

Aughton & Ormskirk U3A
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes 15th June 2010

Present: Jeff Roberts, Dorothy Harrison, Wendy Craddock, Chris Jones, Ann Haskell, Bill Evans, Beth Blamires, Anne Snell, Margery Sargent, Norman Williamson, Bernie Handford, Pat MacKenzie, Edna Lally, Pauline Jones, David Blanchflower, Peter Sewell (Trustee)

Formalities Agenda

- 1) Margery Sargent was co-opted as a member of the committee for the coming year
- 2) The AGM 2010 minutes were agreed and will be circulated before adoption at the 2011 AGM

Agenda

- 3) **The Chairman Jeff Roberts** welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies: Willem Wiechers

- 4) **Matters Arising**

The cycle ride problems were resolved by offering to have individual flyers inserted in each Newsletter everyone was happy with this as it hadn't been realised that we had already turned down 4 or 5 requests this year. Reports will be in the next Newsletter under "what our members do" which will be about Alan Bonner and Maureen Jones. Jeff/The Chairman proposes to write an article re charities what we can and can't do. Our Speaker Secretary has resigned, moving area, our speaker meetings are covered until January 2011 so it is not an immediate problem. The Lions scheme plastic bottles are now available at Horizons.

- 5) **Treasurers Report**

Not too much to report Gift Aid monies £5115 have been received as an interim payment the bank account balances are:-

Current Account	£ 15556.
Deposit Account	£ 25012
Groups	£ 11711

The Treasurer states that the balances are all very healthy at the moment and he has only concerns about one or two groups. £200 has been received from Lancashire County Council the grant that we have applied for and which has been granted will not be paid until the end on June/July.

- 6) **Membership**

Pat Mackenzie/ Membership Secretary said that membership reminder letters had been sent out over the last week and she had received very positive response, a few people had moved from the area, illness was preventing others, only a few negative responses. .

Membership details

New members	13
Membership number	2714
Actual Membership	1770 this is down on last year
Fully paid up members	1536
Not rejoined	234
Lapsed rejoined	1
Death	1

The Membership Secretary's request for £80 for a new computer programme had been agreed by the Treasurer.

7) Committee Reports

Group Support;

The subject of emergency contact details was raised and after much discussion it was felt that:-

- 1 Group leaders could collect this information if they so wish
- 2 A tag on a key ring (containing phone no) could be designed for sale to members.
- 3 ICE (In Case of Emergency) details could be circulated by article in the newsletter.
- 4 POST CODES of our various venues should be circulated.

Publicity

The committee meeting was last Friday so no minutes available. The details of the routes for gathering information will be emailed to group leaders and the Executive. Details and information is required about groups, displays, photographs etc.

The distribution of the Newsletter worked well due to Ian Haskell's hard work on updating our data base, printing mirror sticky label details, and emailing members to collect newsletters for other members as well as their own.

The answering and responding to the answer phone in the upstairs office Ian Haskell has offered to check this 2 or 3 times a week and will report back in a month's time. We need to inform Alex of the new procedures

The Publicity team will require the tent along with the banner for the publicity display on the 26th June at Park Praise

Margery Sargent will be joining this committee.

Resources

No meeting the next committee meeting is scheduled for 28th June 1.30pm at the Scout and Guide H.Q. Anne Snell will be joining this committee.

Social

The committee would like to thank the Social Committee for all their hard work in making the BBQ such a success. Further events are The Race night at AVH, Christmas Meal at the Adelphi. It was agreed in principle that new members on the joining morning be offered a free coffee/tea. The move back to S&G H Q has worked well.

H.E.O.G

No meeting. The committee was informed that the Vulnerable Adults Policy due to be implemented by the Government has been put on hold this mornings news item.

8) Secretary & Third Age Trust

We have received a mailing from T.A.T re the AGM 9th September 2010 for election of officers and voting on the resolutions.

NW Region have emailed us regarding the Energy day on 7th July and the training Seminar Day 29th October running your U3A. A resume of all the above information will be emailed to committee members in due course.

9) Reciprocal Membership and the South Lancashire Network

Following a recent meeting of the Network, clarification was sort regarding our stance in connection with such arrangements. After much debate the meeting by majority vote (11 to 4) not to participate in such arrangements and stated that anyone wishing to participate regularly in any of our Groups should be a paid up member of A&O U3A.

However it should be noted that

1. Any 'out of town' U3A visitors are most welcome.
2. Speaker mornings are open to all – these are usually widely advertised across Aughton and Ormskirk.
3. Horizons coffee mornings are open.
4. Short courses run on a 'Full cost' basis are available to Network members.

It was noted that our subs at £15.00 are higher than other U3A's.

10) Publicity & Speaker Meeting

We have been made aware that two non members take part in the Bike Ride Group this has to be rectified as it is an insurance issue.

Bill Evans has received information from West Lancashire Council about using their Twitter web site the response to this was no interest.

Bill Evans would like it noted that at our July Speaker meeting the vote of thanks should include a thanks to Maurice Parry who has given much time using his scanner to make the mornings presentation possible.

11) Archiving

No information available. Though concerns were raised about the lack of a Group Leaders Handbook which has been taken off our website because of being out of date The Group Leaders forms need to be put back while this is being updated.

12) Trustees

No meeting but the Executive felt that the Trustees should have quarterly meetings with positive issues.

13) External matters

Already dealt with

14) A.O.B

Norman Williamson stated that some groups have had problems accessing the computer network at the S&G HQ. This problem needs to be referred back to Willem, who can explain the safeguard passwords and protections that have been put in place.

The Committee would like to thank Ian Haskell for all his hard work in updating our database.

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

Please note change of date owing to holiday commitments

The next executive Committee meeting is on Tuesday 27th July 2010 at the S&G HQ