

**Pocklington & District U3A  
Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 16 July, 10.00 a.m.  
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane**

Present: Simon Eggleston (Acting Chair)  
Christina Burn (Membership Secretary)  
David Hebden (Treasurer)  
Jean Kay  
Rosemarie Kennedy  
Mike May  
Pauline Slater  
Margaret Stubbs  
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (SE in absentia LS)
  1. Apologies had been received from GH, JS, LS, NB and RV
  2. Co-option and welcome of new Committee member Mike May. Mike was proposed as a member by RW, seconded by PS, and welcomed.
2. Approval of Minutes of June 2024 meeting
  1. Proposed by DH, seconded by PS
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (LS)
  1. Pocklington Market. The question of whether it is necessary to book and pay for a space was raised. As LS had agreed to look into this, further discussion was carried forward to next meeting.
4. Chair's report (SE)
  1. Pockdown. JS has booked out some games/activities from the Driffield store, but no tables were available. DH offered a suitable large table, but cannot attend the event, so it will need to be collected beforehand. Volunteers to be present/staff the stall were agreed:: A.m.: MS, RK, PS. P.m.: SE, MS, RW. The site is open for setting-up from 10 a.m. for opening at 12. It was agreed that this gave adequate time for getting the gazebo etc. in place. Further details can be arranged in the preceding days.
5. Treasurer's update (DH)
  1. Treasurer's Report: Current balances are as follows:

Main account	£5684
Subs account	1861
Cash	<u>175</u>
Total	<u>£7720</u>
  2. Copyright and Licences. The Health and Safety at Work Act applies only to paid workers, and not volunteer groups. The TAT has a draft document covering TAT activities, and this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. It was felt that, as the ukulele groups are those principally concerned, input from GH will be needed for effective discussion. DH will circulate relevant documentation in advance, to inform members.

3. Request from Quilting Group. Sally Woods has given a detailed request and DH has visited the group in action. It was agreed that she would be given the funds to buy the tables and leads required; DH will source the cable-cover mats.
  4. Hedi Tabli has requested the purchase of a set of boules for the Petanque group, as at present members are relying on their own sets. This was agreed and RW will notify Hedi.
6. Membership Secretary's update (CB)
1. There is still considerable concern over non-renewals – 88 lapsed members were contacted but only six have responded! There are currently 687 members on roll. A new database for all these was set up on 2 July. There was some discussion as to whether a list of defaulters' names can be sent out through coordinators t Group Leaders. It was suggested that GCs contact their GLs to explain the situation, and ask for checks and replies. A list of GL contacts is only held by LS, so would have to go through him.
  2. (from RV) The next New Members' Meeting will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. Secretary's update (RAW)
1. WhatsApp group. While the ability to use this for quick communication is a definite asset, members were reminded that not everyone is part of the group, and also that any important communication or decision must be backed up by email so that it can be effectively stored for future access if needed.
  2. There is a request from TAT to submit numbers for the receipt of the paper copies of TAM. As this is a major item of our expense, especially in view of the recent rise in postage, it was agreed that we would continue to attempt to persuade members to read it online instead – at present we have over 500 subscribers. The deadline for notification is August 11.
8. AOB
1. It was agreed that replacing the usual Drop-in with an outdoor event on August 1 would not be wise, as many members were likely to turn up at Burnby Hall as usual. We shall coordinate our Outdoor Event with the u3a National day on September 22.
  2. The Croquet group would like to appeal for a golf trolley or similar large bag with wheels , to carry equipment. It was suggested that this is the kind of surplus item someone might have in their home and be happy to donate – RW will appeal in the next newsletter. The question of making a goodwill donation to the Football Club, who do not charge for use of their ground, was raised, and the question of group finances generally. It was confirmed that GLs can look after their own funds as long as records are kept, so long as funds do not exceed £300.
  3. As it seems few people have looked at the blog entries, we shall try giving a link to it in the newsletter. This led to a general discussion about our internet profile and presence – the last entry on the Facebook page is from 2021. As this area has been largely the province of JS and NB, it was agreed to hold a fuller and more informed discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.01

Date of next meeting Tuesday, 20 August, 10.00 a.m., at the Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.