

AUGHTON & ORMSKIRK U3A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING TUESDAY 17TH September 2013

Present:- Dorothy Harrison, Chairman, Bernie Handford, Vice-Chairman, Wendy Craddock, Secretary, Norma Seddon, Beth Blamires, Bill Evans, Pauline Jones, Alex McMinn, Mia Faza, Cathy Barnes, David Blanchflower, Ian Haskell.

Apologies:- Willem Wiechers, Chris Jones, Treasurer, Stan Livingston

Dorothy gave an update on Stan after his unfortunate accident during the Musical Theatre Performance at the Civic Hall the Executive Committee wished him a speedy recovery.

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

2. Apologies:- had been received from the above

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record after the alteration:-

Item 9 no explanation was given re the non- renewal of membership by 166 members

4. Matters Arising

a) Dorothy Harrison, Chairman, reported on the unproductive meeting she had with Bill Hale at her home on Wednesday 11th September.

b). Photocopying of music: Clarification is still being sought as to the legal issues around some Group Leaders still photocopying music and claiming as their own after they have made slight alterations. Cathy Barnes will contact the Musicians Union and Wendy will bring the TAT Advice Sheets to the next meeting.

c) Alex was questioned about the previous minutes where it was reported that he had said "Aughton & Ormskirk U3A would implode by the end of the year and there were three other constitution options being discussed". The notes of that item were read to him and he agreed that he had said that but didn't mean it, meaning to say that he had heard that. Dorothy Harrison said words are used that are not thought out and are very inflammatory.

d). P.O. Box:- changing the letter head is expensive we need to talk to the Post Office Customer services re delivery for a PO Box Number Wendy will look into this.

5. The letter of resignation from Ray Simm as a Trustee was read out. Letters of thanks to be sent to Ted Morell, Ray Simm, and Peter Sewell to thank them for their services as Trustees, proposed Beth Blamires seconded David Blanchflower

5. Horizons -Questionnaire Update Ian provided a comprehensive report, the outcome being that S&G HQ will remain open on a Speaker Meeting morning the onus being on those members who have volunteered to clear the S&G HQ on such mornings, an announcement to be made on these mornings as a reminder. Group leaders need to feel free to attend Speaker Meetings should they wish. The speaker Meeting Group will continue to hold discussions as to the future style of the Speaker Meetings and invited Presenters will need to provide Bill with an appropriate size of font to ensure that the power point presentations are clearly visible, Bill has made this request on previous occasions. Jeff Roberts has stepped down from the Speaker Meeting Committee, David requested that members of the Executive join the committee. Dorothy thanked the SMC for all their hard work. Norma Seddon reported that in a recent conversation with Barbara Bonner about the bookstall Barbara was concerned that her takings were down. David Blanchflower asked for a breakdown over the last year to look at the statistics for the Book Stall and Coffee sales at Horizons. The Speaker in March 2014 will be Andrew Wilde from the NW Musicians Trust.

6. Treasurers Report:-given by Beth Blamires

7. Membership Secretary:- New members since last meeting 24, last member number 3520, current members 1820, compared to same period last year 1756, members paid 1826, Subscription Income 2013-2014 £27,3180.

8. Committees:-

10th Anniversary:- Members had voiced concerns about the cancellation of the River Cruise it was pointed out that due to lack of ticket sales we could not afford further loss. A letter asking for a refund will be sent. The Civic Reception plans are progressing Bill is filming groups and gave a showing of both the film and the time line video. Dorothy is organising the displays of about 26 Groups and Ormskirk School will be contacted to ask about the possibility of opening up earlier, and Health and Safety measures.

Group Support:-A Group Leaders Cheese and Wine evening will be held on Friday 18th October 7.30 am at the S&G HQ this is restricted to one person per group because of number restrictions at the S&G HQ. On Wednesday 25th October there will a New Members afternoon tea.

Resources:- Minutes circulated David will address the issue of costs at the Group Leaders meeting.

Publicity –Minutes previously circulated in July 2013 various issues were raised including the issue of who is to deliver literature on U3A needs to be relooked at and solutions found , David questioned the responsibility for publicity for Speaker Meetings.

Social Committee, this committee will now break away from that of the 10th Anniversary emphasis will be on the Christmas Lunch at the Adelphi , St Helens U3A would very much like to be included. Tickets for the event will be on sale after the Drama production. Information about the Adelphi Christmas meal will be given to the SW Lancs network.

H.E.O.G:-HEOG had enjoyed a recent canal trip and were looking forward to their visit to Knowsley Safari Park

9) Alex informed the Committee of his plan to organise Christmas lunch for those who might be spending Christmas alone. The lunch would be self- funding and be held in a private room at Brookside. Alex would be grateful for Volunteer help. Beth told of Ormskirk Parish Church providing a high tea with music on Christmas Day

10)TAT Matters :- since the last Executive Committee meeting an email has been sent to 100 Committee members and Groups leaders requesting their permission to send their details to the TAT for the distribution of the Third Age Matters magazine directly to their home address so far only 71 have responded and only 59 have agreed. Bill Hale has suggested that once read copies could be taken and returned to the S&G HQ.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m the next meeting on the 15th October 2013 9.30 am at the S&G HQ.