

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15th July 2020

via ZOOM

MINUTES

10 members present, apologies received from 1.

The committee confirmed arrangements for this Zoom meeting and approved previous.

Matters arising

- 1. With reference to AGM arrangements , following quotations from the constitution, it was agreed that this must be deferred [owing to the pandemic] until it is safe to hold a meeting that is quorate.[there is currently no reference in it to virtual meetings].It was further resolved that this information be made available to members as soon as possible. The secretary would do this as a matter of urgency.**

The North West AGM is taking place virtually and this will provide experience of how it might work in practice.

- 2. Publicity -Positive feedback has been received regarding quizzes.. The next Newsletter is about to be issued.**

The groups co-ordinator reported that active groups are at present those run by committee members and that other than those there is no further interest in zoom meetings. Some non-sporting groups are moving outdoors.

There was a query regarding the imminent reopening of gyms and how that might affect U3A. It was then confirmed that Head Office advice is that indoor operation is very unlikely as yet.

- 3. Membership issues- It was agreed that a discount of £10 for existing members was possible and desirable. It was thought**

unlikely that there would be any reimbursement of National fees because these are calculated annually based on the Annual return

in April.

It was confirmed that any increase in National fees is likely deferred until 2022. A change in the method of collecting magazine subscriptions was discussed but no decision reached

It was resolved to propose a change of financial year at a subsequent AGM.

- 4. Establishment of Accessibility Officer -there is a possible candidate but a general appeal to members will be made [to be included in a future mailing].**
- 5. No further progress has been made on signage.**
- 6. U3A Day will now be 2nd June 2021**
- 7. Litter Pick update**

A new date has been arranged. This will take place in groups of 5 and members can choose a suitable area - to be publicised in the newsletter .
- 8. Drop in report - Zoom meetings are successful in that they attract and are appreciated by people who live alone. Resolved to continue.**
- 9. Speaker Meetings -decision not to continue with these confirmed.**
- 10. Charity Status update -the application for this is still in process but progress is slow owing to the pandemic and increased pressure on the Charity Commission. An issue in obtaining trustee signatures was solved by the suggestion to meet in groups of 4 for this. The treasurer will action this when it becomes necessary.**

Main business

1. Risk Assessments-Changes in Head Office advice on this were detailed. There is no longer a requirement to return these.

2.Group Status- it was further noted that some sporting groups are attracting extra members. It was not thought advisable at present to move Pilates indoors.Similarly any restart of the Dancercize group would need to be outdoors.

A suggestion was made re. increasing ventilation within the WFSSC venue to facilitate indoor activity for the 9 socially distanced participants that could be accommodated. The point was made that external, professional instructors are in need of our support.AF will contact the Pilates instructor.

There was no further business.

