

## **POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT U3A**

### **SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 10.15 a.m.  
at The Station Hotel, Pocklington

Two apologies had been received from the Vice-Chair, Pauline Carter, and David Jamieson.

#### **Astronomy Talk**

13 people had booked to attend and another 5 were interested in a group.

#### **Yorkshire History**

An announcement to be made at the next drop-in to the effect that the Yorkshire History group was now a group open to all members and asking interested members to talk to the group leader.

#### **Newsletter**

The Vice-Chair/Secretary to include a section in the next newsletter about the charitable status of the U3A and the implications of this.

The Secretary confirmed that the newsletter would be prepared in time for distribution at the August drop-in.

#### **PA System**

Gordon Clarke advised that he had ordered a new PA system from Pocklington Music Shop and paid a deposit. The system was similar to the Rotary system trialled at the last drop-in. The total cost was £393.95 discounted to £363.95 and included a cardioid microphone.

#### **Update from Chair**

##### **Subscription Renewals**

About 95 people had not renewed their annual subscription.

##### **Action:**

1. Secretary to put reminder about non-payment in the circular advertising the next drop-in.
2. Chair to remind group leaders to check membership cards.
3. Secretary to send letters to those not renewed at the end of June advising their membership has lapsed and they are no longer eligible to attend groups.

#### **Vice-Chair's Report**

##### **Group Leaders' Get Together 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

It was agreed to adopt the same procedure as in previous years, with the first glass of wine being free and payment requested for further glasses of wine.

##### **Group Leaders' Meeting**

It was agreed due to school/other holidays and proximity to GLs' Get Together, to postpone this event until early October.

##### **Action:**

Secretary to book Community Centre, Burnby Hall, for the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 for a Group Leaders' Meeting (it was agreed to restrict the meeting to the morning to limit clashes with groups).

#### **Update from Secretary**

##### **2015 Diaries**

**Action:** Secretary to order 75 diaries

#### **Update from Treasurer**

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank was £15,421 including £1,252 group funds.

The Gift Aid for the year ended March 2013 had been received in the sum of £552.59.  
The postage for the national magazine of £1,232.01 had been paid.  
There are 692 paid-up members comprising 643 renewals and 49 who joined since 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

### **Committee Links to Groups**

The Chair reminded the committee that, at the Group Leaders' meeting in February, the group leaders had felt that it would be useful if committee members linked with groups. She added that it would help to forge closer links between the committee and the membership. Brian James endorsed this view and he and Richard Wade proposed that the groups be divided up between the committee members.

#### **Action:**

Chair and Vice-Chair to draw up a list of groups for each committee member to support.

### **Proposed Purchase of an Additional Projection Screen**

Brian James tabled a paper outlining the disadvantages of the current, somewhat outdated, projection screen.

#### **Action (unanimously agreed):**

Brian James to obtain three quotes and purchase a suitable screen for around £600-800.  
As this is a capital item, it was agreed that this would be funded out of central funds.

### **Signatories**

The Treasurer advised that as the President, Freda Snelson, was not a trustee a new signatory was required in her place.

#### **Action:**

1. Treasurer to arrange for the Secretary to be the additional signatory.

### **Cutting Machine**

Bev Austin requested that the committee agree to the purchase of a die cutting machine for use by the Scrapbooking group. It was agreed that this was a capital item and could therefore be funded from central funds.

#### **Action:**

Bev Austin to purchase a die-cutting machine for around £100.

### **Croquet Balls**

Freda Snelson advised that the Croquet group was in need of new croquet balls.

#### **Action:**

Freda Snelson and Gordon Clarke to get a quote for new croquet balls and submit to the next committee meeting.

### **Welcome Meeting for New Members**

The Chair informed the meeting that the next Welcome Meeting was set for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m. in the Catholic Church Hall.

### **Dates of next meetings: - all at 10.15 a.m. at the Station Hotel, Pocklington**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015