

BURNLEY AND DISTRICT U3A

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE UNITY CENTRE, PADIHAM, 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present - A.Wiseman (Chair), M.Bushby, F.Whittle, B.Milne, B.Hayman, P.Ferguson, J.Green, M.Jackson

1. Apologies for absence - M.Philp, G.Markin, M.Hartley, J.Bridge
2. Minutes of previous meeting - Accepted as correct and signed by A.Wiseman
3. Matters arising from the minutes - Re. the suggestion that the newsletter be displayed on the hall screen at the monthly meeting (point 8), FW is to contact TL to induct some members in the use of the in-house projector
4. Correspondence received and Secretary's Report -

Received from the trust -

Annual report and Accounts 2014/15

CLA Licence Renewal (£60) now due - to renew go to mailings section in the members area of the website and click on the link or send a letter with a cheque for £60.

Cover note for Tour Operators Liability Insurance which is arranged by the Trust.

Three new subject advisors have been appointed- Military History, Petanque and Poetry. Details are in the Members' Area of the website under Subject Advice.

5. Treasurer's Report

1. At the end of August the U3A had 240 members.
2. The main account at the end of August had a balance of £8090 and the social account had £1034. It has been a quiet couple of months since the last committee meeting with a reduction of £215 on the main account and an increase of £557 on the social account. In September payment for the coach for the social group's outing to Port Sunlight will be made and for which cash from the group's leaders has already been received.
3. Most group leaders have sent in their financial statements for January to June 2015, and those who have not yet done so have been spoken to .
4. MJ thanked again John Hartley for keeping the books over the past several years. John ran a manual system, and now MJ is moving over to more electronic methods. John, Margaret and MJ are the current signatories, with two out of the three authorising payments and so forth. MJ intends shortly to register all three as online users of the bank account, which will give us easier access to the U3A's bank account.

MJ suggested that her phone number be included on the membership form which is to be displayed on the website.

6. Groups Co-ordinator's Report -

A German language group has been suggested. It was stressed that setting up new groups should be organised through the Co-ordinator. An advice leaflet for setting up a new group is available.

It was resolved that the memory course should be "written off" because of the difficulty of its implementation.

7. Publicity Officer's Report

On the 7th of August FW attended the Pensioners Fair in Nelson at the invitation of the Pendle MP. 80 visitors were recorded and the response to the U3A stand was good with several people expressing an interest in attending meetings.

On Sept. 4th FW will attend another Fair in Colne and on Sept 11 the final one in Barnoldswick.

We have also been invited to have a publicity stall at the next event at Pendle Heritage Centre in November, which FW has agreed to attend.

8. Web Editor's Report - None received

9. Speakers' Secretary Report

Speakers have been booked until November next year.

Thanks have been received from last month's speaker, Geoff Scargill, for the collection totalling £93.20.

10. Groups Co-ordinator replacement -

BM will be resigning from the position of Group Co-ordinator as from October. The Committee thanked her for her service to the U3A.

JG has volunteered to take over the position until the next AGM.

11. Joint meeting with Clitheroe, Todmorden, etc.

This will take place at the Unity Centre on Monday 21st September at 2 p.m.

12. Use of Reserves

The following suggestions were accepted unanimously by the group -

Next year the subscription fee will be reduced to £16 per person and £30 for a couple at the same address. To comply with our Constitution, notification of this proposal must be made one month in advance, and will be announced in the newsletter. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held to put the proposal before the members before the start of a monthly meeting.

New display boards are to be purchased.

13. Any Other Business -

The group thanked FW for arranging the Christmas meeting entertainment, which will be Veronica Walker of the Dickensian Society. This will be on December 10th and will be held in the chapel.

JG suggested that members should retain the same membership number throughout their membership - ongoing

14. Next meeting

Monday 2nd November 2015 at 10 a.m., at the Unity Centre, Padiham.

