

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING TUESDAY 20th November 2012

Present:- Dorothy Harrison (Chairman) Bernie Handford (Vice Chairman) Chris Jones (Treasurer) Beth Blamires, Pauline Jones, Bill Evans, Ian Haskell, Norma Seddon, David Blanchflower, Margery Sargent, Willem Wiechers.

Apologies:- Wendy Craddock(Secretary), Alex McMinn, Edna Lally, Jeff Roberts (Trustee)

1. Welcome the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and had accepted apologies from the above.

2. Minutes were signed as a true record of the previous meeting

3. Matters Arising:- Help Direct Desk will be manned by two volunteers in the future. Paid up members should have been 1810 not 1820 as recorded. Short Mat Bowling managed to obtain a nearly new mat for £160. (£800 had been agreed) for use at Scarisbrick Village Hall

4. Treasurers Report Current a/c £8759.79, Deposit a/c £22073, Bond£10K, Groups £31K. The current a/c is inflated at present by money collected for trips such as Christmas lunch at the Adelphi. There is no longer a need to run a raffle to balance the books for the Christmas lunch. Although we are secure financially at the moment, this is largely due to the on-going support from book sales, gift aid, Horizons , and social activities, this may alter if numbers fall. Gift Aid is a bonus but could disappear. Our income and expenditure are following the same pattern as previous years with the expected high turnover on the Groups Account. The Scout and Guide HQ committee have obtained a grant to cover costs for the Computer suite so monies set aside for this will no longer be needed. Storage will be a problem in the future so money will be needed for this and the 10th Birthday events. The Subscriptions cover the room rental costs but all groups are charged at a nominal rate. People are looking for value and things not being too expensive.

5. Membership Secretary Members joined since the last Executive meeting 22, next member number is 3360, current members 1831, paid up members 1839 (1760 at this time last year), subscription income 2012-13 £27,565.

6. Trustees Report(This Agenda item was discussed in A.O.B) A very positive meeting had taken place yesterday. The constitution is to be looked at regarding the appointment of the chairman and vice chairman of the executive committee. At present the executive has the right to elect its chairman and vice chairman after the committee has been elected by the members. According to the present constitution there should also be 3 serving members of the executive on the Trustees. According to discussion no-one has been nominated by the executive to represent them at the Trustees meeting.

7 Committees

Group Support The committee will be meeting 21/11/12. The next Architecture Course meeting will take place on 28/11/12. A short course on comparative religions (5 sessions) will be offered in April/May but need to be held in early evening, this may cause problems but we will see what happens.

Social Committee Arrangements are on target for the Christmas Lunch. Thursday 22nd November is the deadline for group tables. 40 tickets have been sent to St Helens U3A. Norman Williamson and Wendy Craddock will chair the committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th November to finalise arrangements. Diaries are selling well. Concern was expressed regarding the Welcome Desk at Horizons. It was agreed to turn the table through 90 degrees so the " Welcomers" faced the door. BE volunteered to meet and greet new members at Horizons from about 10am.

10th Anniversary this committee will combine with the Social committee from the New Year until after the Civic reception in October. The next meeting of this newly formed committee will be held on 22nd January 2013.

H.E.O.G A trip to Dobbies, Southport, is planned in November with afternoon tea and a jazz group. A table has been booked for the Adelphi Christmas lunch. Although there are about 30 members in the H.E. O.G numbers attending functions depend on fragility of the individuals.

Publicity Concern has been expressed by some group leaders who have been asked to restrict their entries for this magazine. BE is hopeful that there will not be a problem.

Resources no meeting

Speaker Meetings A list of future speakers has been compiled and 3 are ready for next year with a further 4 in the planning stages.

8.Letter Received A member has approached DH about organising a sitters group to enable carers to attend U3A meetings. Following wide reaching discussion it was agreed that boundaries should be identified and adhered to but agencies sign posted for where help can be obtained.

9.South West Lancs. Jenny Carley, Trustee for NW Region is to attend the next meeting. Meetings are to be held every 3 months.

10.Secretary's Matters: (no report)

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Register of attendees held by group leaders, there had been 16 responses to date, all names authenticated.

New Members Afternoon Tea , E Wall will give a report based on the Questionnaires ,at the next Group Support Meeting

Trustees Report see Agenda Item 6

The meeting closed at 11 02 am

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 15th JANUARY AT 9.30am in the S&GHQ