

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 6th August 2019

Present: Robert and Patricia Mansfield, Janet Fanko, Roger Edwards, Rachael Snashall, Lynda Williams. Apologies received from John Johnson, Bill Maxted and Stella Orbell.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on 2.07.19 were agreed as a true record, subject to minor typographical amendments. There were no Matters Arising not on the agenda.

September Monthly Meeting. Patricia to advise Rachael of speaker's equipment requirements when known. Ukulele Group to provide catering.

Finance / Insurance Matters.

£10,000 in the bank approx. after payment of rents.

Roger awaiting advice from TAT whether we need to arrange special event insurance cover for Open Day, trips etc.

Membership Matters.

361 members. 1 new in July (23 this year). 45 are reduced. 79 declining the TAM.

Janet pursuing Beacon information. Suggested she contacts Rutland or South Leics U3As re their use of, benefits from and experience in implementing Beacon 2. The Committee (or some members) should see a demonstration before any formal proposal is considered.

Gift Aid. No report. Roger had previously emailed members about latest contact with HMRC updating them on level of sessional donations. This should mitigate risk of clawback of previous gift aid monies.

Group Co-ordinator's Report. No report. NB. Actions from July meeting need follow-up.

Ukulele Group: request for microphones (c.£190) approved, on basis that these will be GGU3A assets. Robert to write to Alan Mawby re purchase, use, security marking and testing. Roger to contact Alan separately re request for A-frame.

Attendance at Meetings. Roger confirmed steady year-on-year decline in attendances at monthly meetings. Agreed need to investigate reasons - Bill to analyse attendance registers for patterns. Roger to work up and circulate for comment draft survey to be administered by email. Agreed also to ask Group Leaders to ask group members - questions to be determined - and report back. Immediate actions for promoting attendance as follows:

- Mention in Chair's Chat
- Poster at Open Day promoting September meeting

- Posters in Parish Council office - Robert to contact to arrange for display, Patricia to source portraits etc for future speakers (for posters and Newsletter)
- Janet had made a post on Great Glen Facebook page, and to add / take down future posters

Also noted that attendance at some groups is very low or has markedly declined: Carpet Bowls, Indoor Croquet, Flower Arranging, Music and Good Company of apparent concern. John to follow up.

Open Day 3rd Sept 2019 10 - 12 noon.

Beryl Connolly confirmed for flower arrangements.

Revised leaflet circulated and improvements suggested; 40 to be printed (Janet).

Posters to be displayed in Oadby Library - Robert to arrange.

Catering: 11.00 to 12.00 session needs volunteers. The following were suggested: one from ECD, Lynda and if needed Sandra Brown - Rachael to organise.

Committee members to be available from 09.00 to set up.

New Members Meeting 8th November 2019.

Note change of date, as previous date clashes with Network workshops, which Eric Orbell and Robert plan to attend. Robert to book Ruth Warner Room for a meeting 10.00 to 12.00 noon. Hosting to be arranged in light of number of responses. Robert to check with Peter Russell re previous films / slides used. Emphasis needs to be on GGU3A activities.

Christmas Arrangements

Various ideas discussed, including open invitation to members to take part. Assumed choristers from St Cuthbert's should be included again. Robert to check Stella's thoughts.

Correspondence. No report.

Invitation from office of Neil O'Brien MP to visit Parliament welcomed. Lynda to put piece in Newsletter inviting interest in organising this.

Newsletter.

Next edition to be published around 16 August, 110 copies to cover Open Day and September meeting.

Emergency Key Holder for Sports Hall. Robert to apply for extra key to be held by Jackie Jordan.

Next Meeting Tuesday 1st October 2019 2.15 p.m.