. Location to be finalised. Group Leaders Meeting scheduled for Saturday 24 February 2024 at 10.00 in Wigginton Recreation Hall.

c) Membership Secretary

Current Membership Total Number: 583, Third Age Matters: 335, Total Number: without email: 32, Deaths: 0. MK has not received all promised copies of TAM. The new TAM set up begins in April. MK is working on gaining access to the Beacon Forum

d) Speaker Finder

Next month's Speaker has been confirmed. February's meeting attended by 146 people. Some sound difficulties experienced with a section of people not being able to hear. Additional sound equipment may be required. **Action:** GM to investigate options. MK happy to instruct monthly Speakers on correct use of headsets etc as this had been part of her previous professional skill set.

e) Social Events.

The deposit for Tennants has been paid. The Social Team has planned several outings for the coming year. Most of these have now been finalised and emails will be sent to members soon with further information. As there are a lot of trips planned, individual members of the Social Team have kindly agreed to lead some of them. PM has joined the Social Team. The trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular in December may have to be cancelled due to low numbers. The team are investigating a repeat of the Christmas Lunch at the North Star.

f) New members

There are 10 new members. The room for the next meeting will be booked in the next week or so.

6 News Sheets (CJ)

CJ has received a quote for the printing of the news sheets: £40 for 200. GM recommended that the printed versions should only be available to those without email.

7 Admittance and Fire Precautions (ME)

The large numbers attending recent monthly meetings presents potential difficulties in relation to safe evacuation in the case of fire. The Committee voted unanimously to limit admission to 120 persons. More information needed on The Sports Bar fire precautions, particularly regarding capacity. **Action** CJ to consult with Ron Wathey, Secretary of the Haxby Sports Bar and Social Club.

8 Beacon Members Portal and Pathway (MK)

- Proposal that information regarding the Beacon Members Portal be highlighted in the New Members Welcome Letter and that support be provided for members to gain access to the Portal via an established ‘pathway’ – **Agreed -Action MK**
- Proposal for the instigation of a direct link to the Portal from hawu3a website **Agreed -Action GM**
- Use of Beacon ‘Membership Application and Payment Facility for New Members. **Item to be carried over to next Committee Meeting**

AOB

GM informed the Committee that the u3a have invited hawu3a to be early adopters in their new website development. Notwithstanding possible risks inherent in new website developments it was felt that being outside of the project would be detrimental to the ongoing maintenance and future health and utility of the current website. The existing website will eventually be closed down as the hosting system will be shutdown once all u3as have been migrated over to the new website system. GM did not recommend that hawu3a develop a standalone website which would place it outside all other u3a sites. GM highlighted the need to canvass the membership for suitably qualified personal to assist with this, and, particularly with ongoing maintenance. The proposal to be part of the new development was agreed by the Committee.

The next meeting will be Monday 18th March 2024 at 3pm at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Wigginton.

The meeting ended at 5pm.

Signed.....Date:

Chair

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