

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A held on 5th September 2017

- 1. Present:** Patricia and Robert Mansfield, Roger Edwards, Peter and Sue Russell, Toni Smith, Rachael Snashall and Stella Orbell
- 2. The Minutes of a meeting held on 1st August** were agreed as a true record.
- 3. Matters Arising:**
 - Whiteboard. This has been purchased together with suitable pens etc which are to be kept in their box in the U3A cupboard.
 - Constitution / gifts. Discussion took place re the form of any gift recognising good service. Roger to produce a form of words to include this for next meeting.
 - Flower Arrangers. Still no money has been received. Roger to call on Beryl.
 - New Members' meeting. Provisional dates: 25th and 31st October. Afternoons. Display from the wheelbarrow race to be re-created. DVD re past Trust Chairman to be shown. Tea and cake to be served. General discussion re interests to take place. Article to go in newsletter and e-mail invitations to be sent out.
 - Carpet bowls. Further e-mail from Peter Stanley. It was agreed that before proceeding in any way we need to establish whether there is any interest in joining a carpet bowls group. To be tested at main meeting and in the newsletter.
- 4. Wheelbarrow Race Event.**

It was agreed that this went well. Excellent weather and steady interest shown. 8 membership forms given out and leaflets. Toni and Stella thanked for their work.

5. Provision for disabled members.

- Proposal to be sent to Rev Gordon Webb, copy for Rev Fran Rhys re installation of permanent loop. Position agreed with regard to our financial share.
- Large print newsletter. It was agreed to provide a large print copy at the main meeting.

6. Finance.

- £10,000 in the bank. (includes trip money)
- Annual return has gone to Charity Commission.
- £29 received back from disbanded regional committee.
- Faster clearing of cheques to be instigated by the bank.
- Gift Aid letter going this week.
- Margaret Lee has yet to try entering register information on computer.
- Old £1 coins become illegal on 15th October. Not to be accepted.

7. Membership

341 members. Some new evening bridge members transferred from Kibworth. Membership form now has web site address which had been missed off.

8. September main meeting. Mats and stand required.

9. Christmas meeting planning.

Some concern re the arrangements. Peter to discuss with John Gough.

10 Newsletter as before with 1 large print.

11 Accident Report procedure now being distributed.

12 Other business.

- Management system no progress.
- Tai Chi. Possible group leader concerned re insurance. To be asked to produce costs for us to consider.
- Ukeleles. Group wishes to visit Residential Homes. No difficulty is foreseen with this.
- Re-dedication of the Great Glen Methodist Church following renovations. 23.9.17 3 invitations received. Peter, Stella and Eric agreed to attend (Post meeting Eric and Stella unavailable for this).