

WOLDS U3A COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 4th August 2017

Present: B. Kavanagh S. Adamson G. Carrick T. Carrick M. Blackwell
M. Killin T. Robson J. Robson P. Dunn

Apologies: H. Walker K. Taylor

Minutes of Meeting July 7th 2017 These were accepted and signed as a true record

Minutes of the 2017 AGM and matters arising

P. Dunn (who took the AGM minutes) apologised for the delay in circulating these. M. Blackwell felt that the candidates for election to the committee were not introduced to the meeting properly and in the case of any future elections this should be carried out fully. Acceptance of the minutes held over until the next committee meeting.

Secretary's Report

The main event of the month was the Driffield Show and thanks go to all those who contributed to make this a success. I feel that this was a successful project that should be repeated as it showcased both the Wolds U3A and also the movement generally. Group activity photo's were a focal point for our visitors and we would like many more for future events.

For future events of this nature Ted and I offer the use of our caravan and awning (the gazebo we used this time is suspect in poor weather conditions)

Jim Clark has asked for approval to move his French group to meet at the Bell due to cost problems. (Please note, the meeting accepted this unanimously, Jim to be advised.) Phil Dunn minute sec.

Two new groups have started successfully, Days Away and Art Appreciation, others are in the pipeline but I need help with group liaison.

As suggested at the last committee meeting a monthly coffee morning for prospective and existing members would be welcome, again I need help. Finally I would request that I be provided with a computer that works properly! there are many problems with the present one. (At this point

Bill suggested that Jan get three quotes for a suitable machine for discussion at the next committee meeting, all agreed on this)
Jan Robson.

Treasurers Report

M. Blackwell presented a statement of accounts for 2017/18 which was duly accepted.

Maureen requested that we close down the present account and move to a bank with a branch in Drifffield and was duly authorised to check into this. She also wishes to change the group finance sheets to simplify matters.

A discussion followed on the build up of “spending money” in the account which is technically U3A money, it was suggested that these monies be held by groups in their own, non U3A, accounts. This matter needs to be discussed further with all group leaders at the meeting on the second of October. This led to a suggestion from S. Adamson that this would be a good time to talk to leaders about how to make the group leader packs more “user friendly”. This in turn led to a discussion on how to involve members more with what happens at Wolds U3A, B. Kavanagh suggested that many members have no interest in U3A matters beyond their own group, food for thought!

Maureen Blackwell.

Membership report

A successful transfer of equipment and paperwork from Bill to me.

Keith and I are in the process of updating the database to use Access instead of Excel, this will make things a lot easier.

Since the Show we have had only four new members, although a number of forms were given out.

At the last monthly meeting everyone was checked out as a member. It would be helpful if all groups could give me a list of their members for my records.

As of 3rd August 2017 we have 398 paid up members.

Ted Robson.

Problems/Grievance Procedures

P. Dunn proposed that we accept the Committee Reference File

guidelines on dealing with these matters, seconded by M. Blackwell.

Acceptance deferred until all committee members are fully briefed in this matter.

Group Liaison

As discussed above following Susans suggestion this matter to be raised at the 2nd October meeting.

Publicity

P. Dunn read out a press release on the Driffield Show he had prepared for TAM, sent together with photos for inclusion in the Autumn edition. Discussion followed on the effectiveness of our presence at the show, opinion being divided on this, some members feeling it would be far more cost effective to hold say a monthly market stall display. Bill advised that it is very difficult to book the stall due to the great demand. We need to look further at this.

Accord

There was a general discussion on the advantages of membership, one of which is that it provides access to activity groups we do not run. However, this led to complaints that this would be selective as not all members could afford to travel to other groups, or that there was no facility for travel.

Review of Constitution

All committee members to review individually and bring recommendations to the September meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.20am