

Minutes of North Walsham Committee Meeting

15th June 2020

1. Those Present: Steve Guratsky, Clive Irons, Sonia Thomas, Gill Moroney, Peter Phillips, Marilyn Nevill, Jayne Potter,

2. Apologies: Janet Barnard, Veronica Cooke

SG thanked everyone for joining and for Richard Nevill for hosting and helping with the technology.

SG updated everyone on Janet Barnard. Sadly, she is still in NNU and is unlikely to recover. She is receiving palliative care.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2020: GM has been added under those present.

ST proposed and GM seconded accuracy of minutes.

4. Matters Arising: nothing to raise from the last minutes.

5. Finance Report: CI explained the figures sent through to the committee.

Some large bills have been paid including £283 to Beacon and the membership fee of £945. The bill for the third Age Trust magazines is still to be paid. We are saving funds by not holding the monthly meetings but there will be some zoom subscriptions to be paid instead. There is loss of income from new members and from the lack of a monthly raffle.

In summary, there is a small surplus with money in the bank totalling £1409 after all allowances.

Renewal membership will be due again shortly but it may be that some members may request a refund for this year and, as a committee, we may need to consider reducing the membership for the coming year as we are not fully open. SG proposed another meeting to focus on decisions for next year and how this will affect the budget.

The August newsletter to include the decisions regarding membership fees as DDRs are paid August/September.

6. Secretary's Report: JP has received an acknowledgment from the Catholic Church Hall regarding the postponing of our bookings due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

7. Member secretary's Report: There was one new member at the beginning of lockdown but none since. SG advised of a few enquiries but these people have been told that we are not fully operational at present.

8. Groups Co-ordinator's Report: PP has sent an email to group leaders advising that NWU3A funds are available for zoom subscriptions for those

groups that can do remote meetings. Suggestions were also made regarding outdoor activities and how these might be able to return under social distancing rules.

There has been a reasonable response from leaders who have taken up the zoom offer and are running groups.

Discussed some outdoor groups starting like paddling partners, cycling, walking etc. if keeping the numbers below six.

Croquet equipment has been removed as Scarborough Hill Hotel is in danger of closing.

We are covered by insurance if we are following govt. guidelines ie. groups of 6 and socially distanced but not covered for coronavirus ie. trips and falls but not contracting the virus. The risk assessment form raises more questions than answers. There is a requirement for individuals to risk assess themselves and this would be difficult to police.

People need to understand the risks if they want to go ahead to meet as friends and not under the U3A umbrella.

The programme card was reviewed and, of those groups that could continue, it was pleasing that quite a number were continuing in some format or were in the process of re-starting.

Actions: PP to send an email to all members and group leaders encouraging as many groups to restart as possible and the rules on how to get zoom subscriptions paid by U3A.

Action: SG will thank those continuing to run groups and encourage others in the next newsletter. He will also send an update on the groups that are running.

9. Newsletter Editor's Report: As there have been no monthly meetings, all hard copies are being sent out (22 copies have been sent in April, May and June).

It would be good if more copy was received from group leaders to keep the newsletter going.

Website: a new page has been set up regarding the Coronavirus and updates added including a NHS document in May.

Groups using zoom will be added as soon as possible.

10. Programme Secretary's Report: GM advised that several of the speakers that have had to be cancelled have requested invitations at the earliest opportunity, however, we have a full compliment of speakers for 2021/2022. GM has, therefore, advised them that she will be in touch for the following year. GM will be cancelling the July and September speakers.

The August tea party is very unlikely to take place.

CI asked if the AGM would go ahead and, again, this potentially could take place through Zoom.

11. Chair's Items: members not on the internet are getting very little from U3A apart from the printed newsletter. SG suggested phoning those members to see if there is anything we can do to assist.

Action: ST to send a list of those members to SG for contacting.

12. Any Other Business: ST mentioned that she should be standing down after 6 years on the committee at the next AGM and we should think about successors.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 20th July 2020

CI and SG will talk beforehand to prepare a proposed/planning budget rather than historical figures.

MN was thanked for standing in as membership secretary.

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