

Warwick District u3a Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024

Present: Sharon Hancock, Susan Meeks, Anne Powell, Jen Hemming, Mike Cronin

Apologies: Clare Johnson (Chair), Ann Bailey, Sam Sexton

Minutes of the February meeting: These were approved.

Matters arising not on the March Agenda:

A minor change made to the Treasurer's February Report (Deposit Account balance)
Jen and Margot have sent a MailChimp to GL's regarding content for Newsletter.

Sue Roy to be invited to April's Committee Meeting.

Reports

1. Chairman's report

The AGM was well-attended, although the Baptist Church is potentially too small for the AGM.
Excellent feedback from members. Speaker very good.

The new members' meeting went extremely well, so thank you to all involved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Current Financial Position – as of 10 Mar 2024

Activities Account	£3,814.21 (Feb meeting £7,984.06)
General Account:	£2,778.84 (Feb meeting £2,905.75)
Deposit Account	£31,124.84 (Feb meeting £27,124.84)
Total	£37,717.89 (Feb meeting £38,014.65)

1. Activities Account – see Annex 1

Transactions since last meeting:

- Bridge (Receipts £220)
- Folk Dancing Group (Receipts £270, Payments £217.60-hall hire)
- Badminton (Receipts £120)
- Nat History (Receipts £156.80, Payments £299.50 -Speaker fees £205, hall hire £94.50)
- Singing Group (Receipts £70, Payments £68.79-Hall hire etc)
- Pickleball (Receipts £154, Payments £166.76-court hire)
- Racketball (Receipts £50)
- Moonwalkers (Payments £40)
- Brighton (Payments £230)
- Hamilton (Payments £196)
- Brian Cox (Receipts £43)
- Lucy Worsley (Receipts £36)
- Wine Tasting (Payments £50 – Hall hire deposit)

- Other (Payments £21 – Garden Group closing meeting)
- Transfer to Deposit A/c £4,000

Group Funds held in Activities A/c (£3,232.59):

- Bridge - £420.86
- Badminton - £573.70
- Architecture - £27.39
- Ramblers - £371.25
- Nat History - £512.01
- History - £50.00
- Folk Dancing - £84.80
- Railway - £138.86
- Dressmaking & Sewing - £193.25
- Singing - £716.63
- Pickleball - £138.84
- Racketball - £55.00
- Wine Tasting - £50 deficit

General Account – see Annex 1

Receipts since last meeting:

- Membership subscription income £488
- Contribution to bank charges £2.10
- Transfer in from Act a/c £33.69
- *Costs since last meeting:*
 - AGM costs £640.70 (Speaker fee and hall hire)
 - Feb MC refreshments £10.00

Membership income 2023/24

2023/24 Membership income to date is £17,117 (955 paying members).

2. Year end Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23

The 2022/23 Annual Report & Accounts was approved at the February AGM and will now be filed with the Charity Commission.

Action: On the Charity Commission Website, Susan Meeks should have Full Access rather than just Trustee Access so she can manage users.

3. Group Co-ordinator's Report

- **FIRST AID COURSE**

This is booked and will run on Wednesday 27th March. We currently have 12 GLs attending.

- **GLOBAL NEWS**

Is now up and running.

- **TRUGS – The Really Useful Group**

Also up and running and 3 people came to assist with putting out and away the chairs and tables and helping with refreshments at the New Members' Meeting.

- **MAKING THE MOST OF RETIREMENT/WELLNESS**

I have been working with Ian Helps who is passionate about encouraging men especially to make the most of retirement. We are planning a series of workshops on this topic. The first to take place in the morning of Friday 26th April at Hill Close Gardens, and then one in May and June. We will then review the uptake. Anne Powell has agreed to assist in this project.

- **COLOUR THERAPY**

I am currently liaising with one of our members to run a Colour Therapy workshop. It will probably be one of our Wellness sessions.

- **MOVE IT OR LOSE IT**

As a spin off from the wellness, I am investigating the possibility of starting a Move it or Lose it group. This is exercise specifically designed for elderly persons. Kathleen Wilkes has agreed to be the GL.

- **WINE TASTING**

It is booked to start on 8th April.

- **INTERMEDIATE FRENCH CONVERSATION**

As the current group is full, we are hoping to start a second. We have three people interested at the moment and I'm in the process of getting them together.

- **QUIZ GROUP**

I am currently working with one of our new members who is keen to start a Quiz Group or run a series of quizzes.

- **WRITERS GROUP**

Another new member is interested in starting a Writers Group and/or giving a talk of self-publishing. We have met and I am awaiting an outline of his proposals.

- **SCIENCE GROUP**

John and Jean Morgan are keen to get a new Science Group up and running. We are therefore going to advertise this to see if there is sufficient interest.

4. IT Team

- Sam's meeting with David Hodgson went well - he's got useful experience and is keen to help – he will assist with the website migration when that takes place.

- Peter Blackledge has informed Sam that he and his wife will not be renewing their membership this year, so he will be resigning as MailChimp Manager. Sam has asked David Hodgson if he could take this on.

Database

- Derek and Sam will be updating the membership database while Ann is away.

5. Membership

- Current membership stands at 961, with 20 new members since February. Next New Members' Meeting is booked for the morning of 17 September 2024.

6. Publicity

- Ann is waiting to hear from Clare's brother.

7. Content of the April meeting

- Planning for Summer Party on 15 July. Suggestions include wine tasting; quiz; music. Refreshments could include cream teas/strawberries/Prosecco.
- Possible dates for next quiz – SH to ask Chris Forse if/when he can run one
- September Open Meeting speaker
- Open Meetings going into 2025
- Format of Newsletter
- Speaker for next AGM
- Xmas Open Meeting – lunch for members at Leamington Spa Golf Club

8. AOB

- Sharon has been invited to a memorial lunch for Philip Bushill-Matthews to talk about his involvement with u3a towards the end of his life. Chris Forse is also invited.
- New members' meeting – several members requested that we use a microphone in future.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 9th April 2024 at the Fat Pug.