

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

4.4.22

Attendees Derek Reynolds; Dorothy Garman; Anne Hemy; Dorothy Chapman; Kath Reed; Vicky Landles; Kath MacEachen; Dave Haddock

Guests Ian & Yvonne Bedwell

Apologies for absence Andrew Freckingham; Ray Taylor.

DR opened the meeting at 12.06pm

Previous minutes were accepted by all members present.

Matters arising: None

Agenda

1. Correspondence

DR informed the Committee of the recent demise of a longstanding member of our organisation. A card has been sent on behalf of WB u3a.

2. Treasurer's Report

VL reported that we have a healthy balance to date, but fees are due soon for Beacon, Membership magazines and fees-per-head to TAT.

This prompted discussion on the Cyber Guardianship page on the website. DR has attempted to access this facility and found it to be obsolete. VL suggested referring to Kevin Magowan for guidance since he formerly monitored this. DC suggested that this might possibly be surplus to requirements as there is a lot of information on this topic on the website already. KR felt that any sort of expertise/experience should be utilised and suggested DC could approach Kevin to find out whether he is happy to continue and how many queries have been received from members in recent times. DR confirmed this request.

3. Membership Secretary's Report

Our membership now totals 333. We have welcomed 14 new members since last month with 1 further enquiry pending.

4. Group Coordinators Report

DG reported that the introductory leaflets for new members have been used up & need to be replenished.

The new groups namely French 2; Reading Group 2 and Table Tennis are all now running and going well. DG told us that the French group were lacking a leader and that Ann Wilson had volunteered to stand in to help get them established with the aim that they become self-programming.

AH advised that the forthcoming Dance/Fitness class is all set to go. It will begin on April 28th with a 'Taster' session. DG requested an entry in the newsletter to update those members not online and therefore no access to email. This prompted a general discussion on the use of the newsletter by Group Leaders to disseminate information particularly for those 30 members not online.

DG and KM reported that 7 members attended the New Members Induction meeting prior to the monthly meeting on March 16th.

5. Website Administration

DH reported on the number of 'hits' on our website. This month less members have logged on to access every web page other than the 'links' page. Moving forward, he would like to see better use of the 'bluebird' feature for the exchange of information by Group Leaders. K Mc has attempted to encourage this with minimal response to date.

KR suggested that this might be indicative of a lack of knowledge with respect to navigating the website and put forward the suggestion of using the AGM as a forum to clarify the aims and objectives of our organisation as well as several presentations on the range of activities and possible demonstrations of the most popular groups. A vote was taken on this and carried unanimously.

DC and DH suggested compiling a list of members with 'useable' skills who can potentially help with the website and general administration. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

6. Anniversary Celebrations

KR reported that the sub-committee met two weeks ago. She was at pains to commend the time and effort taken by DC and DG in compiling an up-to-date list of all those 'ticketed' members and several guests. DR queried means of communicating ongoing details to this group of people. KR explained that a recent generic email was sent out and those without an email address will receive a letter. The sub-committee propose to review and confirm numbers at the monthly meeting on April 20th. At this stage, the lists appear almost full as the capacity of the hall is 130. DH has agreed to design new tickets for the occasion. DR thanked all those involved for their efforts to date.

Annual Return

DR informed the committee that The Third Age Trust requires the WBU3a annual return for April 2022. DC has agreed to assist with this as it is now to be submitted online.

A.O.B

DR explained to our guests the different Committee roles soon to become vacant, namely Membership and Business Secretaries and Treasurer.

AH offered to stand as Membership Secretary in the event this post is not filled at the AGM on 18th May 22. It was pointed out that this post requires access to Beacon and a brief

discussion ensued on the necessity of the software. It was agreed that without Beacon, administration of our organisation would be extremely difficult.

Our guests, Ian and Yvonne Bedwell have offered to stand for the roles of Business Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

At this point, DR proposed we have nominations for eight Committee Members for 2022/2023 with the option to co-opt several others as honorary committee e.g. DC and DH for the forthcoming AGM.

- KR requested an update on the proposed tree-planting for the Queen's Jubilee. It was agreed that she would contact Jean Lawson to confirm the stage reached thus far.
- KR updated the committee on the Speaker programme for the remainder of the year.
- KR opened a discussion on entertainment for the Anniversary celebrations and asked DH to check on appropriate lighting in the Linskill Centre Hall.
- AH asked for an update on the Facebook page and DH reported that we now have 44 members but emphasised the need for Group Leaders to access it to inform and update members of their specific activity.
- DR set a date for the next Committee meeting, Tuesday May 10th 22 at 2.30pm.

Meeting closed at 14.00pm