

University of the third age in Cornwall

U3A Carrick

minutes of the committee meeting held on March 7, 2020

at Oak Tree Farm Bissoe

1. Apologies for absence from Diane Tyas

2 Minutes of the previous meeting. With one correction these were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

(A) the request from the Dracaena Centre had been dealt with by Jan, Pat and Wendy

(B) The equipment list had now been distributed.

4. Chairman's Report: all the items he wanted to discuss were included in the agenda.

5. Secretaries Report.

(A) Telephone calls to the National Office about the national U3A Day, had yielded no useful information there appeared to be no one person offering leadership on this scheme.

(B) An email had been received, asking if there would be the opportunity at the AGM for members to question the accuracy of some of the reporting and offer comments. The Chairman had already analysed the composition of the groups. Although there was always the opportunity to offer amendments to the motions, he hoped that discussion could be held in a civilised way without disrupting the AGM. He suggested an informal discussion could take place after the formal AGM the Chairman had also agreed that Steve Cook would take charge of the PA system for the meeting the Secretary would reply to queries. On the subject of voting procedures,, especially on the subject of raising the annual subscription or not doing so,, a paper vote was discussed, but not thought necessary.

(C) Jan will station herself at the door to check in the members.

(D) advice from the National office was to proceed with the AGM, in spite of of the Coronavirus. Information and advice would be kept up-to-date, however. Members were advised to follow government advice.

(E) The Treasurer had now dealt with the enquiry from the Charity commission.

(F) Sue Swinchatt and had enquired about group costs, pointing out that half of our groups do not incur expenses on venues.

6 Treasurer's report. Since the Treasurer was not in attendance, there was no formal report.

7. Membership Secretaries Report. All was in hand, numbers had risen to nearly 900.

8 Groups Coordinator

Pat pointed out that he was still having trouble collecting statistics from Group Leaders.

He had no further information regarding the establishment of a Fencing Group and believed only five people had expressed an interest in the proposed Cornish Language Group.

9. The 2020 AGM. It was agreed not to repeat last years experiment of offering a draw prize of one years free membership.

Tellers would be needed at the meeting. They would be recruited at the door.

10. Croquet Group. The Subcommittee had now met on 24 February. Members had expressed a clear desire to remain at Perranwell Cricket club ground. Last year we payed £880 and negotiations are taking place about this years costs which will probably show an increase of 2.5%. Agreement had been reached on the new price and the Committee approved.

11. A suggestion that there should be a new Members' welcoming meeting, was turned down because there was insufficient time before the AGM.

12. Equipment List. This had now been updated and it had been distributed.

13. AOB. Four of the existing members of the Committee, plus the Chairman are willing to stand for office next year. We shall, however, need a Vice Chairman, a General Secretary and a Treasurer.. There were good signs that members were prepared to stand for these posts.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING MARCH 28. 10 AM, OAK TREE FARM