

The Management Committee meeting held at St Elphin's Park
Friday February 3rd 2017

Minutes

1. Present: Barbara Phelan (Chair), Mike Frosdick (Equipment Officer), Penny Ackland (Web Manager), Bea Jagger (Derbyshire Network),Jenny McEwan (Membership Secretariat), Diane Frosdick (Groups' Secretary), Helen Boocock (Business Secretary), Martin Eyre (Gift Aid), Judith Hodges (Treasurer, Derbyshire Network Rep), Peter Hume (Ordinary Member), Dave Puxley (Publicity Officer), Sue Petrie (new member)
Apologies: Fred Rosindell

The meeting started at 2p.m. Barbara welcomed Sue who has been shadowing Jenny for a few weeks with a view to taking over as Membership Secretary.

2. Changes to the Minutes of the Meeting of November 4th 2016.
The minutes were agreed with no changes.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes that are not addressed in items below:
 - It was agreed by email that we would vote to dissolve the East Midlands regional tier and the region was informed by Helen.
 - Position of Brian Smith in relation to the Derbyshire Network – Brian officially retired as a Trustee before the 2016 AGM and this was minuted. He is still attending the Derbyshire Network and it appeared from what he said that he was still saying he was representing Matlock. Judith confirmed he can be on the Board of the Network without belonging to MAU3A. Brian is apparently arranging a workshop for the region that we will not be involved with.
4. Financial matters:
 - 4.1. Treasurer's report. A discussion took place about the benefit of belonging to the Derbyshire Network of U3A's. It was probably useful in the early days for mutual support but now has no practical powers or benefit as far as MAU3A is concerned.
Agreed: Helen to inform the Network convenor that we will not be appointing representatives and have agreed to withdraw from membership.

4.2. Provisional accounts were approved to be sent out to members ahead of the AGM with the other documents which Fred Rosindell will get into envelopes for posting. They go now to the Examiner and then to be approved at the AGM. We are in a healthy position – carrying forward over £8,000 which is £1,000 more than last year.

4.3. Signatories for the Theatre Group account when Bea and Jenny stand down. Agreed the new group chair Jane Entwistle and either Judith or Barbara to be added to the mandate.

4.4. No request has been received from the Geography group for atlases. Suggest in future we ask for a time limit of three months for money to be spent. Pam Wildgoose has also started a new Signing group and will want more books for this.

4.5. National U3A has recommended we have a licence for showing films and DVDs. Agreed we should buy one for £60 p.a.

4.6. Benefits from Third Age Trust membership – we were asked at the 2016 AGM what they were and Judith has found a diagram explaining what they are. To print some for the AGM, Penny to consider if it can go on our website and if there is a screen at the AGM, to project it onto that.

5. Reports from the Membership Secretariat – Verbal. Current membership today is 655. 177 people are still to pay their subscription. 5 left this year – 3 moved, 1 died, 1 no reason. Collecting subs has been easier this year under new arrangements, particularly at the coffee morning and Bridge club. If we get new Membership software it needs to be able to link to Gift Aid.

6. Publicity report and AGM 2017. All the paperwork is at the printers. Barbara thanked Dave for his work on editing the Annual Report. Reports are due to be received by members by March 20th. Agreed: Dave to send a report with photos to local press after the meeting.

7. Groups' Secretary's report – see written report. It is difficult to get groups to volunteer to come along to coffee mornings to demonstrate what they are doing.

7.1. Reports from the Geology and Wine Appreciation groups. A discussion took place about the recent email exchange about a wine appreciation event at M&S. Agreed: to buy 36 glasses for £20 to £25 and plastic carrying boxes up to a maximum of £40 in total, for use by any groups.

8. Report from the Social Sub-committee. Whist Drive: Bea has been in touch with the butchers who need to know numbers by Feb 22nd and they confirmed they cannot provide gluten free meals. £5 per head for pie and peas. We need to provide plates and napkins and cutlery. Bea has spoken to an Acapella group about the Christmas evening. Matlock U3A is 10 years old in September – suggestions for how to celebrate it are welcome. A get together, perhaps with either picnic boxes or afternoon tea to keep it simple and affordable. With our surplus the committee could pay for

the venue. Suggestions for a venue included: Heights of Abraham, Haddon Hall, Cromford Mills, Whitworth Centre. Need to sell tickets for a finite number. To ask local papers to do a feature about us.
Art Appreciation trip to Hull, June 13th – no further information yet.

9. Website report. Penny has found help from outside the U3A to look at new membership software and will consult about possibilities. She has been busy tidying up the website which, it was agreed is looking good.

10. Equipment report - nothing to add to the written report.

12. Any other business.

AGM. All seating etc will be set up for us – for a maximum of 180.

Committee members to arrive by 1p.m.

Martin and Mike to be at each door to guide people in. Jenny and Sue to check members against the up to date membership list. Bea to usher people upstairs. Diane to buy refreshments. Diane and Penny to oversee members helping themselves to refreshments. Two tellers (just in case) – Bea and Diane. N.B. a Quorum is approximately 100.

Barbara to meet and greet Matthew Parris. Also to consult Hazel Silcock about a Llama friendly gift. Also to make the housekeeping announcements at the start of the AGM.

Finally, a big Thank You to Bea, Jenny and Fred for their hard work over the years.

13. Date and time of next meeting May 19th at 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at St Elphin's.

The meeting ended at 3.59 p.m.