

Pocklington & District U3A Committee Meeting

Held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 10.30 a.m.
at the Station Hotel, Pocklington

PRESENT:

Chair: Graham Ball
Vice-Chair: Brian James
Treasurer: Paul Giles
Committee Members: Val Wosket (minutes), David Bragg, Eileen Ducker, Elizabeth Walker, Moira Laverack, Pauline Carter, Kay Stephenson, Frank Challoner

1. Welcome

- The Chair, Graham Ball, welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

- Ian Smith, Freda Snelson, Graham Gillyon

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2018

- Approved with one amendment: Item 7, 4th bullet point: the sentence reading "Terry Rogers will be asked if he is willing to deal with new member applications at Drop-ins in the event of ML's absence" should read: "Terry Rogers will be asked if he is willing to deal with new member applications and renewals at Drop-ins in ML's absence."
- Proposed: Brian James
- Seconded: David Bragg
- Approved Minutes to be posted to website at close of Committee Meeting.

4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

- A reminder about the next Open Meeting and Drop-in will be posted on the website.
- PG reported that the approved change of bank from Nat. West. to Barclays will go ahead from the beginning of March 2018.

5. Groups (BJ)

- BJ reported that we now have confirmation in writing from the Third Age Trust that Pub Lunches, Walking, and similar groups are covered by U3A insurance.
- Ballroom Dancing has been wound up as no-one has come forward who is willing to take this group on.
- Angela Fraser is giving up leadership of Pub Lunch 4. This group may cease to meet if no-one comes forward to take it on.
- David Stone has taken over as leader of the Current Affairs group.
- Film Group: BJ reported that the sound bar has broken and proposed the purchase of a replacement, at a cost of £199.00, from Richer Sounds. He also put in a request to purchase, from the same supplier, an upgrade to the current DVD player which is showing signs of wear and tear and has limited functions. Expenditure for both items was approved.

Committee agreed to the disposal of the defunct equipment through donation to a local charity shop, if feasible. To be actioned by BJ and PG.

- Gerry Hutchinson has advised that the Green Spaces Group may need to be wound up due to diminishing numbers unless membership picks up, the group combines with another group, or decides to meet less often and cover fewer sites.

6. Treasurer's Update (PG)

- Currently in bank approximately £10,000.00.

7. Membership Secretary's Update (ML)

- Current membership stands at 880, with 24 new members joining since January 2018. Membership renewals currently stand at 200 with 140 of these made in person at the last Drop-in.
- New members' meeting on 8.2.18 was well attended with some enthusiastic new members.

8. Secretary's Update (PC)

- New object clause proposed by The Third Age Trust: We have been asked to sign up to this by 20th March 2018. GB proposed that the Committee formally adopts the new object clause and this was seconded by BJ and approved by the Committee.
- PG will contact The Third Age Trust to clarify a number of points in their recent communications. FC will look into any specific issues relating to the Yoga Group, which is the only group to have a paid facilitator.
- The Trust is in support of the Committee's recommendation to change the quorum for the AGM from 10% to 5% in view of our large membership. This to be taken forward and further discussed at the AGM.
- The query from Val House regarding charitable fund raising has now been resolved.
- A request has been received from the University of York and Humber NHS for volunteers to take part in their 'OTIS', occupational therapy study: Subject to further clarification and definition from the researchers, a notice seeking volunteers will go on the website. PC to liaise with the researchers and ask them, at this stage, to provide a succinct description of the study and its remit.

9. Meetings: Committee Attendance

- Drop-in on Thursday 1st March: majority of Committee to attend.
- Open meeting on Wednesday 28th February: VW, GB, FC, ED, IS.
- Open meeting on Wednesday 21st March: BJ, EW, FC, GB.

10. Website Update (EW, PC)

- Item to be carried forward to next meeting.
- ML reported on further progress made towards on-line membership applications.

11. AOB

- Vacancies on the Committee: There will be 3 vacancies to fill. One member has come forward as definitely interested in standing. Two others who have expressed interest are being followed up.
- Vice-chair and Secretary: no one has yet come forward for either of these posts, which need to be filled as a matter of urgency. Committee members were asked to do what they can to encourage people to volunteer for these key positions.
- Discussion of position of President: to be carried over to next meeting.
- Committee nomination forms: these were completed and signed where relevant.
- Examiner of Accounts: Gerry Hutchinson has agreed to take this on.
- Division of tasks at AGM: PC outlined a number of admin. tasks in progress and who will be helping with which. All committee members signaled their availability to help with the AGM on 19th April and were asked to attend from 1.00 pm.
- Pocklington Methodist Church: Committee was informed of the new location of the key box and asked to remind key holders to observe all locking up and checking procedures.
- First Aid Training: PC invited the Committee to give thought to whether a donation to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service would be in order to follow the series of training days they are putting on (without charge) for our U3A.

Date of Next Meeting:

- Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 11.58 a.m.