

Burnley and District U3A

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Unity Centre Padiham Feb 28th

Present S.Limmer, M Bushby F Whittle J Bridge A Wiseman P Ferguson B Hayman M Philp P Hartley M Jackson

1 Apologies for absence G Markham

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were accepted and signed off.

3 Matters arising

Matters arising from the minutes are covered in the agenda

4 Correspondence and Secretary's report

An email was received from the STROKE prevention group and distributed to all committee members. This was considered an important subject and the possibility of having a representative at a monthly meeting was agreed. This could take the form of a display board in the centenary room during coffee with a representative present to answer questions .

Received from the Trust

A letter from Sam Mauger stating that due to demand the possibility of holding events outside London will be explored.

The Notice of the AGM which will be held in Nottingham on Aug. 31st – proposed resolutions to the Company Secretary by April 28th. Nominations for officers and Members of the National executive will be required by the end of June . 5 regional trustees will be retiring this year, in South West , London, West Midlands, South East and N Yorkshire& Humber.

Regional trustees can be nominated by any U3A in those areas & election will be by postal voting.

PPL Licence for Jan 1st to Dec 31st

The Public & Products Liability insurance certificate for Jan 1st to Dec 31st

Details of Direct Mail scheme for TAM to be passed to Marjorie

Booklet dealing with summer schools 2017

Information of RHS discounts offered to U3As – to be passed to outings group.

5 Treasurers report.

A 27th Feb enrolment of members stood at 270 which represents an increase of 3.8%. over 2016 when membership numbered 260.

B Feb 27th the main bank account showed a balance of £9005.57. and the social account £560.40.

C subscriptions received in the next few months will significantly raise the balance of the Main account but this will then be reduced by the sums paid out to the Trust

and 3rd age magazine .

D Some group leaders still need to pass on their accounts.

E It is hoped the end of year accounts will be available at the March meeting .

6 Group Coordinators Report

The group Leaders meeting passed relatively well and achieved its main objective of discussing details for the 10th Anniversary celebration .

The new German group under the leadership of Laura Carter continues to flourish with 2 new U3A members to its credit. Currently space at the Central Library is limited to 10 due to the size of the room .

7 Publicity officers report

New leaflets have arrived and will be put in libraries.

8 Web Masters' report

The web site has been updated and amended with information from the monthly newsletter. No information from group leaders apart from the Outings group. Some specialist groups are rather sparse on information for prospective members and in some cases probably out of date.

Anyone who has things for social media can send them to johnrbridge@gmail.com or can post using the visitor post option .

A Youtube channel has been created for Burnley and district U3A and can be accessed by searching Burnley U3A

The monthly newsletter has undergone a redesign which seems to have met with general approval . John has reintroduced contact details for some committee members after comments from one or two members.

The newsletter front and back covers are now printed in colour which has increased the cost by approximately £8 per month. The email and the abridged downloadable version are now available in PDF format.

Short articles and all diary information should be sent to burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com by the normal cut off date.

The introductory brochure has been updated with amended text and images and 200 copies have been printed at a cost of £30. This is also available to download from the website as a PDF file.

9 Speaker Secretary Report

Burnley Film Club has some historic and educational films of approx. 10 mins in length available to borrow .

A speaker is available , who does monologues , jokes and songs , it was agreed to book for the Christmas meeting.

10 Anniversary celebrations

Progress is being made with the Anniversary celebrations .After discussion at the Group Leader's meeting it was agreed to keep to the original format. A further meeting is needed of the sub- committee to measure the hall and finalise numbers . B Taylor has requested that she is able to buy materials for the decorations.

A short account of how the U3A started will be given and entertainment will be provided by members .There have been a good number of volunteers come forward to help on the day and before hand. Peter Hartley will act as Master of Ceremonies and Alan will help coordinate .

11 Group Leaders meeting

The meeting went and the main topic of discussion was the Anniversary Celebration. It was also agreed at the meeting , that in order to solve the constant tea rota problem . each group would take it in turn to cover the tea rota, with smaller groups combining . This will start in April.

12AGM

It is essential that we get nominations for a membership secretary. It was decided that the membership secretary should have access to the laptop computer to make their work and transfer of the role easier .

Members who have completed their time and can be re-elected are Freda, Gwyn , Margaret .

This will be mentioned at the next monthly meeting , 21 days notice should be given .

Interested members may attend a committee meeting if they wish.

Job spec will be emailed to all group leaders so they can pass on the information to interested members.

The AGM is April 27th

13Photography group application for funding

A letter has been received from the Photography group seeking funds to purchase a laptop computer to use at meetings. It was proposed and agreed that John Bridge could on behalf of the Photography group and U3A purchase a suitable laptop up the value of £500 plus vat.

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Date Of Next Meeting

March 28th 6pm Padiham Unitarian Chapel