

CHEADLE U3A EXECUTIVE
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 April 2021 at 10am via Zoom

Present: Jenny Crump(Acting Chair), Richard Moore (President), Mike Prince, Chris Beesley, Helen Wainwright, Roy Scott, Marian Corbishley, Walter Jaggli, Marj Povey, Trish Boit, Alan Mendelson.

1.Apologies: Ann Mundy, Val Egerton, Dawn Maley.

2.The agenda was reviewed and there were no alterations.

3.The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 February were approved.

4.Membership Secretary's Report

Alan's report was brief. There are 897 members, there have been some issues with members' details but these have been corrected.

5.Group Co-ordinator's Report

The E-mail as drafted was sent out to all Group Leaders. They all now have my landline number.

- I received phone calls from some of the leaders and we looked at the Government Road map and worked out when they would be able to meet. This particularly applied to those groups who meet outside.
- They acknowledged that until at least 17th May, there were problems with numbers (limited to 6) and transport (cannot mix). We shall talk again as the Road Map moves on.
- Those meeting indoors also acknowledged that they are limited to 6 spaced out and are dependent on venues. They know that there may be risk assessments and work to do!

The venues are all going to contact me when they are available and able to take bookings. Some are not planning to open until "the autumn".

- Sadly, the Spanish and French groups are suspended as Sue Fraser is very ill.
- In liaison with the current Group Leaders, I would like to do notes for the E-news in respect of Country Dancing; Short Walks; Basic Computers; Beginners Guitar; Thursday Tai Chi.

6.Treasurer's Report

Marian reported that the subscription for the library was £80. She is still waiting for Walter's expenses. She has received no forms from TAT.

Alan Mendelson, on behalf of the finance sub committee gave a brief report of its discussions. The following recommendations would be put to the committee and the AGM. It will be easier when things happen face to face. Zoom is going well but Group Leaders would not want to continue in this format. It is proposed that there are to be two categories of member, full and social, If Steven Booth is going to continue with the Zoom sessions it is proposed that the members of the Zoom classes pay £10 plus a fee per session. It costs £25,000 to cover the hire of venues and the cost for hiring them could increase.

There are the following options:-

1. Stay as we are, which is risky. The daily rate and sub could be increased, but the problem would arise as to how to deal with the money.

2. What is loosely called “The Stone Model” with a flat annual fee. This may result in the loss of members. There would be a benefit to those members who attended several classes. It is proposed the annual fee would be £50. This could be broken down in several ways, eg £10 membership and £40 admin. The rate of the membership would have an impact on the amount of gift aid claimed. Discussion then took place. Richard asked what amount was needed to break even? Marian said we need money to pay for venues and overheads. Walter said that it would mean more administration. Committee members raised other points in relation to the plans.

It was agreed that the proposal would be circulated among committee members and a decision arrived at at the next committee meeting.

Action: Alan

7. Website

Unfortunately Walter was unable to log back on to the second part of the meeting. He sent the following report via email.

1. The migration to the new webhost has now been in place for nearly two months and everything is working well.
2. All the updates and additions requested the committee after the last meeting regarding the home page have been implemented. So far no one has commented on this so I assume the changes are ok.
3. Looking to the future; sooner or later, (hopefully the former) the website will need a complete overhaul. As and when we can see our way ahead for the resumption of Face to Face activities I will be contacting the Group Leaders by email to encourage them to review their group webpages and make sure that they are happy with the layout, content.
4. I'd like to make the website more topical. So please get in touch with news items. Also, I'd welcome any ideas on content and layout.

Guild Hall Computer Suite:

I'll have a lot of work to do updating and checking the devices, mainly the laptops. I'd like to start on this job as soon as possible. I gather there are meetings with the Guild Hall committee in the near future and I would appreciate it if I can be granted unrestricted access to the Guild Hall as soon as possible.

8. Virtual Coffee Mornings

Marj reported that the idea had been tried but it may have been too late. It was felt that it would be good to have an actual coffee morning as soon as possible but the timing depended on the roadmap. The plan is for a coffee morning in July. Risk assessments need to be carried out.

9. AOB

U3A day. It was decided to put this on hold and possibly do something at the first coffee morning.

Roy asked for information to go in the next Enews about opening plans.

Helen and Jenny have a Zoom meeting booked for Friday with the Guild Hall. They will offer the Guildhall £30 a month for storage. We will also discuss the reopening of the Guild Hall

Action: Helen/Jenny

Date of the next meeting

This was scheduled for 19 May but Alan has a clash of meeting. Jenny to contact Steven Booth to change the date to 26 May.

Action: Jenny