

Minutes of Glossop U3A Committee Meeting March 13th 2014.

1. Present:

Alan Conchie, Barbara Connah, Barbara Roberts, Norma Hayden, Maureen Brennan, Maureen Brierley, Doreen Ball.

2. Apologies:

John Searle, Maureen Hobson.

3. Minutes:

MB proposed and Barbara Connah seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held on January 23rd. 2014 be accepted. This was agreed by the committee.

4. Matters Arising

DB has the DVD player and speakers at her house, the projector is in the locker. The easy listening equipment has still to be sorted out for storage. AC said that it is of concern that the laptop etc. is being stored in lockers with no watertight system of security, as at the moment anyone can ask for a key. A way to manage the system needs to be found. BC said that Bradbury House has said that it is not their responsibility.

Several options were put forward and it was agreed that the committee will discuss it further at the next meeting.

BR asked if anything has been decided about the centenary of WW1. It was reconfirmed that groups would be asked to do something relevant to their particular group. AC is to ask Sylvia to implement this.

AC wants to confirm that all groups are open to all members, unless they are full.

DB proposed, MB seconded, all agreed.

5. Correspondence

We received correspondence from Head Office containing a cover note for all 2014 insurance policies and the PPL licence for 2014. These have been put on file.

There is also a notice of the U3A AGM in September at Cirencester and a notice about on line courses. JS will announce these at the next coffee morning.

We have been sent information from head office on the direct mail scheme for the U3A magazine. This has been passed on to MB.

We have a letter from Graham Sharrett to say that 2014 is the twenty year anniversary of Glossop U3A. He asked whether we plan to celebrate this and the committee agree in principle that we should. It will be discussed more fully at the next committee meeting.

6. Treasurer's report:

MAB provided a budget forecast for 2013/14 and said everything is on track. Capitation is still £3-50p. We have 359 members which will amount to £1,256-50p. MAB gave all committee members a chart to explain how this is used.

AC proposed, MB seconded, all agreed.

Joyce Bunting has volunteered to do the half yearly account by the end of March and MAB will report back at the next meeting. MAB would like to thank Joyce for volunteering.

MAB has phoned Head Office to ask if our insurance covers equipment and it does.

7. Committee Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

MB has sent a database of members to each member of the committee.

The U3A magazine is taken by forty three people and we are in credit by £2-50p

Mb said she would like members to tell her of any change of address or phone number.

AC asked MB how many members had emails and it is about 60%.

9. Group & Activities Coordinator's Report:

Nothing to report

10. Any Other Business

DB said she had discarded the very large, old speakers and it was agreed that this was appropriate.

BC said that today's speaker from the Allotment Society would help if any member of the U3A would like to share their garden.

Meeting closed at 1-05pm.

Next meeting May 22nd. At Bradbury House.

Barbara Roberts.