

Wyre U3A
Minutes of Special General Meeting
8th June 2023 Thornton Little Theatre

Attendees: Linda Porter- Chair, Ted Armitage - Treasurer, Sue Cox - Membership Secretary, Jenifer Machell – Joint Groups’ Secretary, James Morgan - Secretary, Diane Whitworth – Speaker Secretary and Joint Groups’ Co-ordinator, Mark Morris - Assets
A quorate number of Wyre U3A members (approximately 90)

Apologies: No apologies had been submitted.

Welcome from the Chair

The chair opened the meeting at 2pm and welcomed everyone attending.

LP reported that a new group interested in sewing was in the planning.

LP advised that a Wyre U3A holiday to Florence was being planned for 2024.

The Third Age Matters magazine is available to all members as part of their membership.

Anyone interested in receiving this should give their names to Sue Cox. Martin Johnson gave a summary of what TAM offers.

Groups

This month’s meeting of the History group has a change of speaker, Mike Hoyle will talk about the Winter Gardens.

Jim Swain has agreed become Group Leaser for the Amblers Group. The following dates have been set

22 June 10.15am at Fair Haven Lake, Lytham

Next walk will be 20 July. Location t.b.a.

Social

Three trips are currently arranged

Harrogate this month

Ness Gardens and Chester in July

Cartmel Races in August

Treasurers Report

The statement of the accounts for 2022/23 had been available at the door.

The Treasurer advised after checking Third Age Trust rules we now have to include the social account in our annual report to the Charity Commission. This will require a more detailed submission than previous years.

The accounts had been audited and the auditor’s report was available if anyone wished to see it.

- Question from the floor – How did money get paid into the wrong account? Response was human error.
- Question from the Social organisers. There is a difference in expenditure in the financial report from the value the social team have recorded. TA said he had calculated the total from bank account transactions. Irene Evans (Dining Out Group) said there had been a c.a. £30 difference in a cash payment to the treasurer from what had been recorded.

This could explain the difference. Norma Culshaw suggested a meeting between her and the Treasurer to resolve how this difference has arisen. Until this happens NC cannot agree the social account figures.

- Question from floor. Rents have doubled compared with last year. What is the explanation? Wyre U3A pays all room hire fees. These costs have risen in this financial year and some groups meet weekly which all adds up.
- Motion from the floor from Dorothy Vernon proposing the acceptance of the accounts. This was seconded by Alec Herschell. 7 members voted against. Passed by majority.

Special Resolution

The Chair read out the resolution put forward by the committee which had been circulated by email and post to all members of Wyre U3A.

Resolution to change the Constitution

At present the committee can terminate the membership of any member who has not paid their subscription three months after the due date. It is proposed to change the constitution so that the membership of Wyre U3A of anyone who has not paid their subscription will end automatically on the due date, currently May 31st.

The change is to remove from Section 5 Membership, paragraph iii the words "if annual membership or other fees are unpaid three months after the due date or" and add paragraph iv, "Membership of Wyre U3A will end if a member's annual subscription remains unpaid on the due date.

Comment from the floor. The speaker strongly believed that U3A should serve the elderly who may not be able to pay or forget to pay or be away e.g. in hospital. Removing the 3 months grace period is just a bureaucratic exercise to help the committee. The speaker then left the meeting.

Des Stevenson asked what is the due date and what is the advantage of the change. Sue Cox said the due date was May 31st because we need to pay the Third Age Trust in May. DS asked have we not got enough funds in reserve to pay TAT fees. The Treasurer answered that we do have the funds.

Comment from the floor. Speaker thought our membership year was July to June so why do we need to pay by end of May.

Suggestion was made from the floor that the committee park the resolution and review the arrangements for the financial year versus the membership year and related issues and report back their conclusions at the appropriate time.

The Chair asked for a vote on the resolution where a two thirds majority were against it. Resolution rejected.

The Chair then closed the meeting.

Wyre U3A Accounts 2022-3

Main Account Income				No2 Acc. Income		
Line	2022		2023	2022		2023
1						
2	6645.00	subs	7421.50		subs paid to wrong account	414.00
3		interest	30.85		Refunded deposits	100.00
4	98.00	Visitor Fees	54.00		Advance receipts from 2021/2022	1412.00
5	177.00	sundries	114.00		Advance receipts for May 2023	-1350.00
6		Bank deposits after 31 March	64.00	4814.00	Events, outings, meals	9461.80
7		Cash kept as float	100.00		Science group	563.50
8						
9	6920.00	Total Income - Main	7784.35	4814.00	Total Income - No2	10612.30
10		Main Account Expenditure			No2 Expenditure	
11	1334.00	Third Age Trust Capitation	1820	0.00	Refunds to members	694.50
12	60.00	Third Age Trust Copyright				
13	814.00	Licence	60	340.00	Refreshments	340.00
14	814.00	Rent - monthly meetings	1590	40.00	Bank fees	17.91
15	2643.00	Rent- group meetings	5213.85		Social Committee:	
16	450.00	Speakers Fees	320	4155.00	Events, outings, meals	10072.05
17	33.00	Bank Fees	8.71			
18	446.00	Office expenses	375.39		subs moved to main account	414.00
19	722.00	Equipment purchases	57.94			
20	346.00	Software licences	38			
21		Error refund	-205			
22		overpayment				
22	6847.00	Total expenditure - Main	9278.89	4535.00	Total Expenditure - No2	11538.46
23	73.00	Net income/expenditure	-1494.5	279.00	Net income/expenditure	-926.16
Balance Sheet as at 31 March						
24	8245.00	Cash at Bank - Main	6559.13	3325.00	Cash at bank No2 Account	2431.14
25		Cash and cheque	100	124.00	Cash and cheques	
26		Deposits after 31 March	64	50.00	Deposits	
27		Overpayment	205		Advance receipts from 2022	1418.00
27	-215.00	Unpaid Invoices	-177.5	-358.00	Amounts due	-100.00
28				-1418.00	Receipts in advance for May 2023	-1350.00
28	8030.00	Total	6750.63	1723.00	Total	2399.14
29	7957.00	Balance b/fwd	8245.17	1444.00	Balance b/fwd	3325.30
30		add				
30	73.00	Net income/expenditure	-1494.54	279.00	Net income/expenditure	-926.16
31	8030.00	Balance c/fwd - Main	6750.63	1723.00	Balance c/fwd - No2	2399.14
32					Surplus from previous years	801.07
32	9754.00	Combined Balance	9149.77		Social Group Balance	1598.07

Notes

No2 account is used mainly by the social group, but they have also deposited cheques and managed refunds for the dining group and the science group which are difficult to separate from the social group finances.

The social group has not given details such as refunded amounts, which affect both income and expenditure.

Three cheques were not cashed, and one from September was cashed in April.

- 2 Refund from CONSTRUCTION ACC on 1st March 2023
- 5 Sundries: £76 from Theatre Group, £38 from payment by mistake
- 5 Social group records £9504, £42.50 higher
- 6 Includes £9 returned cheque with missing date
- 7 Float was taken from subs and visitor fees
- 9 Totals match ledger (+100+64 for main account. +1418-1350 for No2)
- 11 Refunds include £568.50 to science group. (email from Social Group)
- 12 Refreshments were for year 2021-2022
- 13 Bank fees were for year 2021-2022
- 14 Ledger is £5002.50, plus 33.85 refreshments plus 177.50 for late invoice.
- 14 Increase in group rents caused by post-Covid revival and decision to fully fund the badminton group.
- 15 Social Group records £10, 076.25, £4 higher.
- 17 Office expenses are mainly newsletter printing
- 18 Equipment: replacement keyboard £28, additional h'ware £25, £4.94
- 20 Refund matched to the original payment
- 21 Accidentally paid the same invoice twice – credited to April 2023
- 22 Totals match ledger (main +177.50 late payments -205 overpayment)
- 23 Main budgeted for a net expenditure of £2,445. The actual was £1495.
- 32 £801.07 accumulated in previous years will be transferred from the No2 account to the main account.
- 32 Social group balance from their records is £1630.05, £32 greater.