

**Present:** Judith Sims (JS), Dianne Hammersley (DH), George Pickburn (GP), Kumi Coulthard (KC)  
Simon Hamersley (SH), Audrey Sawdon (AS), Pam Benson (PB), Bob Goodson (BG),  
Jan Myatt (JM) Rosemary Scott (RS) and Sue Pearce (SP)

**Apologies:** Sue Snape (SS), Jenny Harmer (JH) and Christine Savage (CS)

JS welcomed members to the Meeting and stated that David Knight was seriously ill in hospital.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

There were two amendments to the Minutes. In the Treasurer's Report the "adjustment" should read "surplus" and under Projector it should read "there is a charge for stage lighting"..

### **Matters Arising from the April Minutes**

SH informed the Committee that the microphone system had been optimised with Derrick McNeil's assistance and checked out through the Victory Hall sound system. SH pointed out that the microphones should not be used directly in front of the speakers but to the side or behind and on the stage ideally.

### **Treasurer's Report**

GP presented the current financial statement to the Committee, offering copies to anyone who had not seen the email distribution. GP said a donation of £100 had been made to Victory Hall as a contribution to the new VH projector, as already agreed by the Committee. The total annual subscription plus TM & Beacon charges sum of £1903.08 has been paid to TAT. JM said she would like a copy of the Picnic Account. GP noted that Table Tennis contributions differ from expenditure; BG said this was due to the cost of hiring the hall and he would look into the Table Tennis account.

## **Speaker's Report**

PB mentioned that the speaker's fee for May is £45 to be paid by BACS and she is happy to use the stage but does not need to use the projector. The June speaker is giving a talk on a Trek Across Africa.

RS recommended the historian who showed the recent Bus Group round Winchester. PB said that speakers had been booked until the end of the year. GP said that looking ahead perhaps a local politician could be invited to speak on their interests other than politics. A Murder Mystery event was also mentioned. JS to consider sending an email to members to see if there was enough interest to hold this event.

## **Member's Report**

BG had received two phone calls to say more members were joining on Friday, 12 May, which would bring the total to 256 + 7 associate members. BG to make enquiries as to why members were leaving.

## **New Groups**

JM reported that 11 members had signed up for the new Rummikup Group which is to be held on the 13 May at Marianne's house.

## **On the Water**

KC reported that members would contact each other to arrange the next meeting.

## **Roles for new Committee Members**

JS – an assistant is needed to help PB and SS and asked if anyone on the Committee was interested. PB said she would be very happy to give any assistance and advice as necessary.

RS – Volunteered to be included in Agenda Item 15 mentioned below

DH is meeting with SS at 10.00 on Tuesday, 23 May.

## **New Members Coffee Morning**

The last meeting held in Victory Hall in September 2022 was not very successful. JS to liaise with Karen (Victory Hall Manager) to arrange next coffee morning.

## **Fine Dining**

JM reported that this is held on a Tuesday or Thursday. Chris Matcham is responsible for the Tuesday lunch and Jan Dammarall (JD) for the Thursday lunch. Unfortunately there had been a misunderstanding regarding the arrival of the new Spring menus and JM had received an e-mail from JD which she found very upsetting. It was hoped that an apology from JD would be sent to JM in due course.

## **Group Leaders Thank You**

It was proposed that this should be held at the Victory Hall at the beginning of July.

## **Dealing with Members who struggle in a Group**

It was agreed that this was a very sensitive issue and the only way forward was to monitor members who were finding it difficult to settle into a group activity. If any new member found it necessary to leave as they felt unhappy it was recommended that the Group Leader should try and find the reason for their leaving. JS to meet with SS. RS wishes to be included in this matter – see above.

## **Coronation Celebration**

JM – members to be notified at 10.00 on the morning of the 14 May if the picnic was to be cancelled due to bad weather.

## **Any Other Business**

GP mentioned that Involved Holidays are giving 10% off – a copy to be sent to KC and Nick. JS - whether there would be any interest in an adults only weekend at Warners.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

This will be held on Friday, 2 June, at 2.00 pm at 21 Hollybrook Garden.