



Membership No. 822/801/10

RETFORD U3A COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 2.00 pm
At Community Room, Morrisons

MINUTES

Present: Pippa Ramsay (chair), Patricia Everitt (Treasurer), Caroline Marsh (groups co-ordinator), Karen Woodcock (speaker finder) Sue Paul (Social), Pam Mann (secretary)

Apologies: Bryan Gladstone, Pat Lockett, Carol Knowles, Lorraine Sulman.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

These were signed by Pippa Ramsay as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising.

The Watercolour Painting Group is to exhibit at the next general meeting. 2 extra tables will be needed and also more hook and loop tags for mounting. **Pam to order extra tables and Caroline to source the tags.**

3. General Meeting

Bonney Baggaley was a very good speaker at the September meeting. She made no charge but a donation of £50.00 for Bassetlaw Hospice was approved by the Committee. The attendance was 94 people, showing the popularity of local speakers.

Bryan Gladstone will be asked to update the committee on the possibility of using a microphone headset instead of a hand held one. We held off from buying one previously because it might not be compatible with the electrics at the Well. Glyn is supposed to have one we might use but has not produced it to date.

The Speaker for the next General Meeting is Tim Shuldham from the Sloswicke's Almshouse Charity. Suggestions for Speakers at the next A.G.M. included the Recorder Group, Bryan Gladstone, if he wanted to research something, or possibly Group displays, each showcasing their work.

4. Speaker Finder Update

Karen Woodcock said the Speaker list was full till July 2024 except for the AGM. (see item 3)

5. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

The business account (No. 1) had been reduced due to the payment of the Capitation Fee to the 3rd Age Trust and the payment for copies of the Magazine, Third Age Matters (TAM).

The Groups' Accounts were also reduced as all this year's trips had now been taken. £39 was spend on drinks at the last General Meeting, netting a profit of £9.00.

6. Interest Groups Report

The Air Fryer Group was definitely going ahead, as was the new Wine Appreciation Group. An extra Book Group was in need of a Leader. A Whist group was still at the preparation stage. Worksop u3a has a Tai Chi group and their Leader, while unwilling to travel to Retford to set up a group, was willing to set up another group for Retford people to attend. Kate Evans had suggested a new Walking Group for very short walks, for people unable to walk for a couple of hours at a time.

Caroline would look at producing a list of possible venues for Group meetings together with their charges. **Caroline to action.**

7. Newsletter

Pippa asked any member of the Committee to notify her if they were putting anything in the Newsletter so it would not be duplicated.

8. Website

Andrew Young was keeping an eye on any changes that were taking place.

9. Publicity

Bryan Gladstone had produced an article for Retford Life but he had been unable to send it in time for publication as his e-mail account was over capacity.

If Pat was finding Facebook took up too much of her time, it might be necessary to get her a deputy with special responsibility for the Facebook account. Bryan might be interested in taking it on. There ought to be a link between Facebook and Not So Idle Times.

10. Communications

A few members have reported not receiving the Newsletter or details of the Savoy Cinema u3a screening via Beacon. Group Leaders are to be requested to ask their members if any of them are not getting e-mails, so the size of the problem can be assessed. Group Leaders should report back to Sue Paul with their findings.

11. Membership Update

Retford u3a currently has 15 Honorary members, 22 Associates and 474 full members, making 511 in total.

12. Welfare

No items for discussion.

13. Events

Pat Lockett has been in touch with Worksop u3a about the Seniors Event in Worksop on 20 October. She is still awaiting final details, but is willing to attend this.

Caroline Marsh has a supply of Membership Applications in case Pat is unable to attend any General Meetings. At the next General Meeting, a total of 8 tables will be needed.

14. Any Other Business

Pam Mann asked for Committee approval to put the Health and Safety Policy onto the Website. Approval was given.

15. Date of Next Meeting: 7 November 2023

The Meeting ended at 3.55.

Signed by:

..... (Chair) Date.....