

## **Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

- 1. Present:** Sue and Peter Russell, Rachael Snashall, Stella Orbell, Roger Edwards, Toni Smith, Patricia and Robert Mansfield.
- 2. The Minutes of a meeting held on 3.10.17** were agreed as a true record.
- 3. Matters Arising:**
  - Flower Arranging. Money now being received.
  - Ukelele Group publicity. A poster has been designed and will be displayed on an 'A' frame.
  - Constitution wording re gifts was agreed (see attached)
- 4. Carpet Bowls:**
  - Our proposal re taking over the running of the group has been agreed (see attached). We shall start weekly indoor bowls sessions following the November meeting on 16.11.17. Village Hall committee to be informed
  - Peter Stanley (group leader) has been given membership forms for the existing group, a register and group leader information. Initial membership will last until April 2019.
- 5. Provision for disabled members:**
  - A meeting has been arranged between Peter Russell, Robert Mansfield, Rev Fran Rhys and Rev Gordon Webb on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017 at 3 p.m.
  - It was agreed that we are willing to offer to pay a portion of the cost of a hearing loop in the hall, but we are not prepared to pay the whole cost.
- 6. Finance.**
  - £8,000 in the bank.
  - Bank security is now changing. A mobile phone is now required to access the account.
  - At the December Committee meeting our possible group subs increase will be discussed. Roger requested to provide budget forecasts of the exact financial position, so that we can make an informed decision.
  - The procedure for reminders for membership renewal and procedure for renewal to be reviewed.
  - It was agreed that the Reduced Rate of £5 for members of another U3A should be offered again for the year 2017/18
  - Gift aid. H.M.R.C. have not responded to our informatory letter.
  - Gift Aid records are up to date and our next claim will go in in May.
- 7. Tai Chi.**

12 people are confirmed start up members with 15 on the waiting list. Rosie is obtaining insurance. The church rent has been set at £8 for 1 hour. Tuesdays 4 - 5 p.m. £1 per session as usual.

## **8. Table Top Games.**

Gillian Farrar has withdrawn. Group leaders now Eileen Appleby and Helen Edwards.

## **9. New Members' Meetings.**

Went quite well with 11 members or potential members at each session. No real offers of help other than a Tai Chi helper.

## **10 November main meeting.**

Malcolm Riddle on Leicester Trams. Needs all equipment except laptop.

Speaker programme now booked until April 2019

## **11 Christmas Meeting:**

St Cuthberts choir attending first in programme. We will provide refreshments for them. Ukelele group will follow then poems and readings. Then musical programme to finish. Tickets £2 in aid of R.E.M.A.P. Stella to sell. Peter to provide keyboard.

## **12 Membership** now stands at 357

## **13 Correspondence**

Network meeting info for 24.11.17 Patricia and Robert to attend.

Network quiz - quiz group to provide a team. Network Bridge event - more info needed.

## **14 Newsletter.**

Room cancellations and postponements for Christmas. Leaders to inform Jenny Ritchie, copy Roger.

## **15 Other Business**

Complaint re mats in refreshments cupboard triggered conversation re storage generally. Village Hall storage for speakers for sound system to be investigated. No decisions.

**Next Meeting Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2.15 p.m.**