

Hornsea & District U3A Committee Meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2019,10am at

The Old School House, Catwick

Present: David Tribe – Chair & Treasurer, Sue Gray – Secretary, Lesley Tribe – Membership Secretary, Paule Senior – Groups Co-ordinator, Susan Horne – Publicity Officer, Ken Hooper – Communications Officer, Brian Clarvis – Joint Speaker Seeker, Barbara Cowan – Welfare Officer, Suzanne Keam – Committee Member, Rita Bremer – Committee Member

1. Apologies – Hazel Adamson

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019

Barbara had been missed from “Present” listing.

12.4) Insert after donations to charity - “Now we are a registered Charity we cannot give donations directly to other Charities. The speaker can choose what to do with the cheque they are given for speaking.”

The minutes were then accepted and will be signed by the Chair and added to the website.

3. Matters arising from meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019

4.2) The member who received a £90 fine for parking in the Floral Hall car park has received an apology from the parking company.

6.2) The form has been handed in.

8.3) The lanyards have been received and are in the process of being distributed.

12.3) Ken has prepared the copy for the speakers list folders. This was checked for accuracy in the meeting.

15) Lesley had brought new members packs to the meeting.

4. Chair's Report

- 1) Ken has repaired Dave's U3A laptop apart from adding Google Drive which seems to be unobtainable.
- 2) The Floral Hall management are to increase our hall rent to £70 from January 2020.
- 3) Our U3A has not received a letter regarding the organisation of the Remembrance Day Service and parade to Hornsea Memorial Gardens. Dave was worried about how the wreath would be paid for as we as a charity cannot give payment for the wreath to the British Legion, another charity.

Action: Sue to ring Jean Robinson, the organiser to find out why we have not received a letter and look into how we can pay for it. Our President Ted Gray will represent our U3A and lay the wreath.

- 4) A member has asked whether our U3A could promote TWAM – "Tools with a mission", a scheme that sends unwanted tools, large or small to deserving communities abroad.

Action: Dave to ask about their collection method.

Ken suggested that any tools could be taken directly to the Community Church at Brandesburton which is supporting the scheme.

- 5) Dave proposed that as our December committee meeting falls between Christmas and New Year we should cancel that meeting, and prepare for the January meeting at the November committee meeting.
- 6) Two lapel microphones have been bought to improve our PA system.
- 7) Our U3A has been randomly chosen to take part in the U3A's National Survey of Members for 2019. 15 members will be asked to fill in the survey. It was agreed that these should be the first 15 who arrive at the monthly meeting and are prepared to do this.

5. Treasurer's Report

- 1) Dave is making a start at transferring responsibility for the accounts and Gift Aid to Suzanne.
- 2) As Treasurer, Suzanne will need a bank card. Ken agreed to drop out from having one as Yorkshire Bank will only allow 4 cards for our U3A.
- 3) We have a healthy bank balance.
- 4) Discussion as to whether we should include the U3A magazine Third Age Matters in with the membership subscription. (£2.90 for 5 copies a year). No conclusion was reached, but it was agreed that committee members should bring their copies to the monthly meeting when they have finished with them.

6. Secretary's Report

- 1) The "What can I do to save the planet" handouts from the U3A YAHR Summer School were mentioned. Available on the YAHR website.
- 2) A handout advertising the next YAHR workshop "Sharing Good Ideas" was passed round.
- 3) There will be a national "U3A Day" on 3rd June 2020. Unfortunately this clashes with our monthly meeting which will also be our AGM.
- 4) Sue spoke about research projects that can be carried out by U3A members. There is a database of projects already completed. More details are on the display board at the monthly meeting.

7. Communication's Officers Report

- 1) The speaker list for 2020 is ready for printing. Brian suggested a company that could do this.

Action: Ken to obtain a quote for printing 400 lists for the November committee meeting.

- 2) The rolling screen and the website should provide the same information. Need for Group Contacts to keep Ken informed with latest programme information.
- 3) Ken needs to look at all the committee laptops to see how we are using them.

Action: Ken to look at Dave's U3A laptop first.

8. Group Co-ordinator's Report

- 1) The Dog Walking and Wine Tasting groups will not go ahead.
- 2) Paule knows someone willing to start a higher level French group.
- 3) Theatre visits have been split from outings. Audrey and Bernard will organise these. Susan asked whether the group should be a closed one. The committee thought not.
- 4) Sue was asked to find a new place for the display board at monthly meetings as the present space will be needed for theatre bookings.
- 5) The lanyards and labels for group contacts will be handed out at the monthly meeting. Paule has emailed all the group contacts about this.
- 6) Group Contacts have been asked to send regular updates for their groups to Ken for the website.

9. Outings Report

- 1) The annual Christmas lunch has been booked at the Barn, as last year and will be held on Tuesday 21st January. Tickets and posters have been made. The price will be £14 a head. A deposit of £5 will be required with the rest being payable by the December Monthly Meeting. There will be a quiz and a raffle. Prizes are needed for the latter.
- 2) Two buses are booked for the trip to York on 21st November. There is one place left.
- 3) A daytime ghost walk will be held in March and afternoon tea at Rise Hall in February.

10. Publicity Officer's Report

- 1) Susan has liaised with Fiona, a new member about sharing the Community News duties.
- 2) Paule will have a meeting with group contacts and ask whether any would give a short talk about their group at a monthly meeting.

11. Membership Secretary's Report

- 1) We have 270 members.
- 2) New member's packs were circulated, and discussed. Dave would like to find out why members do not come to the monthly meetings. Also which members are involved with U3A ie – on the committee, member of the RUG (Really Useful Group), are group contacts etc.

Action: In due course Dave will make a spreadsheet to ascertain the above.

- 3) Whether we should include the U3A magazine, Third Age Matters with the membership fee was discussed. It was decided not to at this stage.

Action: We should bring our copies of Third Age Matters to the monthly meetings when we have read them so that they can be included with the membership packs.

- 4) Barbara asked whether new members should have a label and lanyard. Sue mentioned having a "buddy" system for new members. No conclusions were reached.

12. Speaker Seekers Report

- 1) Arrangements for the December meeting were given. Beverley Rock Choir like to give their fee to charity, Parkinson's in particular. It was suggested that a representative from the organisation should attend the meeting.
- 2) The November and January speakers are organised.

13. Welfare Officer's Report

- 1) Barbara updated the committee.
- 2) The difficulty of knowing whether members had actually had a scheduled operation made it difficult to time sending cards, was mentioned.

14. Preparation for the Monthly Meeting

Action: Barbara will buy mince pies for the December meeting. She will organise 2 more members to help with the refreshments.

Door – Paule/Sue

Membership Table – Lesley

Meet & Greet – Barbara/Jane

Interest Group Tables – Hazel/Ted

Refreshments – Sarah/Wendy

Vote of thanks – Brian to see Hazel

15. Any other Business

There was none

16. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th November 2019 at Ken's

The meeting ended at 12.15pm

