

**Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 21 October 2020, 10.30 a.m.
Online meeting via Zoom**

Present: Graham Ball (Chair)
David Stone (Vice Chair)
Ron Tinkler (Secretary)
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Chris Mills (Past Chair)
Moira Laverack (Membership Secretary)
Liz Dearsly
Paul Giles
Rosemary Hutchinson
John Senior
Rosemary Waugh
Steve Fraser (President)

1. Introduction/Welcome

GB welcomed members and opened the meeting.

- a. Apologies for absence had been received from Elizabeth Walker.
- b. It was recorded that Menos Lagopoulos has had to stand down from the Committee for personal reasons.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15/9/20 were read. One amendment was made, under Item 5: the current balance of the U3A account should have been £5194. With this alteration, the minutes were accepted as a true record, proposed by DH and seconded by LD

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Groups.(DS)

- a. There had been messages from some groups giving details of current meeting situations – Playreading and Handbells Groups are both currently meeting in private houses, Jazz Group though Zoom and Ukulele Group on Zoom or outdoors.
- b. The Venue Contact was felt to have been a useful exercise, not least for goodwill. Some venues are closed for the foreseeable future, some for renovation work, and some open but with restrictions on, for instance, use of kitchen or toilet facilities. It was felt unnecessary to repeat the exercise in this calendar year, but to reassess the situation in the New Year. **DS will collate all**

the information received, update the list and send it to GLs and to Chris Smith for inclusion in the Website Handbook.

5. Treasurer's Update (ML)

- a. The current balance in the U3A account is £5061
- b. There is about £2800 in the Membership account (ML)
- c. The note which had been circulated as Doc 2 was discussed at some length. Points made in the discussion included:
 - i. A similar suggestion has been made before, and was met with resistance by some GLs, so that a full record could not be completed.
 - ii. Any balance of over £300 held by individuals should be reported to the Committee, and any cheque drawn for over £300 needs to be approved by the Committee.
 - iii. The Travel Group, which regularly deals with larger amounts of monies, has its own bank account.
 - iv. Some GLs may not be aware that under household insurance terms, no more than £300 should be kept in their homes. They should be advised of this.

There was general agreement that the document was a good idea, and it was agreed that DH would draft a message for GLs with a gentle approach, reassuring GLs and reminding them of their responsibility toward their members in terms of record-keeping and accounting with particular reference to aspects associated with 300 pounds limits and that any GL could request an annual review/audit of any accounts they hold through the Treasurer. An acknowledgement reply from GLs would be requested. **DH to draft document for Committee.**

6. Membership Secretary's update (ML)

- a. ML gave the figures for responses to the membership circular, which had provoked some very positive comments and reactions. The results were:
Current membership = 671

Response to non-renewals circulars:-

Renewed	35
Lapse	10
Lapse Current Yr	5
Moved	6
Deceased	2
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Those who have not responded by December 1st will be archived.

- b. Eleven households had requested to be removed from the magazine circulation, making a total fall of 25 from September to November.

- c. There had been no response to the suggestion of a Zoom meeting for new members, so this had not been pursued
- d. A friendly message of continuing support had been sent to all members who had decided to lapse their membership.
- e. There are some problems on the Stripe account with changing the name from PG to DH on the records. Payments are currently frozen for this reason, but this is no problem because there are no payments to make.

7. Secretary's update (RT)

- a. A precis report from the TAT AGM was presented, to be followed in due course by full minutes from the meeting. RT was thanked by the committee for representing the P&D U3A at the meeting. The salient points were
 - i. Sue Stokes from Barnsley U3A has completed her term as Regional Trustee for Yorkshire and Humber Region, and will be succeeded in the role by Margaret Fiddes from Sherburn and District U3A.
 - ii. The capitation charge for members will rise to £4.00 from April 2022. This had been the preferred option from P&D branch. The other two options were defeated.
 - i. The costs for the TAM were covered by advertising revenue, and no price rise was planned. Recharges to each U3A were the costs of distribution,

A summary of the meeting should form part of the next available Email and Postal Members Updates .

- b. ML and RT have drafted a communication (Doc 3 issued with Agenda) to be sent to all members who do not have access to e-mail, giving greetings and information. There are about ninety households in this situation.
- c. There was considerable discussion about the merits of joining the Beacon system platform (at a current cost of £1 p.c. for the next financial year). The report of the Beacon sub-committee was considered, and the current situation regarding the contract with WDY raised as needing investigation. The sub-committee will meet again in early December, and produce another report for consideration at the December Committee meeting particularly the issue of whether to link up in the short term with Beacon 1 or whether to wait for roll out of Beacon 2 which would put the earliest implementation date to April 2022.

8. AOB

No other business was raised.

9. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 18 November on Zoom