

WOLDS U3A COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 07.01.2016

1. Present: S. Adamson, D. Bannister, P. Casson, T. Carrick, D. Holman, B. Kavanagh, M. Killin, W. McIntyre, J. Pickering, T. Pickering, K. Taylor, H. Walker.
2. Apologies: A. Dymond
3. Introduction:

Maureen Blackwell was welcomed. She has expressed an interest in taking on the role of treasurer.
4. Minutes:

The minutes were signed. It was noted that Toby's wife, Jill, helped with the decoration of the Christmas tree.
5. Matters Arising:
 - a) Membership secretary vacancy: Susan has written a piece for the next newsletter outlining the role and offering to discuss it with any interested members.
 - b) Treasurer vacancy: As mentioned above Maureen is interested in this role and another committee member has also expressed an interest.

It was pointed out that, according to our constitution, all members of the committee are elected at the AGM each year by vote if necessary. Susan is willing to stay on the committee if elected.
6. Asset management.

David H. has obtained the U3A leaflet 'Information for Treasurers' which states that the cost and current value of all assets must be shown on the accounts. Assets are insured when at a member's home or in a locked room/cupboard where members meet.

After much discussion it was decided that we need further clarification on several points. How do we assess the current value of the assets? Should each group present an individual account? Should all purchases be agreed by the committee? What about small consumable items?

It was agreed that David H should ask HQ for a detailed copy of the insurance policy. Peter is to ask the each group leader for an up-to-date list of assets.

We shall discuss this further at the next meeting.
7. 25th Anniversary:

Trevor and Jean have only had 27 requests for tickets. This low number may be due to 'Christmas' and a problem with down-loading the form. It was decided to put a form on all seats at the monthly meeting [14th Jan], to contact all group leaders asking them to remind their members and to put another reminder + form on the next newsletter. Emphasis on "first come first served"!
8. Group Leader Packs:

The pack is ready for distribution.

It was agreed that we should hold a coffee morning in the Spring for group leaders or their representatives. Peter is to begin to organise this.
9. Christmas Event:

This was a success and Toby was thanked for managing it so well. He also mentioned that the Christmas tree from the festival was passed on for use at Kings Mill School.
10. Communications:

These were passed to the relevant committee members. The flyer re national workshops will be put on the notice board.

11. Membership Report:

425 members including 4 new. 3 more are pending.

12. Treasurer's Report.

Alan had sent an up-to-date print out about which there were no comments. It was mentioned that a separate account of the 25th Anniversary monies would be kept.

13. Group Co-ordinator's Report:

Peter has visited several groups and been received very positively. He has written a report for the newsletter and has been approached to do an article for the Driffield Leader which he intends to write from the group perspective.

14. Any Other Business:

a) The issue of computer viruses was raised and Keith suggested that we might look at purchasing a programme which could be used on all the U3A computers.

b) Accord: Susan drew our attention to this informal group as she has had a query from a member belonging our U3A but joining in with a group in another. The Humber Accord is an informal group of several U3As in the East Riding – currently Cottingham, Hessle, South and North Cave, Swanland, Hornsea, Hull and Howden and District. "One of the benefits of this association is that a member of one association may join an interest group in another U3A in the association, providing that the interest group has room for more members" [Hessle U3A website]. Quarterly lunchtime meetings are held, sometimes with a speaker, to discuss items of common interest and to meet other members. Susan was unsure if this was for committee members only. She agreed to find out further details particularly as it seems that we are in an Accord with U3As to the north of Driffield about which we were unaware.

c) Retirement: Bill announced that he has decided to give up his 'meeting and greeting' role at the monthly meetings. For over 20 years his has been the first face that we see and it will be so strange without him. On behalf of all the members the committee thanks him for this long period of committed service to Wolds U3A in this role [and behind the teapot!] and still hopes to see him at the these meetings whenever possible.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY 5th February at 11.00am.