

u3a Sutton Bridge
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday 23 June, 14.00 Market House, Long Sutton

Minutes of the meeting

1. Apologies for absence : LF MR FH-T
2. Minutes of the last meeting 22 May 2023 : signed as correct.

3. Matters arising :

Meeting at Market House 4 July

Arrangements for Quiz discussed. PR away and will send 'crib sheet' to JS and SP. 8 tables of 6 will be set out with more available if necessary. 20 copies of table-top quiz will be supplied which will take place during refreshment interval. CL will be asked to arrange for microphone to be available. SP has questions and PR will ensure answers are forwarded. Prizes: wine for winners and chocolate for losers. SP will sort out milk and biscuits.

Update about Curlew Centre

Bookings have been made at the Curlew Centre for Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr and Jun following meeting with new Curlew Centre management member. PR will find out from LF whether deposit has been paid. MSC expressed disappointment that our letter had not been replied to or even acknowledged. PR will check booking situation with Market House and PR/MS will send letter to inform them of developments. PR will send details of new arrangements to CL for inclusion in next newsletter. JS will find out whether Curlew Centre has music licence.

Notice Board

A calendar of forthcoming events and details of venue reorganisation will be posted on the Notice Board.

Roving reporter

No updates.

Auditor and Accounts Update

See ahead to item 6.

Vacant Committee positions in September

Interest Group Leader position still to be filled with further major vacant positions on the Committee also coming up in September. Discussion about how best to tackle this followed. An article in the Newsletter will highlight the urgency of the situation and ask members to get involved. PR will circulate draft. FH-T will be asked to drive publicity. MN will send examples of posters to advertise u3a to JS to produce, PR will print. Bringing in 'new blood' vital to future of the group as well as encouraging current members to take on responsibilities.

Preparations for September's AGM

Focus on recruiting for Committee roles falling vacant ie Treasurer, Secretary and Interest Group Leader. Various avenues discussed. Statements will need to be in place and audited accounts presented. MSC will check through minutes of last year's meeting.

Website control and update

MN reported on Beacon meeting and explained how website and Beacon are evolving. He outlined changes to members' portal access. MN will continue with Beacon and Tony Dyer will manage the website with MN's support. PR will scan signed Committee minutes and send them to TD. TD is now able to add, delete and update website content. PR will send information - important dates, Committee members and accounts.

Honorary Member Status

Criteria established for granting honorary member status:

- Long standing membership
- No longer actively participating
- Has made a substantial contribution
- Unanimous decision by Committee

Suggestions

None

4. Chair's report : nothing to report
5. Secretary's report : nothing to add
6. Treasurer's report : Balance stands at £3,880.21
This needs to be broken down to provide the full picture of accounts.
7. Interest Group Coordinator's report : none
8. Speaker Secretary's report : July - Quiz. JS has booked August's speaker - Bernard Bale with talk 'Hot off the presses'. September will depend on speaker availability, either talk on Peggy Spencer or one by Linda Scholes. October and November not yet organised. JS stressed importance of securing a Christmas entertainment booking.
9. Membership Secretary's report : current membership stands at 133, not renewed at 9 and lapsed at 81.
10. AOB : Principle of selling charity raffle tickets by individuals at meetings approved, provided tickets are not sold at the u3a raffle table but by the individuals concerned. Question posed - What happens to funds held in the event of closure? It is distributed to other groups.

The meeting closed at 16.00

Next meeting : Friday 21 July 2023 at 14.00

Distribution : MSC, MB, LF, SP, FH-T, MN, MR, JS, PR, AL