

Great Glen U3A Committee Meeting held on 3rd December 2019

1. **Present:** Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Janet Fanko, Roger Edwards, Rachael Snashall, Bill Maxted, Lynda Williams, John Johnson, Stella Orbell. There were no apologies.
2. **The Minutes of 5.11.19** were agreed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising not on the agenda.**
 - John had contacted several group leaders: Peter Stanley has 10 or 11 members of Carpet Bowls, two of which were from the Open Day; John Gough has 8 - 11 but room for more and was encouraged to put a piece in the newsletter; Beryl Connolly has 4 - 5 flower arrangers and could advertise vacancies again; John Lawson only has room for 8 players at a time.
 - Bryan Elks - this matter has been resolved.
 - Telescope. - no response so to be put in the newsletter again.
 - Risk assessment is ongoing.
 - Smartphone Learn something New. Possible trainer identified. Sue willing to co-ordinate but not to run.
 - Laptops. 2 now updated.
 - Croquet complaint now resolved.
4. **December Christmas Crackers.**
 - 70 tickets sold.
 - Childrens' Choir confirmed and biscuits and squash to be provided by Rachael.
 - Programme circulated to committee. Raffle time reduced as no public draw.
 - Raffle. A number of prizes now collected (thank you). Tickets to be £1 each. Patricia to sell. Raffle to be drawn and tickets applied to prizes ready for collection.
 - Food and drinks organised. 5 tables required - 1 for each corner of the hall and 1 by the door on which to sort out the food on arrival.
 - Doors to be unlocked at 9 a.m. coffee makers required at 9.30 a.m.
 - John and Janet to sort out some Christmas music to play until the entertainment starts. Not carols as we are singing these later. Patricia to bring CD player.
 - Carol sheets organised for singalong.
5. **Finance.**
 - £8,000+ in the bank.
 - Budget: Possible loss of Village Hall and Sports Hall during the year needs to be considered. John to enquire re availability and cost of hall at Burton Overy.

6. Beacon System and Membership

- New members 5 this month. Total 392. 52 at reduced price and 91 do not take the magazine. Checks to be made when people join to ensure they are not paying 2 reduced rates rather than one full and one reduced.
- It was AGREED that we will no longer provide membership cards. Those who pay by cash will in future receive a printed paper receipt as the ticket had previously acted as a receipt for cash subs.

7. Gift Aid running smoothly.

8. Meeting Attendance.

- The Village Hall heating is now being put on earlier but it can still be chilly at the back.
- John to attend U3A workshop in Lincoln on 5.12.19

9. Correspondence.

- None from TAT. Members encouraged to sign up for National email Newsletter.
- Garden Quiz to be passed to Lynda Hobart.

10 New Members' Meeting.

- 18 agreed to come and 12 turned up. Some apologies received. Went well and helpers were thanked.
- Lyn Francis - a lady knowledgeable about disability may attend the January Committee Meeting and may have some input to the possible role of Disability Officer.

11 Shared Learning Project.

Toni in contact with the Regional Co-ordinator.

12 Open Day and U3A Day 3.06.20

- Village Hall reserved for the morning. Patricia had been keeping an eye on Facebook suggestions re this and pointed out that most U3As were doing something unusual e.g. Holding an outdoor event it being June.
- It was AGREED to continue with our October Open Day as already discussed and to try to come up with a fresh idea for the June Day.

13 Network Matters.

Volunteer Research Ambassador required for the area. Paragraph to go in the newsletter.

Newsletter 80 copies this month.

14 Other Business

- Rachael concerned whether she should still hold art in Ruth Warner Room if numbers were down to 3. Suggested that she should advertise and possibly put a small display up for the main meeting in January.
- A.G.M. information. It was AGREED to include this in Renewals letter either by email or hard copy to those not on computer.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2020 2.15 p.m.