

**Pocklington & District U3A
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 October 2022, 10.30 a.m.
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

Present: Neil Barrett (Acting Chair)
Graham Ball (President)
Moirá Laverack (Membership Secretary)
David Hebden (Treasurer)
Rosemary Waugh (Secretary)
Jane Cole
Gerry Hutchinson
Lynn Liddle
Chris Mills
Liz Storer
Elizabeth Walker

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (NB)
 1. Apologies had been received from JS, HM and PS
2. Approval of Minutes of September 2022 meeting
 1. The minutes were accepted, proposed by JC, seconded LL
3. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting (NB)
 1. No matters arose which were not already on the agenda, so they are reported in the appropriate section to avoid confusion.
4. Chairman's Report (NB)
 1. In the absence of JS, it was reported that the update of the GL Handbook was in hand, and would be ready for the GL meeting. While discussing publications, attention was also drawn to the issuing of a "New Members Introduction Pack" from the TAT Brand Centre, which can be customised for individual branches; it was suggested that Committee members look at this online for a future discussion as to whether it would be useful.
5. Group Activity (NB)
 1. GL Meeting. The invitations have been issued and have so far brought a flurry of both apologies and acceptances – about 20 positive responses so far. Only a few have said they have, or will invite, a deputy, so it will be important to raise this issue at the meeting. Obviously some groups will find it harder to arrange a natural succession than others, depending on the nature of the group and the amount of expertise necessary.
 2. There has not been a response to the proposal for a Science Fiction Group, so this will not be going ahead.

6. Treasurer's update (DH)

1. Treasurer's report. The funds stand at £246 in the current account and £8508 in the Membership account. The major expenses at present will be for the reprint of the GL Handbook, and the postage for the newsletter to non-email users.
2. Notes from TAT AGM. Despite the mailing of a link, DH had been unable to access the meeting, but reported that some salient points were available on YouTube.
 1. Proposals to raise the capitation fee, due to the fall in membership nationally during the pandemic and the need to fund new development projects, were rejected, for both 2023 and 2024.
 2. Many new salaried posts have been created within TAT.
 3. More details are on the Treasurer's Report, circulated with these minutes.

A Zoom meeting to discuss these and other points is to be held by the local organisation and all members are invited. The message and invitation is attached to these minutes. CM and EW both expressed willingness to attend and represent the P&D and were thanked for this.

3. Purchase of gazebo. In the absence of JS this was not discussed, as it was unsure whether ERYC had yet been approached.
4. Conflict of interest for committee members. If a Committee member or member of their household is in a position to supply any goods or services which the P&D wants to purchase, it was agreed that this was not a problem provided that
 1. An alternative competitive quote had been obtained.
 2. The connection was declared and documented.

7. Membership Secretary's update (ML)

1. Membership update. The membership currently stands at 746, with five joining at the October Drop-in. The committee was reminded that anyone joining in December would get fourteen months' membership, as they would not be billed for the remaining portion of the year. However, this would not be publicised at the November Drop-in!
2. New Members' Meeting. Nine new members had attended a very successful meeting, representing a wide range of social situations. There had been considerable bonding, lively discussion and reluctance to leave. This point led to discussion about extending the social function of the P&D – suggestions included
 1. A third Sunday Singles group (both existing ones being filled)
 2. Informal meetings at the Tuesday morning coffee sessions in All Saints' Church
 3. Establishing 'chatting tables' for new members at Drop-ins, to continue socialising with representatives of the committee and with other new members after they leave the New Members desk.It had also been suggested that it would be useful to have a meeting venue available in the Catton/Stamford Bridge area. NB will investigate possibilities.
3. Development of Archive. Freda Snelson has a wealth of paperwork which she wants to share. ML will arrange a meeting with her, with a view to eventually being able to assemble a clear record of the chronology and development of the P&D, including records of officers.

8. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Memoriam notice. This had been sent out with the approval of the Committee, and had been well received by members.

9. AOB

1. JC drew attention to the fact that the Old Hands exhibition is publicized in the latest brochure from Pocklington Arts Centre, and will open on January 16th.
2. ML reminded that we need to make a definite decision about giving notice to Beacon, so that a new contract with WDY can be made from April 1st, 2023. It was felt that TAT have not given helpful amounts of information about a replacement for Beacon 2. DH will arrange a meeting with Tom from WDY, and report back at the next Committee meeting.

10. The meeting closed at 11.43.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 15 November, 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane