



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd October 2019

St. George's Centre. Leeds

Present: Mick Richings, (Acting Chairman and Craven U3A), Sue Stokes, (Regional Trustee and Barnsley U3A); Doreen Osuch (Beverley), John Caswell, Phil Barker, Joan Spencer (Bradford), Pat Collard, Kenneth Bailey (Cottingham), Fran Walker (Howden and District), Derek Levy (Leeds), Lucilla Butler (Leyburn and District), Frank Bailey, Glenys Bailey, Heather Garbutt, Clare Kinman (Ripon), Lesley White, Ellen Bartley (Rotherham), Edwin Bonner, Michael Hewan (Selby and District), Jan Boulding, Les Chandler, Graham Cooper, Barbara Herring (Settle), Jaqueline Hunter (Sherburn and Villages), Hazel Ward (Swanland), Barbara Morris (Wakefield and District), Brian Frodsham (York)

Apologies: Samina Aslam, Jean Stevenson (Sheffield), Beryl Pemberton (Bedale and District), Janet Matthews (Leeds), Angie Grain, Neil Stevens (Ilkley and District), Christine Hines (Harrogate), Easingwold and District, Stokesley and District.

Welcome and Introductions. MR welcomed everyone present and informed the meeting that as our chair Barbara Dransfield has resigned due to health issues, consequently he has taken on the role as Acting Chair until the April AGM.

Sue Stokes presented anniversary certificates to various U3As marking being part of U3A family for various number of years ranging from 10-years to 30-years. Photos were taken.

Amendment to YAHR Constitution.

Copies of the YAHR Constitution agreed at the AGM in April were distributed to those present. The proposal to insert a line on Page 4, proposed by Pat Collard and seconded by Jackie Hunter was accepted unanimously. The amended constitution will be posted on the YAHR website and forwarded to National office.

Management Team Reports.

MR reported on the current activities and those planned

All Management Team presentations will be posted on the YAHR website, see link EVENTS, outcomes. This will be useful to local U3As for reference. It is intended to produce the next copy of the YAHR Bulletin in the near future. The Speaker list on the website is in the process of being updated. SS recommended a talk by a local chocolatier.

Treasurer's Report. This had been distributed before the start of the meeting. In the absence of the Treasurer MR presented the Treasurers report, the bank account stands at a very healthy £8,597.67 credit which higher than anticipated derived from a very successful 2019 Summer School, these monies will be used to offset 2020 Summer School costs.

2020 Summer School

The Management Team have decided not to proceed with Show Case event in 2020 but to hold another Summer School in 2020. Arrangements are well advanced in organising the Summer School for 2020 from July 27th – 30th. Possible topics have been confirmed verbally with potential tutors. It is anticipated that bookings will begin on January 13th 2020 on the website.

Regional Trustee Report.

SS PowerPoint presentation to appear on the YAHR website. SS spoke about National and Regional Developments. As part of National Volunteers' week, June 3rd 2020 has been designated National U3A Day and it is expected that local U3As will plan events accordingly.

The Shared Learning Project work is currently subject to an update by the Third Age Trust.

Sheffield U3A has produced a SLP on the 60s, Isle of Axholme has begun work on a history trail and SS suggested a possible SLP on the changes to the High Street. A useful and analytical U3A Health Check for Committees can be viewed on the Third Age Trust website.

Shared Learning

In Christine Hines absence MR presented her PowerPoint presentation.

Beacon Update.

FB spoke to a PowerPoint presentation which will appear on the website. He referred to the proposed changes to the current Beacon Membership system and its launch date in 2020.

Trustee Induction.

MR presented a PowerPoint presentation on the role and responsibilities of the Trustee. There is considerable information for Trustees on the Third Age Trust website. MR explained the importance of this, especially for newly elected Committee members who are automatically trustees. He pointed out that the Minutes Secretary does not necessarily have to be a Committee member and, in this case, would not be a Trustee. However, it is a requirement that any change to Committee Officers be notified to National Office. A Constitution has to be signed only when changes to it have been made. Any payment to a speaker should be listed as Expenses.

After a break for lunch MR continued to speak about Trustee Induction and then opened up the topic for general discussion.

All documents and PowerPoint presentation will appear on YAHR website under Past Events – Outcomes.

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.