

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING TUESDAY 16th JULY 2013

The Chairman, Dorothy Harrison, asked for quiet reflection for Alan Worthington and Margery Sargent, who had both sadly died. Dorothy spoke of the sad loss of Margery Sargent and Alan Worthington, Margery as a valuable member of the Executive Committee and Alan as a tremendous support to the Treasurer

Present:- Dorothy Harrison(Chairman), Bernie Handford(Vice- Chairman), Chris Jones (Treasurer) Wendy Craddock (Secretary), Norma Seddon, Bill Evans, Willem Wiechers, Ian Haskell, Cathy Barnes, Stan Livingston, Pauline Jones, David Blanchflower,

Apologies:- Mia Faza, Beth Blamires, Alex McMinn

1.Welcome:- the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.Apologies:- had been received from the above.

3. Minutes:-were signed as a true record of the previous meeting on May 21st May 2013

4. Matters Arising:-

1. Cathy Barnes stays on Publicity Committee and is also on Group Support Committee, Stan Livingston moves to Publicity Committee from Group Support

2. Post Code:- Bill has an agreement with the Ministry Centre staff to have A&O mail delivered to their premises. We will look into the cost of redirection of mail for 6 months. Bill will look into the cost of reprinting stationary to show change in postcode etc.

3. Chris Jones has looked into the proposed generic risk assessment form and no further action need to be taken.

4. Photocopier:-Music Copyright was discussed “a one off copy “could be reproduced for theatre shows use but not bulk copies funding could be applied for when needed. Printed Music it is illegal to change one bar then photocopy it. Printed music must not be photocopied.

5. The Memory Course Team continue to reserve their right of reply to the Trustees statement

5. A.G.M. Minutes:- the minutes having previously been circulated were signed as a true record. It was noted that the Executive Committee would at the September meeting discuss the closure of the S&G HQ on Speaker Meeting mornings in response to the Open Forum questions. Bernie thought it would be helpful to have an appreciation of the numbers involved who would like the premises kept open. It was re-iterated again that it was out of order to hold a vote and that any papers for inclusion on the AGM Agenda for debate and vote need to be in the hands of the Secretary at last 28 days prior to the AGM.

6. Data Protection:-An email request had been received from Bill Hale(Trustee) requesting a copy of the full Membership list for himself, one for Alex McMinn, and one for Geoff Roberts.

Bill Hale:- his request for the full Membership was denied by a majority vote however the details for a named individual could be given. Unfortunately the proxy requests on behalf of Alec McMinn and Geoff Roberts were also denied on the grounds that members need to submit forms on their own behalf.

7.Constitution:-the email circulated on the 5th of June 2013 detailed the proposed amendments as discussed at the May Executive Committee. Dorothy summarised previous discussions which had taken place over a period of months. Two further amendments were discussed a) we include Honorary Vice Presidents to Honorary Presidents. Clause 6 No1 Proposed David Blanchflower Seconded Pauline Jones. b) Clause 7 proposed that No 5 “and at every subsequent” be removed. Proposed Willem Wiechars seconded David Blanchflower was accepted. Pauline Jones questioned that the new committee members would have no knowledge to base their judgement on. Ian replied that he and David Blanchflower had spent over an hour with them explaining the proposed changes this had been an honest interpretation they might not agree and could make their own judgement. After much discussion it was proposed by David Blanchflower and Seconded by Bernie Handford that:-

“We accept this as our draft Constitution, in moving forward, having previously agreed to adopt the original Constitution as our Constitution along with the changes as discussed this morning” Agreed unanimously
It will be necessary to forward the TAT amended Constitution for comments and approval to the TAT

8. Treasurers Report:-Balances: -C a/c 3107.90 Dep a/c 24080.43 Groups £33151.45 Chris expressed his gratitude to Bill Watkinson for his technical help with the spread sheets , echoing Dorothy's sentiments at the sad loss of Alan Worthington. There are no apparent problems with the Groups. Dorothy thanked Chris for all his hard work.

9. Membership Secretary:- New members since last meeting 15, last member number 3483, current members 1742, members paid 1745 Subscription Income 2013/14 £26165, not renewed 202, notified us they are not renewing 34 and the reminder letter generated 50 renewals.

10 Grant Applications: We have no outstanding grant applications. A CVS list of available grants highlighted by Alex had been sent to the Resources Committee. It was pointed out that we had sufficient funds to support H.E.O.G . It was agreed that if a specific need was identified then applications could be presented for consideration. Clarification of the statement in the last Trustee meeting minutes" Concern expressed by the meeting that it had been necessary to take this action" referring to the returning of grant monies to "Awards for All". Awards for All had asked for details of the projects with monies spent but had turned down our application to divert the unspent monies to other projects and had demanded the return of unspent monies by a specific date. The Executive Committee consider that the resources Committee did the correct thing in returning grant monies to "Awards for All".

11 Committees:

10th Anniversary:-the "Music in the Park" had been excellent. Dorothy thanked everyone who had been involved in the running of the event. A suggestion was made that we make sponsoring a concert in the park an annual event. Skelmersdale Brass Band would like to join our Choir for a Christmas Concert in the future. Two events left the Mersey Ferry Cruise and the Civic Reception Wendy reported on the guest list and invited committee members to suggest names to add to the list.

Publicity:- The minutes of the last meeting had been issued and the statement "Alex and Sue will write formally to the Executive Committee to request re-consideration of their decision not to take copies in future" was deemed to be incorrect. A& O Executive Committee had agreed to order 100 copies to be delivered to our P.O.Box. This order this has been blocked by the TAT and our cheque un-cashed this matter is on-going. Margaret Wiechars(Webmaster) has requested information for the website to promote the events. Bill is looking into having rosettes produced for the welcome team.

Resources:-no meeting.

Group Support:-no meeting. There appears to be a shortage in room availability to accommodate the next proposed Chemistry Course.

Speaker Meeting:-various names/subjects for the future were mentioned. Willem has organised the speaker for September. The acoustics in Church seem to be problematic for some members.

12. Secretary's Matters reminded everyone again to look at the website for TAT and NW Region information. It was agreed that as in previous years we would order 200 Diaries.

13. Trustees no meeting

14 South Lancs Network: Ted had worked very hard to organise a Bowling Competition and was a little disappointed at the lack of U3A support

INFORMAL AGENDA

15. A.O.B

THE MEETING CLOSED at 12.10

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 August 2013 9.30a.m. S& G HQ