



**SANDBACH AND DISTRICT U3A**  
**U3A Committee Meeting 18/3/19**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Alan Casey, Sam Boardman, Sandy Boyle, Paula Reilly-Cooper , Tony Richards, John Roome, Don Rickards, Kevin Dean, Alice Holmes , Richard Thorne, Louise Adams, Stephen Davies.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Arnie Laing, Barrie Hacking, Pam Thomas</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> of 18/2/19 were accepted as a correct record and signed. They will be posted on the library noticeboard and the website.</p>	Sam, Alan
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>Most of the group leaders for groups where the maximum waiting list had been set to zero have been contacted and adjustments made on SWISH.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>(a)</b> A letter was received from a former group leader expressing her disappointment that some of the Pilates groups have been relocated. A reply will be sent thanking her for her previous leadership and explaining why the venue had been changed.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> An email was received expressing disappointment that the trip to Llangollen was booked up so soon after the main advert appeared on the website. This was regretted and arrangements are being made for another trip next year. Members are encouraged to secure a place for excursions as soon as they are announced so as to avoid disappointment.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> An exchange of emails with a group leader highlighted the variation in venues costs for Winter and Summer bowls and whether the weekly cost of £2.50 throughout the year was fair. A list of venue costs is being produced along with the total income from weekly fees so that by September all weekly charges can be reviewed.</p> <p><b>(d)</b> A request was made from one of the members of the 'History at Random' group that the chair send a letter of appreciation to David Cogger, who is retiring as group leader after a number of years.</p>	<p>Sam</p> <p>Sam</p> <p>Don, Kevin</p> <p>Arnie</p>

<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Louise Adams and Stephen Davies are to be co-opted onto the committee and appointed as trustees. Louise has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the next few months and Stephen will work alongside her to become familiar with the responsibilities of the role. Isabel Carraher is to be removed as a signatory on the chequebook and Louise Adams and Stephen Davies are to be new signatories.</p> <p>A meeting is to be arranged with the person responsible for invoices at the Town Hall so that the individual group costs are separated out.</p> <p>Louise has reconciled the bank statements up to November 2018 and has reviewed bank statements up to February 2019.</p> <p>A new spreadsheet recording expenditure is being populated so as to allow direct upload into SWISH.</p> <p>It would seem that there is a healthy balance in both the current account and the deposit account.</p>	<p>Louise</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>19 new members have indicated they will attend the New Members Meeting at the Wheatsheaf on 25 March.</p> <p>Committee members attending will be Arnie, Pam, Barrie and Richard.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>PROGRAMMES AND VENUES</b></p> <p>Summer bowls venues have been booked. Sandbach Library is now open on Thursday afternoons. Meeting dates for next year will be requested by Paula fairly soon so that venues can be booked.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>GROUP CO-ORDINATOR</b></p> <p><b>(a) The Circus Skills</b> group is continuing until 20<sup>th</sup> May with vacancies for new members at the seven remaining sessions.</p> <p><b>(b) The Classical Music Visits</b> group has planned its first visit to the Bridgewater Hall.</p> <p><b>(c) Pilates 1</b> – those on the waiting list have now been accommodated after moving to the new venue and there are still more places available.</p> <p><b>(d) Tap Dancing</b> – there is a possibility of a new group leader.</p> <p><b>(e)</b> Only 3 groups have yet to enter any of their attendance data on SWISH</p>	

9	<p><b>SWISH</b></p> <p>Many of the updates that group leaders requested have been implemented. Group leaders will be informed of these improvements.</p> <p>Social events are being integrated into the system.</p> <p>There are now four U3As running the Simple Membership system (which we refer to as SWISH) and a further three or four proposing to implement it.</p>	Alan
10	<p><b>MEMBERS' MEETINGS</b></p> <p>A speaker from St Luke's Hospice has been booked for January 2020.</p> <p>The Showcase Event on 4 March had more than 120 members in attendance; it was a great success. A similar event is planned for March next year.</p>	
11	<p><b>DIARY UPDATES &amp; NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>Volunteers for Library Duty will be requested. The review of group session fees should be completed before September and all groups should continue with current fees until then.</p> <p>U3A North West Workshop on Creative Thinking at Crewe Alex will be advertised. News from Groups and Social Event Reminders will be included.</p> <p>The April Newsletter will carry an advert from 'Sandbach Communicare' ; however in future there will be a limit of just one advert of this kind per newsletter and no advert will be accepted that is for fund raising purposes.</p>	Kevin
12	<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>Forthcoming excursions were listed in last month's minutes.</p> <p>A second trip to the Grosvenor Garden Centre and lunch on a barge from the Mill hotel in Chester is planned for October 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
13	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>(a)</b>Sandy asked for ideas as to how to improve the next Sign-Up Day.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> The North West region of the Third Age Trust has organised a workshop on "Creative Thinking" at the Alexandra Suite, Crewe Alexandra Football Ground on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> and this will be advertised in the next Diary Update.</p>	
14	<p><b>Next meeting</b> - Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 CVS Hope Street</p>	

Signed ..... Date .....