

## **Minutes of the committee meeting 9.1.23**

**Held at 21 Hollybrook Gardens 10am**

### **Welcome**

The chair welcomed everyone & thanked JS for hosting the meeting

### **Present**

Dianne Hammersley (DH), Judith Sims ((JS), George Pickburn (GP), Simon Hamersley (SH), Bob Goodson (BG), Pam Benson(PB), Jan Myatt(JM),

### **Apologies**

Kumi Coulthard (KC), Sue Snape (SS), Audrey Sawdon (AS), Brian Mason (BM), Barbara Hopkins (BH)

### **Minutes of December meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved & signed off

### **Matters Arising**

Chris Savage has approached PB re assistant speakers secretary.

We have 6 sashes which were used at the last meeting. It was agreed that we purchase more, so that all committee members can wear them, to become more visible. GP will order 9 more.

DH thanked PB & RB for the new newsletter. The format is perfect.

PB has now got a speaker for the March meeting: Hugh Cull, "Take back your online privacy"

Thursday Mah Jong has now moved to Tony Jacksons home, which is working well.

Fine Dining, is still under consideration.

### **Treasurers Report**

GP presented the accounts & clarified any questions.

Subscriptions to TAM magazine has risen by 5p. DH will announce this at the monthly meeting.

## **Speakers Report**

January's speaker, is Jenny Mallin, "An adventure on Indian Railways"

PB has Speakers booked up until July and hopes to secure bookings until the end of the year, for the new speaker Secretary, to take over.

## **Membership Report**

A question has been raised about the capitation fee, for members who belong to other u3a's. It was decided previously, that we would not reduce this as our membership fee is so low.

8 members have said they are not renewing.

30-40 have already renewed but numbers change daily.

BG will deliver membership forms to non Internet users along with the newsletter.

## **Paperwork for AGM**

SH will send out:

Nomination forms

Agenda

Motions form

2022 minutes

AGM voting form if necessary

Nearer the time The chairs Report, Treasurers Report, End of year statement, Assets register & External Examiners Report will be sent out.

The closing date for nominations will be 28<sup>th</sup> February .

## **Feedback for December meeting**

It was felt that the meeting was successful & the balloon artist was very good.

Using the stage was good, but may not work if the speaker was using the screen.

Some members would have liked the option of tea rather than mulled wine.

## **Anniversary lunch**

The deposit has been paid & menus placed. The invoice will be requested for the day before, so that the balance can be paid on the day. 10% service charge has been added to everyone's bill. 44 members are attending.

## **Display Boards for monthly meeting**

AS is getting art work together to display. They are not suitable for drawing pin use. Maybe double sided cellotape.

## **AOB**

The question of the screen & projector was discussed. We pay extra to use them, but the quality is not good. PB will ask speakers if they wish to use their own screens & projectors. We should raise the subject of the quality of these 2 items with The Victory Hall.

GP has received the cover note for our insurance with TAT

GP had several communications from Head office & SCN which he notified the committee of

1 Proposal to have a council for members to put views to. (Fit for Purpose)

2 SCN meetings for: IT support Officer, & Wellbeing officer (we don't have either)

3 u3a guide, "how to make your u3a committee bigger & better.

4 Able care marketing material. PB will see if they have speakers locally.

Dave Snappe is updating the website as far as he can. The problems with the server are not resolved. SH will contact CEO of trust to try to get an explanation.

There was a question about Cafe Society this month as Mariannes husband has died. Marianne will be contacted.

## **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10am

The chair thanked all the committee for all their hard work, throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 11.45am