

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE 21ST JUNE 2011

Present :- Jeff Roberts(Chairman) Ted Morrell(Chairman of Trustees), Wendy Craddock(Secretary),Pat McKenzie(Membership Secretary) David Blanchflower, Bernie Handford, Beth Blamires, Ann Haskell, Anne Snell, Norman Williamson, Margaret Kitchen, Margery Sargent, Edna Lally, Pauline Jones, Norma Seddon(Minutes)

Apologies:- Willem Wiechars, Bill Evans, Dorothy Harrison, Sue Watkinson(Trustee) Chris Jones(Treasurer)

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone one to the meeting and the above apologies were accepted.

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

3. Matters arising:- None

4. Treasurer:- No Report

5. Membership secretary:- we have 1631 paid up members, 18 new members, 177 not re-joined 10% loss, the next issue number is 2978.

Action:-consider an e-mail to the outstanding 177.

6. Committees: David Blanchflower was asked to take on the role of Chairman of the Group Support Committee and Margaret Kitchen Chairman of the Publicity Committee. **Group Support:-** no meeting has taken place. The June survey has provided 10 responses to date. Collating the information takes time but no problem inputting it. A new tutor is required for the Criminology Short Course. Mahjong and Scrabble may fold due to lack of numbers - Group Support will discuss alternative options. The Three Italian Groups during the summer are forming a self- help Italian conversation group. Victorian Poets is a proposed course to start Sept/Oct. Latin will finish in July and re-start in September.

Publicity:-minutes circulated.65% collection of the Newsletter due to fantastic organisation. Discussions took place about re-naming the Newsletter as a Magazine, setting up various website-email-groups systems, design of a poster and the current distribution lists, plus the format of the Newsletter/Magazine. The Aughton Village Hall request for a website link to our website was agreed by the Publicity Committee. **Resources:-**the grant bid was submitted in good time. Awards for All:-are tightening up requirements and now require a list of our Bank Account mandate signatures. The Bridge Group have applied for bidding boxes the cost £410, these are required to help bridge players who have hearing problems. **Social:-** All the BBQ tickets are sold, there will be an Exhibition of work by the Painting Group, the Keyboard Group will provide the music, a plant stall is also being organised. Thanks were expressed to Chris Proctor who steps down from the Social Committee at the BBQ. **H.E.O.G :-**no meeting.

7. Trustees:-Ted Morrell- No meeting. The Trustees have been asked to approve the accounts before they go to the Charity Commission. The Third Age Trust new model Constitution is still awaited the Secretary was asked to contact Lin Jonas, T.A.T re this. A general discussion regarding our position was held i.e - Company Limited by Guarantee, committee protection, grants successful because we have Trustees.

8. Secretary's Matters:- NW Region AGM the resolutions to appoint Secretary Neill Stevenson UpHolland U3A, Treasurer Peter Monaghan Carlisle U3A, and the co-option of members to the committee for a specific role for one year only, were agreed. No minutes received to date. T.A.T AGM 17th -19th September 2011 the attendance of one of our members will be funded for the AGM (Sunday) only.

Informal Agenda

9. Committees:- Jeff Roberts suggested the structure for Committees is ideally 3 members of the Executive including the Committee Chairman , plus Ex Officio members, the revolving composition of the committee drawn from the membership is at the discretion of the Committee Chairman, endorsed by the Executive a general discussion followed. Norman Williamson indicated that he would be stepping down as Chairman of the Social Committee at the 2012 AGM.

10. South Lancs Network:-only 4 U3A's out of 11 were represented at the latest meeting there is a need for an informal network but NW Region structure is taking over, and putting on good events.

11. Speaker Meetings:-After much discussion it was agreed that a working party be set up to consider all aspects, including the proposed budget, of Speaker Meetings reporting back to the Executive Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

Next Executive Committee meeting Tuesday 19th July 2011