

Glossop U3A

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 21.11.13

Present: John Searle, Alan Conchie, David Wood, Maureen Brennan and Maureen Brierley.

Apologies: Maureen Hobson, Doreen Ball, Norma Hayden, Barbara Roberts and Barbara Connah.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Proposed by Alan Conchie and seconded by Maureen Brierley

Matters Arising – the new speakers have been bought and are in use.

Correspondence:

Maureen Brennan, on behalf of the secretary, reported on an email from JK and KS relating to the failure of the Bridgewater Concert Trip on Nov.15th to get to the concert due to traffic problems in Hollingworth. The leaders were inquiring whether the U3A could reimburse the concert goers. It was discussed and the decision was that U3A cannot reimburse..

Action J S will report back to JK and KS.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer presented the budget forecast to the end of October 13.

The signatories for the Bank and Building Society Accounts have been uo-dated.

An Accounts Examiner will need to be appointed by March 14 as the present one KC is moving from the area. **Action JS to ask for a volunteer at the next coffee morning and Thursday group meeting.**

The treasurer asked for the start-up grant for new groups to be reviewed as some new groups had put their room rental onto the U3A invoice instead of generating their own from the start and then requesting the treasurer for payment as other groups and activities do. New groups must request the committee for a start up grant which can cover two rentals but only up to £50. A copy of a document on stating a new group was given to the treasurer and she has been asked to review and clarify it in relation to the start-up grant and to contact SR – the Group and Activities Co-ordinator.

Action MAB

Committee Secretary's Report:

No report. The committee offered their support and encouragement to the new secretary.

Membership Secretary's Report:

MB reported 378 members of whom 335 have paid their subscription of £8.00. She has asked group co-ordinators to follow up those who haven't paid.

There was still some confusion over payment of U3A subscriptions and Thursday Group subscriptions. Members must pay the U3A subscription before they pay any subscriptions to groups they belong to.

U3A Magazine – Members will be informed that the annual subscription will be due in January and if they want to receive it for the year they will need to give details and pay £2.10 (this may change) for postage which covers 6 postings in the year. A new list will need to be sent during February in readiness for the April issue. **Action MB**

Group and Activities Co-ordinator's Report:

No report.

The group and activities co-ordinator's role is important and vital to the committee and the smooth running of our U3A. The groups are at the heart of our U3A and it is important that the co-ordinator is able to give a report.

The committee congratulated SR on her dedication to the role. It was agreed to approach her to be co-opted onto the committee. Proposed by A.C and seconded by DW. **Action MB to approach SR**

Any Other Business

1. **AGM Quorum** – AC saw the original constitution which states that a quorum of 20% of the membership is required for the AGM. He has altered the document on the website and added the names of the signatories to the document. The original document is held by the committee secretary.
2. MB complimented AC on the website.
3. **Comments from members**- JS is encouraging members to pass comments and thoughts to him for the committee to discuss.
4. **World War 1** – are we intending to do anything to commemorate WW1 Centenary in June 14? Agreed to ask the group co-ordinator to request the groups to contribute ideas and to ask the Monday Speaker's group to be hosts . Proposed by AC and seconded by DW, **Action MB**
5. The camera group has been disbanded but if anyone wishes to start a new group contact SR, A small amount of funds from the camera group will remain in the groups' account for a year and will be available to a new camera group but after a year this money will be donated to the U3A's account.

Meeting ended 1.15pm.

Next meeting January 23rd 2014.