

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Present:** Pauline Horton (Chair), Dorothy Hughes (Vice Chair), Janet Hoskyn (Secretary), Steve Hoskyn, Lynda Andrews, Wendy Gardner, April Hammond, Sharon Smith, Adrian Edgington

### **1. Apologies**

Dave Walton

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May were accepted, approved and signed by **PH**.

### **3. Matters Arising**

**JH** confirmed that she had registered for a proxy vote at the Trust's AGM in October.

### **4. May Monthly Meeting – Feedback**

It was felt that Jim Stebbing had given a very good presentation which was very enjoyable and **AH** confirmed that he had been booked for our December meeting. The only complaint being that the 'sing-a-long' songs had been cut off too soon and **AH** will speak to him regarding this for our December meeting.

The distribution of tickets for the bar and draw went well and the bill for the drinks was less than anticipated.

### **5. June Monthly Meeting**

**LA** and **SS** advised that they will not be available at this meeting and **AE** will take on registration, **PH** said she would find someone to help him. Barbara Meyer will be returning and will speak about the Seals of Norfolk and Lincolnshire. **AH** will advise **DW** that Barbara will provide her own equipment but will require the screen.

The question was raised as to the provision of a 'mystery' object and **LA** said she knew of a member who could provide one.

The committee and volunteers will meet at 1.15pm to set up the hall.

As **SS** is unable to attend the next two meetings she is going to give the notice boards to **SH**.

### **6. June Monthly Notices**

**JH** will provide details of the June Monthly Meeting as in Item 5. Also, membership cards will be available for collection.

**WG** will be on hand to take payments for 'The Drifters Girl' which are due by the end of the month. If anyone is unable to attend they should pay by bank transfer or by cheque to **WG's** address.

**LA** will email the groups' news to **JH**.

### **7. July Monthly Meeting**

**AH** said that Brian Butcher had been booked for this meeting and would be speaking on 'Anne Boleyn – Saint or Sinner'. We will also have to source another 'Mystery Object'.

**AE** asked if **AH** could attend the July meeting of the March History Society as they will be having a speaker from the National Trust who is their film location manager.

## 8. Correspondence

**SH** had received an email from a potential speaker which he had passed on to **AH**. **AH** stated that she had information on many speakers who she is considering for our 2024 calendar.

## 9. Treasurer's Report

**SH** presented the accounts on **DW's** behalf and said there were no cheques outstanding and that our accounts balance with the bank account. It was also noted that the capitation fee had been paid but that **DW** was reluctant to pay the Trust's invoice for magazines as the amount being demanded is based on last year's figures. The number of recipients for this year is much lower.

## 10. Membership Update

**SH** reported that the membership stood at 241 and the 27 that hadn't paid had been lapsed. He also stated that the percentage of those members with email remains at 93%. A discussion was held as to the best way to communicate with the 7% of members without email, bearing in mind the cost of postage. It was decided to ask members with email to pass on information to these members.

## 11. Groups Update

**LA** had attended a u3a zoom workshop on groups and how to run a group when it gets out of hand. She decided that we already had these processes and protocols in place in our constitution on the website and in the 'welcome' pack and these should apply to all groups. She also suggested leaders should limit time to three minutes per speaker. She reported that the Quilting Group will be having a display of their work in September at the Library.

The History Group is up and running and Armchair Travel will be starting again on the coming Monday. The Walking Group are having a walking holiday in the Isle of Man in September. The Grumpies are having a river trip and the two Gardening Groups are visiting gardens shortly. A discussion was held regarding the provision of next of kin/emergency contact details. They are held on Beacon and it was felt that members should provide them to group leaders should they be travelling outside March.

A Group Travel Group has been suggested and **LA** said there are many travel groups within the u3a. **WG** had received notification from Potters Holidays regarding a u3a weekend at a special price of £300 per person (normally £500pp). She has received information. It would be an all inclusive weekend. She will circulate information to members but deposits would have to be taken at the time of booking.

## 12. Website Update

It is up to date and **SH/DW** have this in hand.

## 13. Speaker Update

As above - see items 4, 5 and 6.

## 14. Welfare

**WG** advised that Brenda Wyatt had contacted her regarding the death of Helen Coffield but she was unable to locate this member on Beacon, **SH** advised her how to locate her. Keith Jolly is in a respite care home in Chatteris. She is continuing to phone those who are unwell.

## 15. Any Other Business

**DH** had been given a flyer from GDS Travel who are organising various coach trips at reasonable prices during August and early September, when there is no school bus business. Unfortunately they only pick up in Wisbech and Long Sutton but would consider picking up in March should demand be sufficient. **DH** will make an announcement at the next meeting.

**JH** suggested that our AGM should be on the agenda for the July committee meeting and **DH** suggested that Storage should be included too.

## 16. Date of Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am