



## MINUTES

### **For the 270th Committee Meeting held at 10.00 am Monday 26th June online via Zoom**

**Present:** Lilia Bogle (Chairperson), Howard Mordue (Vice Chairman), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary), Mark and Katerina Owen and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers), Sarah Katz (Newsletter Editor), Janti Mistry (Membership Secretary), Robert Winks (deputising for Secretary)

**Apologies:** Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Dorothy Morgan (Secretary), Paddy Collins (Treasurer)

**Absences:** None

**Welcome:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were accepted.

### **Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 22nd May 2023**

These were approved, subject to one amendment and discussion as outlined in Matters arising as follows:

#### **Matters arising:**

**LB** requested a clearer explanation of the First Aid training issue, so the first sentence should be amended to: "Regarding the suggestion of approaching a doctor/consultant it may be inappropriate to ask her re- the training for first aid, as this is a recognised training need and not usually given at consultancy level."

Some discussion took place and **MO** felt that only a small number of groups were affected by potential accidents, e.g. Line dancing, Folk dancing, rather than groups meeting in houses; one should try to identify those groups and pursue organisation of the training. **LB** undertook to publicise and encourage interest at the forthcoming monthly meeting on June 28th.

**Action: LB**

#### **Treasurers's report:**

**PC** had confirmed in his emailed apology for absence that he had nothing to report and that the finances were "in good shape".

As **PC** was one of the committee members due to step down at the AGM in November this prompted **LB** to raise the issue of Trustees and the structure of the

Committee as she herself would be retiring too; she would hope to issue a memo with details of the vacancies within the next weeks, following further discussion and deliberations.

#### **Newsletter Editor's Report:**

**SK** confirmed that she was currently working on the next newsletter, and apologised for not being able to attend the monthly meeting. She confirmed that she could continue in her role until at least the end of 2023 as the date of her return to the USA in the summer of 2024 was not yet set. LB complimented her for stepping in as Editor so swiftly, and said that she deserved "enormous thanks"; this was backed up by AN and the rest of the Committee. JM hinted that he may be able to assist with the newsletter.

#### **Membership Secretary's report:**

**JM** reported the current roll of the Association as 796 members and that there was currently little activity, but more people were likely to join after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **Speaker Secretary's Report:**

**RS** raised the matter of technical support for meetings further to the email from webmaster DM advising that he was currently unable to fulfil this additional role. RS asked that a request for someone to take this on permanently be made at the next meeting by LB. He did not anticipate any problems with technical issues at this meeting anyway.

AN thought that the U3A was the only organisation to use equipment for speakers but was advised that this was not the case. The fact that the U3A Treasurer PC was also manager of the Community Centre was mentioned.

RS reported that he would be unable to attend the next Committee meeting on 24th July. Some discussion followed about having a hybrid approach at the monthly meeting, whereby the talk could also be streamed via Zoom to enable members unable to attend in person due to work commitments to benefit.

LB had already highlighted the changing demographic of membership with some younger members joining.

RS commented that some speakers' presentations were protected by copyright and thus distribution needed to be controlled. Nevertheless, this dual approach could be a possibility with the caveat that each speaker had the right to refuse.

#### **Group Liaison Officers' Report:**

**MO** confirmed that the new Astronomy group still only had 6 members and added that the Royal Latin School could be a suitable venue for this as well as the Science group owing to costs at the Library.

**AN** briefly outlined a misunderstanding over a planned Latin group which had now been resolved.

**Webmaster's Report:**

As noted, DM was unable to be present at the meeting but had reported that all matters were up to date with the final transfer of groups to the SM system.

**Any Other Business:**

The concerns of Christine Dodds with regard to the catering arrangements for the Summer Social on 26th July were discussed.

Her team had been depleted from 5 to 2 and she preferred a system of serving at tables rather than a buffet.

LB flagged up the continuing uncertainty over costs as only 40 members had currently confirmed attendance. However, she maintained that Costco remained a reasonably priced source for accessing provisions. She undertook to request members' assistance with the catering at the Social when making announcements at the monthly meeting.

She also confirmed having written to the Flower arrangement groups to help with table flowers, whereas the association had paid for flowers at the Christmas social.

**KO** stated that she had been given access to Simple administration for Events.

Provision of a quiz was discussed but not confirmed, but the need for some form of entertainment was stressed. The U3A orchestra was mentioned or an email could be sent to groups asking for musical contributions.

**Action: LB**

HM advised that he would be unable to attend the Social, due to having to attend a planning meeting in Aylesbury.

**Next Committee Meeting(271st) to be held on Monday 24th July 2023 at 10.00a.m. Via Zoom or in person at Buckingham Community Centre (T.B.A.)**

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