

Minutes of the Committee meeting of Balsall Common U3A

Held on 5th September 2019 at The Westlake room

Present: Jim Melville, John Peat, Richard Drake, Barbara Hammonds, Tom Waterer, Vivienne Waterer, Ian Hedley.

Apologies: Len Tomnie and Linda White.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th July were approved.

Matters arising:

1. Because we are now a registered Charity we will need new Bank accounts at Nat West. All Committee members as Trustees of U3A will need to give Richard their personal details, Richard will email everyone with his requirements. The signatories will remain the same.
2. The New members' event held at Ian's house was a good do with 13 new members and 5 Committee members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Richard reported that we had a bank balance of £1444 in our Number 1 account. He estimated that the year end balance after Business as Usual, paying £100 a month and Third Age Trust bills, would be around £700 to £800.

The Number 2 account for Groups has £2632. There are 2 groups, Film and Gardening, which are closing having significant balances which will go into Group reserves.

There is also a payment to a speaker of £125.

The budget for speakers for 2020 was agreed at around £1000 for the year. This is similar to 2019.

Secretary's Report:

Ian has been in contact with U3A head office to ensure all new Officers are correctly recorded as he has received nothing from them. The records are correct and since the meeting Ian has had an email!

Membership Secretary's Report:

The current Membership is 352. Lanyards have been prepared for everyone but are only needed for Core meetings.

Speaker's Secretary Report:

All Speakers are booked for 2020.

Speakers budget was approved in Treasurer's report at around £1000 for 2020

Group Liaison Secretary's Report: (in the absence of Lin the following was discussed)

It is clear that the Film and Gardening Groups are in the process of closing.

The new Walking Cricket group has had their first game which was a great success.

There has been no appetite for a Camping and Caravanning group.

The Philosophy Group has a new co-ordinator: Mike Watkinson.

The membership of the Beer and Cider group has reopened, but there may be a need to restrict numbers for each event.

Charity Commission:

We are now a registered Charity with number 1184366. This has been added to the membership application form. All Committee Members are now Trustees of the Charity.

Sam Mauger, the CEO of U3A nationally, has sent her congratulations.

Newsletter from Auriol:

There will be a Walking Sports event on 14th September at Warwick University.

Special General Meeting:

2020 membership subs agreed unanimously at £12.50 for the year and £8.00 for a half year.

Quiz night:

The Quiz Night will be on Thursday 14th November at St Peter's Hall. The Hall is booked from 17.00 to 23.00

Baked Potatoes will be done at homes and will be kept warm in the oven at the Hall. All Committee members have agreed to bake 20 spuds and deliver them to the hall at 18.30.

Setting out the Hall will commence at 17.00 with up to 15 tables of 6 people. There will be no tablecloths and the cost is £5.00 per person.

Help has been offered and accepted from Lynn, Ian, Barbara, Jim, Moya, Tom and Richard.

Ian will be scorer with Jim's Excel spreadsheet.

The Bretford sound system is to be offered to Alan Cutler for a token amount by Jim.

The list for Hall bookings for the village hall will go to Jackie. St Peter's hall bookings all made for 2020 but allowance needs to be made for May election so second Thursday.

Vivienne will attend the Solihull Cluster meeting on 2nd October as Jim is away. Ian will go to the Keep it Legal forum at Dorridge on 11th November.

Next Meeting of the Committee:

7th November at 16.00 in Westlake room

Ian Hedley (stand in Minute Secretary)