

Warwick District u3a Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 13th February 2024

Present: Clare Johnson (Chair), Ann Bailey, Sharon Hancock, Susan Meeks, Anne Powell, Sam Sexton

Apologies: Jen Hemming; Mike Cronin

Minutes of the January meeting: These were approved.

Matters arising not on the February Agenda:

No speaker engaged yet for September OM

Cacophony have a new leader (for a fee)

The Chairman has been in touch with the two members who had offered their services as Committee Members. They agreed it would be better from them to join TRUG.

Reports

1. Chairman's report

The trip to Wales went very well, in spite of the wet weather. The mainly single travellers seemed keen to do another trip, so definitely something we should keep offering if possible.

Newsletter went to all members. On the membership application form, 63 people ticked the option "no emails". They were contacted with the Newsletter and those who have responded have all requested that their decision be changed.

Action: send list to AB to update the database. Follow-up those who have not yet responded. Telephone calls may be required. Of those who have no email address registered with us, 13 will need a letter and a copy of the Newsletter by post. Application form needs to be amended.

Chairman and SSE to produce a template for the Newsletter so that anyone can complete it. It needs to be shorter – Group news is more extensive than is needed.

Due to the early Easter date, content for the April Newsletter is needed by 15th March.

Action (1): Inform Group Leaders at start of March by Mailchimp.

Action (2): Send reminder about the Open Meeting via Mailchimp if Info is too late.

Action (3): SSE to check how many members have opened Newsletter, and to inform Management Committee about timing of April Info.

Hill Close Gardens has been booked for the Summer Party between 1 and 5 p.m. on Monday, 15th July 2024.

2. Treasurer's Report

Current Financial Position – as at 10 Feb 2024

Activities Account	£7,984.06 (Jan meeting £8,254.47)
General Account:	£2,905.75 (Jan meeting £3,392.64)
Deposit Account	£27,124.84 (Jan meeting £21,624.84)
Total	£38,014.65 (Jan meeting £33,271.95)

1. Activities Account

Transactions since last meeting:

- Ramblers (Payments £50)
- Folk Dancing Group (Receipts £250, Payments £217.60-hall hire)
- Badminton (Receipts £132, Payments £110-court hire)
- Nat History (Receipts £120, Payments £70)
- Singing Group (Receipts £600, Payments £428.91-Pianist etc)
- Pickleball (Receipts £143, Payments £134.40-court hire)
- Racketball (Receipts £5)
- Moonwalkers (Receipts £40)
- Brighton (Receipts £4,615)
- Hamilton (Receipts £98)
- Brian Cox (Receipts £95)
- Fisherman's Friends (Receipts £106.50)
- Lucy Worsley (Receipts £36)

Group Funds held in Activities A/c (£2,994.44):

- Bridge - £200.86
- Badminton - £453.70
- Architecture - £27.39
- Ramblers - £371.25
- Nat History - £654.71
- History - £50.00
- Folk Dancing - £32.40
- Railway - £138.86
- Dressmaking & Sewing - £193.25
- Singing - £715.42
- Pickleball - £151.60
- Racketball - £5

General Account

Receipts since last meeting:

- Membership subscription income £174
- Contribution to bank charges £0.60
- Refund of overpayment (£14)
- *Costs since last meeting:*
 - Zoom license renewal £109.12
 - Jan OM speaker fee £98
 - Jan MC refreshments £18.37
 - Jan OM hall hire £132
 - Hill Close Gdns £70 (hall hire Mid East study event)
 - William Clemmey £220 (Independent examiner fee)

Membership income 2023/24

2023/24 Membership income to date is £16,629 (927 paying members).

2. Year-end Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23

William Clemmey (our independent examiner) has now signed off 22/23 Annual Report & Accounts. We received a clean bill of health with no areas for improvement identified. The fully signed version is now available on the web site in advance of the AGM. In line with previous practice a small number of printed copies will be available at the AGM.

In light of this positive feedback from the Independent Examiner, the Management Committee wishes to thank the Treasurer for the outstanding work he has done over the year and for presenting the year's accounts in such excellent shape for audit.

3. Group Co-ordinator's Report

PICKLE BALL: This group has started well and has a waiting list. If this first group remains oversubscribed, JH will pursue the viability of a second group.

GLOBAL NEWS: Maurice Hensen attended the Middle East Study Day and gave a short presentation regarding the relaunch of this group. This generated some extra interest, and he is now finalising dates, times and venues, etc.

LITERATURE GROUP: JH spent some time with Beatrice Clarke, a new member who had indicated on her application form that she would be interested in a Literature Group. Options were discussed and will be followed up in due course.

BRIDGE GROUP: This group has a new leader, Margaret Davies, and has moved from Trinity Church Hall to a room at the back of the church due to the ceiling collapsing. Fortunately there were no casualties.

SEWING GROUP: Suspended indefinitely.

4. IT Team

Derek and Sam met Margaret Barretto who is keen to get involved in the database work. Derek will meet with her again on Thursday.

John Morgan told Sam that David Hodgson, a new mentor at the Computer Café, is a potential member of the team. David and Sam to meet on Thursday, 15th February.

Website

There was a presentation about the migration to SiteWorks last week, which unfortunately SSE was unable to attend. However, the rollout list has been published and we are No. 393 of 505. The next step is for us to sign the T&C's, we do not yet know when that will happen.

5. Membership

As of Monday 12th February we have 940 members – of whom 15 have joined (or rejoined) since the last MC meeting. Three of the new members are also members of Kenilworth u3a

so pay reduced subs.

68 members have been invited to the New Members' meeting on 5th March – to date we have received 27 acceptances – two members are also bringing a guest. The format of the meeting will be the same as the previous two.

6. Publicity

Permission has been obtained from those in photographs that we wish to use for publicity material. Our suggested inclusions for said material have been passed to Clare's brother, who has kindly volunteered to design A4 and A5 leaflets.

The new banners will be used at the AGM on Wednesday 14th February.

7. Content of the March meeting

- AGM evaluation
- Planning for Summer Party, including timing and food
- Possible dates for quizzes
- September speaker

8. AOB

- Arrangements for AGM were finalised.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 12th March 2024 at the Fat Pug.