

WOLDS U3A

Minutes of a full Committee meeting held in the Community Centre on Friday 6th February 2015.

Present: President Dr. W. McIntyre, Chairman M. Killin, Secretary J. Spear, Membership Secretary S. Adamson, Treasurer A. Dymond, H. Walker.

1. **Apologies:** D. Bannister, E. Fowler, J. Pickering, T. Pickering, K. Taylor.

2. The minutes of the last committee meeting, held on 2nd January 2015, were agreed and signed.

3. **Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising. Next newsletter will ask for expressions of interest in the poetry competition to go to the secretary.

4. **Communications.**

TAT letter 22-1-15:*Notice of the national AGM. Leaflet about Direct Mail scheme (passed to Susan).

*FAQs on Networks and Small groupings of U3As.

Flyer on grants available for open days, exhibitions etc.

(Grant application for Let's Get Physical will be sent).PPL Licence (filed).

*Copy of latest 'Who's Who' at head office.

*Flyer advertising 24 hour legal advice service.

*Flyer listing courses still available at summer schools and places available at events. Samples of new bookmark and leaflet (some ordered).

*St. John's Ambulance pocket first aid guide available to order.

Places still available at 'Managing Growth' seminar 17th February.

Email details for some secretaries & chairmen being sought (Margaret's is one but she finishes in June & only uses the library, so N/A return will go)

*Swindon U3A has query about cheque charges on CAF bank accounts.

Lin Jonas asks for job descriptions and group leader handbooks/guidance and offers help to attract new members/volunteers.

* Leaflet with 2015 Royal Agricultural events & discounts for U3A members*

Letter from Joyce Fowler requesting second projector for use by Local History when Film Group is using the first one. Following discussion Dr. McIntyre proposed we buy a projector subject to an upper limit of £400, seconded by Margaret. All agreed.

Flyer - 'Liberteas' ideas for marking the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

* Letter February announcing 2 exclusive programmes for U3A members at 22nd International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Harrogate 12th & 13th August. *

Y.A.H.R *Email about group leader training workshops at Alnwick in March & Darlington in April.

* Email enclosing Regional Update; Regional Development Meeting 10th February-

a.m. update on regional events/workshops/general questions & answers;

p.m. Gwen Wright from head office on diversity & inclusion.

YAHR AGM - 23rd April; Regional Chairman, Secretary & committee members required.

Also regional volunteers to assist committee needed. Chairman of Third Age Trust Barbara Lewis to give a 'state of the nation' address and answer questions on new development plan.

Information of future regional events. Updated version of speakers list (copy obtained)

YAHR Poetry competition closes 28th February.*

* Email/flyer about regional summer school 3rd- 6th August.*

Swanland U3A January newsletter

Bridlington U3A January/February newsletter

Ryedale U3A February newsletter.

*Flyers from Holiday Heat * Golden Compass Holidays.*

Email from Dean's Garden Centre to renew discount arrangement (2015/16 membership card required)

Email from Bibliophile offering discount books

Items marked * will be put on either our notice board in the foyer or at the monthly meeting, announced at the monthly and included on the next newsletter if within time limit.

5. Membership Report.

We have 424, 4 new since Christmas @£5 each. Susan has bought a paper guillotine to use when making membership cards. Susan queried if subscriptions are to increase. It will remain at £10 p.p. Janet to get confirmation from TAT that capitation remains the same.

So members know how their subscription is spent and how much remains ours to use, it was suggested that we show what we pay for capitation and the magazine in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Alan provide a printed report. The number of members for which he pays capitation does not include the members who join at £5.

7. A.O.B.

Janet announced that she would not be standing as secretary again at the AGM in June. Chairman Margaret's 4 year term of office also ends then. Replacements will be sought via the newsletter.

Letter from Barbara Lewis National Chairman to all U3a Chairmen to - thank them and their committees for all their work; reiterate that they are there to help; suggest ways to celebrate the Magna Carta anniversary; give advice on the 'paid tutor' issue and hope to see a representative at conference.

Enclosed was an NEC statement on paid tutors, which although not banned but not encouraged. Their employment status should be checked (even to checking them on HMRC's website); no cross subsidy from other groups and the tutor's Public Liability insurance must be checked. Janet will ask for copies of insurances from the 3 paid tutors we have.

The Geology group studying 'fracking' contacted Councillor Simon Fraser about licences etc. He suggested he arrange for someone to come to speak to us. Geology feel the subject deserves a larger audience than just the group. As speakers for the year have already been arranged it was agreed that, if possible, he should come to speak after the AGM. This might encourage a bigger attendance at the AGM. Susan is booking 2016 speakers and asked if she could spend £75 plus expenses and VAT for the Yorkshire Film Archive. As we now save on tea making and some speakers don't charge this was approved.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 12.00.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 6th March 2015 in the Committee Room at the Community Centre at 11.00 a.m.