

POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT U3A

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 10.15 a.m.
at The Station Hotel, Pocklington

No apologies had been received.

Yorkshire History

In response to a question from the President, the Chair confirmed that the new procedure for travel/trips/open groups required the Yorkshire History group to publicise a new programme/event via U3A Circulars, then place details on the website and hand out paper information at drop-ins; no house to house distribution should take place.

The Chair went on to state that, should any committee member receive a query on the new procedure regarding open groups, they should refer the query to the Vice-Chair rather than provide any guidance, so that there is complete continuity in interpreting the guidance.

Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £15,041 of which £1,387 was group funds. There were 714 paid up members.

Vice-Chair's Update

New Groups

- Ballroom Dancing starting on 6th October
- History – Exploring the English Reformation – group leader was now Phil Hazel
- Muddy Boots – new group on gardens being lead by Pat Reynette-James
- Garden Group 2 – new group on shrubs, perennials and herbaceous plants being led by Ian Snape
- Latin – restarting in October and group leader would attend September drop-in
- Astronomy – very successful open meeting and Vice-Chair has a list of members interested in joining a group – Stephen Leunig has offered to be the group leader.

The Vice-Chair proposed that she hold a meeting of all the members who have offered to set up new groups and their helpers to go through with them in detail the mechanics of running a successful group. This was agreed as a very good suggestion. The President felt that more emphasis should be placed with new members on helping with the running of groups.

Group Leaders' Get Together 20th June 2014

The Vice-Chair reported that this had been a highly successful event with 60 people attending and many expressing that they had enjoyed the function. The same venue to be booked for Friday 19th June 2015.

Committee Members' Responsibility for Groups

A table with the proposed clusters of groups had been circulated with the agenda. With some amendments, this was agreed as follows:

Brian James – Art, Music & Craft
Richard Wade – Outdoor Pursuits/ Physical Activities
Gordon Clarke – Study, Languages and Games
David Jamieson & Freda Snelson – History & Environment
Bev Austin & Inger Hawkins – Social
Pauline Carter – Open Groups

The responsibilities of the Committee Members would be to maintain regular contact with their groups, ascertain any issues, help with organisation and promotion of the group and occasionally visit a session.

Group Leaders' Meeting

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold group leaders' meetings twice yearly with the next one being on Thursday 16th October 2014 (the Community Centre, Burnby Hall, was not available on Wednesday 8th).

Any Other Business

Disability

Following an issue that had arisen with a member wishing to go on a Travel group trip, it was agreed that if a group leader felt that a member would not be safe on a group activity or could cause serious disruption to the group's activities, they could rightly exclude that member from the group and should seek the Vice-Chair's support in this.

Membership of Other U3As

It was also reaffirmed that Pocklington & District U3A would not accept members from other U3As without them paying the full Pocklington & District subscription. (Committee meeting 3rd September 2013 – Minute 6.3).

Dates of next meetings: - all at 10.15 a.m. at the Station Hotel, Pocklington

Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 26th August

Tuesday 23rd September

Tuesday 28th October

Tuesday 25th November

Tuesday 6th January 2015