



Buckingham & District U3A

Minutes

For the 229th Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 10 am in the Buckingham Community Centre

Present: Martin Paul (Chairman), Lilia Bogle, Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Lorna Joy (Membership Secretary), Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor) and Cliff Dammers (Secretary)

Apologies

Steve Heywood

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2019 were approved.

Matters Arising

The Chairman welcomed Lilia Bogle and thanked her for volunteering to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee unanimously co-opted Lilia as Vice-Chair.

The Committee discussed the Group Co-ordinators meeting. Several Group Co-ordinators have resigned and are yet to be replaced.

The Committee discussed possible ways of encouraging members to act as Group Coordinator. A training session was considered, to be held later in the year. The date is to be checked with Steve Heywood.

Peter Holman is standing in as Group Co-ordinator for the Bridge Tuition Group.

It was pointed out that Steve Heywood needs a shadow.

The Committee discussed whether Committee members might visit group meetings in order to have a better idea of different groups' activities.

The Committee decided that Martin Paul or Steve Heywood should send an e-mail to Group Co-ordinators asking whom should be contacted if the Group Co-ordinator is taken ill or otherwise unavailable.

The Committee discussed complaints that had been raised about RoundCube. Derek Morgan said that spam should be moved to the junk folder and not deleted. That will stop much of the junk mail.

The Third Age Trust and some member societies are suggesting the use of Beacon, another e-mail platform. There is a meeting on 11 June to learn about it. It does not have trouble with spam and is only used by U3A societies.

The Committee discussed the arrangements for the Summer Social. The Group Co-ordinators at their meeting said they wanted to retain the same format as in prior years.

The date is 24 July. Carolina Kenealy has prepared a quiz. There will be a glass of Bucks Fizz and wine. There will be entertainment: possibly the Ukulele Group or the Stowe Music Group. It was agreed to charge £1.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that Society's finances are healthy and it is possible to keep the charge for the open meetings at £1. The Committee decided to keep the charge at £1.

The Third Age Trust annual general meeting will be held on 29 August 2019 in Nottingham. Lilia Bogle volunteered to attend. If no one else on the Committee wishes to attend, the Group Co-ordinators will be asked if any of them wishes to go.

Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership Secretary reported that she is a little concerned about recruiting new members. It is a little off-putting to ask new members to pay the full annual membership subscription for the tag end of the year. The Treasurer suggested new members who join toward the end of the year can be asked to delay payment until September in order to avoid the problem.

There has not been any progress on finding a shadow for the Membership Secretary.

Speaker Secretary Report

Julian Lovelock is a good speaker and is willing to speak at an open meeting.

Webmaster's Report

The Webmaster reported that the minutes of the Group Co-ordinators meeting will be put on the Society's website and the Committee voted its thanks to Robert Winks.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 24 June 2019 at 10 am in the large hall in the Buckingham Community Centre.