

Pocklington & District U3A

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th July 2022 10.30am.

Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane

Present: Chair JS, ML, EW, NB, GB, DH, PS, JC.

Apologies for absence received from RW, LL & CM

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Prop DH Sec NB

Matters Arising

Correction to Group Responsibilities discussed last month. Liz Storer will be looking after the music groups and Lynn Liddle the Social Groups.

WDY/Beacon – discussed further down.

No change to Group Leaders & NB hopes to have succession planning within groups by 31st Dec.

Chairs Report

Accord. Mins of JS Accord meeting have been circulated. We have now added The Accord to our website and links are in place to the other Accord members websites.

ERYC. Constructive discussions with ERYC. Under their Active Towns Initiative we may be eligible for a Grant of up to £1000 towards equipment. After a brief discussion JS requested that each committee member bring suggestions to the next meeting regarding what this could be used for. JS will complete the form ERMOS providing our organisations compliance with council regulations. Also ERYC will provide help in searching for new potential group leaders and a schedule for training courses such as first aid and walk leaders.

PockDown. An event organised by Pock Town Council at PRUFC on 30/7. We will have representation there. Neil Barrett & Photography Group and Sue Giles Embroidery Group. The purchase of U3A branded Pop-up Banners, circa£250, was agreed DH to organise.

Drop-in.

Feedback is that returning to the pre covid layout was favourably received although on the last occasion there was a shortage of helpers to clear tables and chairs away. This seems to be a one off and JS has requested that all committee members attend Drop-in and notify him if they will not be there which should avoid the need for a rota. Volunteers are being sought to assist with Tea & Coffee. LZ has volunteered to help.

JS opened up a discussion about having guest speakers at the drop in say every 3 months. The general view was that this would impact upon the social aspect of the drop ins and a separate Group meeting specifically for this might be a possibility. The other Accord members share info on speakers which we would be able to access.

Group Activity.

Archaeology Group still looking for a new leader, one possibility might be merging with a similar group from another Accord member.

Italian & French groups also seeking new leaders.

New Member Sarah Abbott has established an Outdoor Table Tennis Group and is also looking to establish a Gardening Appreciation Group. Derek Dunston, another new member is interested in setting up a Natural History Group.

Equipment. The need for new Audio Visual Equipment was discussed. It was suggested that this could be the subject of the possible ERYC Grant.

Treasurers Report.

Main a/c	£2,740.57
Subs a/c	<u>£8,021.08</u>
Total	£10,761.65

Not many bills this month, only £141.26 which includes the CLA Licence.

TAM Mailing costs are still unknown although these are expected any time. DH estimates they could be circa £1800.

The Annual Return to The Charity Commission has been submitted.

The Gift Aid claim is still outstanding.

Third Age Trust AGM

This is being held on Oct 6th.

DH outlined a proposal that the subscription rate which we pay in April be increased in line with the percentage increase in UK State Pension WEF April 2023, a second proposal is to implement this in April 2024 if the first is rejected. As our own members subscription due April 2023 is already fixed it was agreed that we should vote against the first proposal. DH agreed to register to vote on behalf of P&DU3A.

WDY/Beacon

The T&C's for Beacon do not specify a notice period to withdraw from it. Feedback from Accord is that other groups only use it for Mailing. WDY would charge a one off fee of £500 to set up a mailing suite and £150 for training with usage fees of £35 per 15000 emails. A considerable saving over Beacon.

DH has requested information from Companies House about WDY which would give an indication of the viability of that business before we commit to them. This did not arrive in time for today's meeting. Whatever, we need to complete a "Due Diligence" process before proceeding further with WDY.

Membership Secretary.

Current paid up members is now 705.

A few new members are still coming forward but as usual activity is quiet with an upturn expected in Sep/Oct.

A new members meeting was held last week but none of the invitees attended. They will be given the chance to attend the next one in Oct.

Members Code of Conduct.

ML outlined the background to this, and a discussion followed. As this was put forward by LL who was absent further discussions and decision will be differed until the next meeting.

A.O.B

GH will circulate notes from the TAT Zoom Conference.

With No other Business the meeting closed at 12.00