

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 2nd January 2018

1. **Present:** Sue and Peter Russell, Robert Mansfield, Roger Edwards, Rachael Snashall, Toni Smith, Stella Orbell
2. **Apologies:** Patricia Mansfield
3. **Minutes of a meeting held on 5.12 17** were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** were all on the agenda.
5. **Christmas Meeting 2017**
 - This was cancelled due to extremely dangerous icy conditions underfoot. The majority of members received the news in advance by e-mail or telephone. Only 8 members turned up and they were offered tea and chat.
 - Members may request a refund for the next 2 monthly meetings, otherwise the money will go to REMAP
6. **January Meeting.**
 - Speaker requires use of all our equipment and a table.
 - Chairman will announce the decision regarding introduction of £1.50 charge or groups from April 1st.
7. **Correspondence.**
 - Insurance certificate to Roger.
 - Committee Communications Calendar outlining the items which will be sent through the post during the year.
 - Notice of T.A.T. Emergency General Meeting 21.3.18 at Birmingham University.
 - Articles of Association of TAT and letter explaining the recent review of the way it is organised. Changes to the Articles are outlined in a letter.
 - Replacement pages on Financial Matters for the Committee Reference file.
 - Letter explaining the new Object Clause for U3A Constitutions. The committee agreed to adopt the wording as we have been advised. It was agreed that the Secretary would e-mail the given address to ask whether the clause was considered to be suitable to cover our various dining groups and all our sporting activities.
 - National Workshops Information. The dates given are not convenient so it was agreed that we will wait to hear if further workshops are to be arranged, particularly with regard to the Data Protection laws.
8. **AGM Notice**
 - Draft notice brought to the meeting. The new 'Object' clause to be added to the constitution changes. Also it was decided to change the name of the U3A in line with all the others. Changing it from Great Glen U3A Interests Group to Great Glen U3A.
 - The Annual Report (updated from last year) to be put on the web site from February.

- Secretary to check with Barry Wilford whether he is willing to audit the accounts in the year 2018/19

9. Finance.

- £7,500 in the bank. £500 to be paid in rents this month.
- Swimming contract to be brought to the committee for renewal and signature by an officer rather than put through automatically by the group leader.

10 Advice to Group Leaders Update.

- 1 or 2 small changes otherwise to be put onto the web site.

11 Long Service Awards.

x to receive long service award in the form of a plaque engraved with-

12 Meeting Charges.

Change to £1.50 per meeting from April 1st and a new register for every group.

13 Newsletter. 110 copies.

14 Membership Update.

- No new members in December.
- A joint reduced membership since Christmas bringing total to 367

15 Renewals Procedure.

Schedule to proceed as outlined. Letter to go out with agenda letter.

Membership cards - blue this year to be printed in advance with slightly altered wording.

Committee to deliver letters from February committee meeting and then given out at main meeting.

16 Other Business

- E-mail from church re car park. Peter to reply saying U3A will not be having any capital input to the project.
- Three diaries unsold. To be offered at main meeting at reduced price of £2.
 - Very good turn out for Christmas Singalong with ukeleles.
 - Tai chi starts Jan. 9th.
 - Mike Cheeseman to be offered £5.50 one off renewal.
 - Advert re Digital Champions Project for the over 50s to be added to newsletter.

Next Meeting to take place on February 6th 2.15 p.m.