

Minutes of the Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 2023 at 21 Hollybrook Gardens

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked JS for hosting.

Present: Dianne Hammersley (DH), Judith Sims (JS), George Pickburn (GP), Bob Goodson (BG), Jan Myatt (JM), Pam Benson (PB), Sue Snape (SS)

Apologies: Audrey Sawdon (AS) Simon Hamersley (SM), Kumi Coulthard (KC), Barbara Hopkins (BH) and Brian Mason (BM).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Chris Savage has offered to help PB find speakers for September and October.

We have all the sashes now. Thanks to GP for ordering them. A comment was made that they may need to be secured with a pin as they have a tendency to slip.

DH commented that the Newsletter was good and all agreed.

Fine Dining is still in progress. Rosemary Scott is in contact with Gosport u3a. We are going as guests of Gosport to Avenue 141 which they have booked on a monthly basis until June. DH commented that the invitation should go to all members. JM agreed to find out more from Jan at Gosport who will then liaise with JM to organise the list. Gill Rock has shown an interest in attending.

Treasurer' Report

GP's Financial Statement was presented. GP has prepared the annual accounts for the Accounts Examiner who is Les Hill from Locks Heath. The receipts file is available for inspection if anyone wants to look at it. GP commented that the reconciliation has worked well. A comment was made about the Anniversary Lunch balance and GP explained that most of the money was paid in last year and will eventually balance out. BG showed a diagram of how money is to be paid. Discussion followed about trying to find ways of improving contact with members. It can be confusing when members change their name or pay under a different name. GP reported that he had an enquiry about group balances at the meeting. He will produce a plan after the AGM.

Speakers Report

PB reported that February's speaker is Sue Dewey who is presenting a talk on Native American Histories. The good news is she doesn't need any equipment just a large table and space for her display stands. Her fee is £60. GP asked if she was willing to be paid by BACS and PB said she would find out. PB reported that she had engaged Brenda Margetts as a speaker for our May and November meetings. The May meeting is on the subject of Pam Ayres and the November

meeting is called Lost Souls which will be appropriate topic for November.

Membership Report

BG reported that 200 members have renewed but 45 have not renewed. There is a slight discrepancy between last year's figures and this year's. The Treasurer's Report shows 258 members but this is because some members have lapsed. There was some discussion about 1 member not receiving emails and not having renewed. Apparently emails go to the daughter in America. BG posts information for some members who do not receive emails. PB reported that the newsletter only goes to members who have email. SS agreed to print extra newsletters and take them to the monthly meeting.

Group Coordinator's Report

SS reported that **Maritime Navigation** is starting today with Nick.

The **Art Group** are attending a David Hockney exhibition today.

SS reported that the **Bus Group** is getting too big. Rosemary wants to split the group as it is becoming unmanageable. A second group is needed which would ideally meet on a different day and two new group leaders would be needed. To be raised at monthly meeting. GP reported that some members offer payments for events or groups which are not specified. PB said she would remind group leaders and members about clarifying what payments are for when asking for contributions for the newsletters.

SS reported that the **Book Group** is doing well. The members are communicating with each other via WhatsApp.

The Botley u3a wondered if they could join our **Cinema Group**. There was some discussion about people at the cinema having to queue on the stairs for coffee.

SS reported that the **Travel Group** is on hold at the moment.

SS reported that The WU3A website is rather boring at the moment and there was a discussion about changing from SiteBuilder to Wordpress, suggested by Dave Snape?.

Nominations

There have not been any nominations so far. It was agreed that hard copies of the nomination forms will be available at Friday's meeting. Rosemary Scott and Sue Pearce are potential new committee members. JS made a suggestion that Dianne could take on the role of Past Chair. This was agreed. It was reported more meeters and greeters are needed as well as someone to take on the leadership to organise things. PB offered her services as a meeter and greeter following the AGM but did not want to lead the group.

King's Coronation Celebration

Jackie Hobbs has offered her garden as the venue for a picnic possibly on Sunday 14th May. Suggested cost to be £5 per head and a sign-up sheet will be put out at the meeting. We need to let members know the date.

There was a discussion about the Discovering Wines event and it was agreed that it was an enjoyable event. Numbers are restricted so there is a waiting list and two members on the list were able to attend as a couple had dropped out. It was agreed getting names down early was important if people wanted to attend. There was no preference given for past attendees – it was on a strictly first come, first served.

Feedback from Anniversary Lunch

Some attendees commented that the chicken was very dry and some commented on the portion sizes. Generally it was agreed it was a good social occasion. Thanks were given to JM for organising.

Projector at the Victory Hall

A £100 contribution by Wu3a to the purchase of a new projector for the hall was agreed. Their chairman will be notified. GP will make the payment.

AOB

PB asked if the Cooking Together group was still running. This is on hold at the moment.

JM read out an email giving the details for the Fine Dining lunches at Avenue 141. These were the second Thursday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month.

Date of Next Meeting

3rd March at 2 pm at Sue Snape's house – 84 Osborne Road.