



Membership No. 822/801/10

RETFORD U3A COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 2.00 p.m.
At Hallcroft Community Centre

MINUTES

Present: Pippa Ramsay (Chair), Pamela Mann (Secretary), Patricia Everitt (Treasurer), Pat Lockett (Membership Sec) and Caroline Marsh (Group Co-ordinator).

Apologies: Carol Knowles, Lorraine Sulman, Bryan Gladstone.

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting

These were signed by Pippa Ramsay as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

The Short Easy Walking group has now been added to the Policy on Assistance Dogs on Walks.

3. General Meeting

At the June General Meeting 72 members and one visitor enjoyed a talk by Andy Smart on his 40 years in journalism. At the next meeting Bob Blatchford will talk about his experience seeing justice at work in the North of Canada among the Inuit.

4. Speaker Finder Report

Martin Yates, recommended by Angela Grant gives talks with slides and music on Gilbert and Sullivan. We could do with more information and any reviews from other groups where he has performed before. Music hasn't always worked well in the past at The Well. Pippa will investigate the facilities at The Well.

5. Financial Report (see attached)

The capitation fee has not yet been paid but a bill is due any time. The fee for Beacon has not yet been paid. Pat Lockett has 2 members who might step in to vacant positions on the committee. If 2 people came forward as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, that would make the work easier for both of them.

6. Interest Group Report

The Co-ordinators have had an offer to coach potential croquet players in Gainsborough. If enough people are interested, it may be possible to set up a Croquet group in Retford.

A Caleigh and Barn Dance group has been proposed also. So far, no one has been willing to lead the Short Easy Walking group so it will be difficult to proceed without a leader as a contact.

7. Notts Network

There is a conference in Nottingham on 21 September. Pippa and Pat Lockett will attend if they are free to do so. The NNNG (North Notts Neighbourhood Group) will have its AGM in October. The venue will be in Forest Town.

Pat Lockett attended the Party in Sherwood Forest. There was music throughout the day, groups brought simple games to play such as Welly Wanging. The weather was good so it was an enjoyable day.

8. Newsletter

The Treasurer will advertise her post which will become vacant next April. She hopes to get a deputy who can learn the ropes before taking over.

9. Website

Nothing to discuss.

10. Publicity

Carol and Caroline have designed new leaflets and bookmarks which will be on display on the market stall in September. We are hoping to get bunting also. The stall will be in the morning only as the General Meeting will be in the afternoon of that Thursday. Enquiries have been made about an 0300 number which should be free for charities.

We were approached at the last Gen Meeting by Nathan Farrow of NHS social prescribing. The u3a are not carers but an e-mail to him should emphasise the object clause of the u3a. Dave Bacon of the Retford social prescribing team had already been in contact with members of the committee.

11. Communications

Pippa to read the election manifestos of the three people completing to be the new Chair of the Third Age Trust. Then she will be able to vote for one.

12. Membership Update

Lapsed members will now be taken off the membership list as 13 weeks have passed without renewal. We currently have 18 Honorary members, 26 Associates and 475 full members. Total 519.

13. Welfare.

2 Members have passed away, Nick Prouse and Phil Drummond. Both were remembered in the last Not So Idle Times.

14. Events

Not all group leaders have responded to a request to participate in the Showcasing event at the General Meeting in November. Another planning meeting is needed.

15. Any Other Business.

16. Date of Next Meeting will be 6th Aug 2024
The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

Signed by the Chair

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