

Pocklington & District U3A
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 16 April, 10.00 a.m.
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane

Present: Neil Barrett (Chair)
Graham Ball (President)
Christina Burn
Simon Eggleston
David Hebden
Gerry Hutchinson
Jean Kay
Rosemarie Kennedy
Moiria Laverack
Pauline Slater
Margaret Stubbs
Ralph Voke
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
 1. Apologies had been received from LS.
2. Approval of Notes of March 2024 meeting
 1. Proposed by PS, seconded DH
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting
 1. Meeting with WDY. The longrunning problem apparently lies not with WDY but with gmail. Enquiries through the website need to have an authenticating 'hallmark' before they can be delivered; this was not included in our original contract with WDY and we shall need to pay for a server which can resolve the issue. WDY have given us free trial of an SMTP server for a month, which appears to be satisfactory, so we shall find out the cost (which will be a flat p.a. fee) and subscribe to this.
It will also help if all Group Leaders are reminded to have Committee addresses in their personal address books, so that communications will be recognised.
 2. The new PA system has arrived but is very complicated – possibly new cables and extension leads may be needed. It should be available for all groups, but a central booking system (possibly through DH?) should be established. We should also look into a system for labelling all u3a equipment, either with Dymo-type labels or ultraviolet pens.
 3. The CPR session was again very successful: about 12 people attended, and another will be held tba.
4. Chair's report (NB)
 1. A-board notice. This notice from the council was not considered to be a matter of importance to us as the grass of the forecourt does not seem to be part of the public highway. If we receive a complaint, we shall move the sign to lean against the doors.

2. ACCORD meeting.

1. NB had attended this meeting on April 15th, at which there had been considerable controversy over the actions of AWAKE (Anlaby, Willerby and Kirkella) branch who have been charging £10 'associate membership fee' from members of other branches. Discussion of this policy will be returned for consideration.
2. The list of speakers is being compiled, although apparently the P&D's contribution of SE's name had not been registered. The message, sent on 24 February, has now been resent.
3. A u3a card showing ICE contacts and medical details such as allergies and medication was distributed for consideration. It was agreed that this was a good idea, especially for outdoor and active Groups such as the Walking groups.
4. The question of a First Aid Incident reporting book was raised. P&D does not have a central Incident book, but there is a standard reporting form in the Group Leaders' Handbook

3. AGM.

1. The booking of the hall is confirmed.
2. NB and LS will both give presentations.
3. DH will present the Accounts and they will be signed off.
4. At the meeting LS will become Chair and SE will become Vice-Chair.
5. We shall actively recruit new Committee members.
6. The minutes can be recorded retrospectively.

5. Group activity

1. LS has composed and circulated the questionnaire for Group Leaders.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. The current total funds are £12,935.65
2. The accounts for 2023-24 are completed and balanced.
3. Alan Murphy will be appointed as auditor and will confirm these at the AGM.
4. A credit from TAM postage and the cost of the PA system net at £752.29

7. Membership Secretary's update (CB/RV)

1. To date there are 628 renewals and 153 not yet renewed – this is not unusual at this stage! A thank-you message to Group Leaders for remembering to check cards might help prompt lapsers.
2. All who have helped with the renewal process were thanked again.
3. Twelve new members had attended the latest New Members' Meeting, and had seemed very enthusiastic and proactive.

8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Embroidery Group tables. Sally Woods had requested extra tables to accommodate members of the Embroidery Group in the Scout Hut – she has been asked for more details but these have not yet come. A reminder will be sent.
2. MS has kindly agreed to minute the May Committee meeting, in RW's absence, and was thanked for this.

9. AOB

1. There may be an announcement re Burnby Hall future from the Council tomorrow (MS)
2. All announcements made at Drop-ins should be strictly confined to u3a events and news – inclusion of community events could open too many floodgates!
3. Moira Laverack was thanked by a unanimous consensus, for her long and devoted service on the u3a Committee. She will be much missed.

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 21 May 2024, 10.00 a.m, at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane