

**ILKESTON U3A**

**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 AT FIRE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM.**

**PRESENT:** Ann Riley, Valerie Buxton, John Bell, Marian Stopper, Andrew Wright, Malcolm Muckle, Jean Henderson and June Barnes.

**APOLOGIES:** Sylvia Farmer, John Stocks, Sharran Aldred.

Action

**19.082. Welcome**

Chair, Ann Riley opened the meeting at 10am.

**19.083. Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

The accuracy of minutes was confirmed and signed by the Chair.

AR

**19.084. Open Meetings**

a. The August meeting was well attended, although the Speaker was deemed to be a bit dull. The annual fire drill was a success.

b. The main Speaker for September has been contacted and confirmed; at present, to date there are no confirmed arrangements for a short speaker for the meeting,

SA

c. The report from the last Interest Group Fair was distributed, the existing plan was inadequate so a new more detailed plan has been created. Most of the Group leaders have now been contacted by phone requesting their requirements. AR and AW have been to the Arena to discuss the arrangements. The refreshments are to be relocated to the other side of the stage. The meeting room at the Arena has been refurbished and all Group Leaders have been informed **no Blue Tack, adhesive or items to be attached to the walls**. However, we have the use their screens as well as our own 'A' frames, all available upon request.

AR/AW

Arrangements for access to the room from 9.00am for Group Leaders have been made.

d. The Committee is concerned over lack of volunteers to take over the roles of group leaders, Gardening group is actively looking for a new Group Leader, and we have lost other Groups this year due to lack of Leaders.

e. The Committee need to start looking to the membership to encourage more members to step into roles on the Committee and also explore the possibility of prospective Group Leaders.

f. New members meeting agreed at the Project Café, Bath Street, on 28<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm. All members are welcome.

**19.085. Suggestion Box**

No feedback from the members. Maybe we need to remind members of its existence.

AR

**19.086. Charity Commission**

Ilkeston U3A's application for Independent Charity status was accepted at the first attempt. Well done to Val and Ann for their meticulous work.

VB/AR

JB distributed hard copies of the amended Constitution for the Committee to check, reflecting the change in status of Ilkeston U3A before issuing to the membership.

JB

19.087.	<b>Constitution</b>	The amended version of the Constitution needs bringing to the attention of the members for acceptance. The Committee discussed the timing for this and needs to be addressed before the end of the financial year. We decided to do this asap with John S distributing it via email and post in late October, and in the November Newsletter, Hard copies to be posted out after November meeting to those who don't attend the Open meeting. All members should receive this information.	Action JB/JS
19.088.	<b>Chairs absence</b>	The Chair may be absent from meetings during the six weeks following September 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2019. Vice Chair Malcolm Muckle will chair the September Open Meeting at the Arena.	MM
19.089.	<b>Unauthorised Storage</b>	VB to reply on behalf of the Committee to the letter received from a Group Leader regarding right to use storage cupboard.	VB
19.090.	<b>Budget 2020</b>	a. Val has looked at the budget for next year and suggested we keep the subscriptions at £15 for another year, we are still in surplus. The balance is reducing however the Chair would have liked to have seen another small reduction in fees. We will continue to collect the 50p entrance fee. VB proposed the budget to be accepted, AR seconded, motion passed.	VB/AR
19.091	<b>Membership</b>	The Membership renewal form has been amended for 2020 and updated on the website. New members application form also requires latest updates for 2020. Subscription request to be included in the October/ November newsletters.	MS
19.092.	<b>Routine Reports</b>	<b>Due to the fact the Committee meeting was brought forward due to the Chairs impending absence there are no monthly reports this month. The scheduled October Committee meeting will reflect these figures.</b>	
19.093.	<b>Report from other meetings</b>	a. Cluster- chairs meeting AR may be unable to attend b. Cluster – AW will attend. AR will make a decision later. c. Derbyshire Network – clash of dates with the Ilkeston U3A Committee meeting no member from Ilkeston U3A will be in attendance.	AR AW/AR
19.094.	<b>A.O.B</b>	Letter has been received from HSBC, regarding our update confirms all mandates are in place. JB offered his resignation both as Joint Business Secretary and a member of the Committee due to his continuing ill health problems. MM explained he will not be available to serve on The Committee from the November meeting due to his family commitments and offered his resignation to the Committee.	VB JB MM

AR thanked JB and MM for their valuable contribution to the work of Ilkeston U3A Committee and wished them well in the future.

Next Meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at Fire Station. 10.00am

The Chair, thanked the committee and closed the meeting at 11.35am.

Signed .....

Dated. 8/10/2019.....