

WOLDS U3A COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2016

Present M. Killin, P. Dunn, J. Dunn, S. Adamson. M. Blackwell, B. Kavanagh, W. McIntyre, T. Carrick, G. Carrick.

1. Apologies: H. Walker, K. Taylor
2. Minutes of Meeting: These were agreed and signed.
The 'Confidential' paragraph at the end of the Minutes must be removed from the copy put on the website.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) Paid Tutors: A letter from Pat Godfrey, Group Leader of the Tai Chi Group, was read to the Committee. This confirmed that Tai Chi is resigning from the Wolds U3A.
It was also mentioned in committee that Ann Laing, Group Leader of the M.T.C. Group (Tap & Soft Shoe Dancing) has mentioned that this Group is also leaving Wolds U3A, no letter received at time of minutes.
At the meeting it was proposed that all Committee Members should agree on what is the status of the Wolds U3A in the light of the Blue Book, a separate meeting to be arranged.
Paid Tutors: Minuted by Margaret Killin, Chair.
Confidential!
 - b) Group Finances/accounts: Maureen mentioned that the Auditor could not pick up the question of certain Groups' financial arrangements, because not all the Groups are listed on the Accounts.
Dancercise have £350 in cash. Groups should only be holding £100 in cash, the rest must be paid in to the Treasurer. The Group Leader is going to pay some money in.
Square Dancing sent in a receipt for new Bands, asking for this to be reimbursed. As the Group has no funds banked with the Treasurer, this was felt not to be appropriate. The Group Leader will be informed.
 - c) Christmas monthly meeting: Toby said that the arrangements for the Christmas meeting are:- A Choir, Carol Singing and a Panto. Toby and Gill will also probably do a reading. Toby will ask again at this month's meeting for members to come forward with suggestions and volunteer to participate. Volunteers are need to make this a good event.
Toby and Gill also mentioned that there will be another Christmas Tree Celebration at the Church in Driffield. Toby and Gill did a wonderful job of entering the Wolds U3A tree last year. Toby will ask at the monthly meeting if anyone would like to enter a tree this year.
4. Communications: TAT/YAHR/other: Gill told the meeting that there is nothing in the files from YAHR since the AGM 2015. There is also nothing for TAT since November 2015.
5. Membership Report: We have 394 members, with one to process, when it will

be 395. New applicants: 6 to Bill direct and 13 new application forms gathered at the Open Day which have not been processed.

6. Treasurer's Report: The Walking Group paid for the last speaker out of their Holiday money. Phil Dunn, Group Leader of the Walking Group, said that allowance had been made to pay for this speaker with the agreement of everyone who had gone on the holiday.
7. Any Other Business: Janet raised the question of the presence of grandchildren at group meetings. This had been brought to her attention by a member, who had attended a group where this had happened. The meeting thought that this was not appropriate as the insurance may be nullified, and that a statement should go out to Group Leaders saying that this is not acceptable.

Janet said that she had been asked at the Open Day if it was possible we could arrange new groups - French, Italian, Spanish, Computers. Janet is prepared to do a Beginner's French Group. There may be a possibility in the future that someone will come forward to start others.

Janet raised the times of the Committee Meeting - this can neither be moved forward due to the Study Group, nor can it last longer due to another booking from 12.30pm. Janet put forward that 5 minute slots should be given to the following: Membership Report, Treasurer's Report, Secretary's Report, Group Leader Liaison, Newsletter Editor, to control the timekeeping.

Janet raised the suitability of some of the Newsletter Entries. Susan raised the fact that the Tai Chi Group had been taken out of the newsletter so quickly and that the sentence written about them was short with no acknowledgement or Thanks. To discuss at a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.32pm.