

S.I Cockermonth Minutes of Business meeting 3rd March 2022 at Veeva

Present:

Claire Rawlinson (President), Joan Hetherington, Tellervo Juurmaa, Joan Markwell, Judith Spencer, Chris Blake, Martha Dewis, Helen Lord, Helen Tinnion, Ros Earthy, Doreen Bertram, Barbara Williams, Hazel Potts, Sue Mendus, Angela Winkworth, Diane McCracken (prospective new member)

Apologies:

Trish Burgess, Lindsay Edmiston, Jen McCulloch, Karen Shankland, Jane Shaw (pnm)

1.President's report:

CR said that her year as president has passed quickly and has been enjoyable. We now need to plan for the future, to ensure that we keep moving forward as a club, especially as we will not have a president 2022/3.

We had agreed to use this meeting as a planning meeting following the initial planning meeting the previous week at CR home, where 6 club members attended. The initial ideas from that meeting are included in the minutes.

2.Minutes of the last meeting on 3/2/22 were accepted as a true record.

3.Treasurer's report:

Account balances:

Charity-£595.93

Admin-£594.72

Subs-£2823.35

TJ reported that subs were coming in and reminded those who have not yet sent her their subs, please to do so by the end of March.

TJ has banked £18.75 for Wateraid.

4.International President Christmas collection appeal is now complete.

TJ to advise club what we have donated.

5.Officer posts 2022/23 (nomination and seconding will take place at AGM)

Secretary - LE has volunteered

Treasurer - TJ has completed her 3 year term of office but is happy to continue

PA coordinator - JS will continue unless another member would like to take over (please let JS or CR know if interested)

Regional Reps - KS can carry on for another year, HT has completed her 4 years so will stand down. The role is not arduous, requires attendance at 3 or 4 regional meetings in a year, the rep votes on behalf of our club when required and feeds back on the meetings. HT said it is a good way of getting ideas for our work and would suit a new/recent member. Anyone interested, please contact CR.

Minute secretary - JH has offered to continue.

Membership - DB is happy to continue for the 2nd year

Development - vacancy as LE becomes secretary. Post is responsible for writing our development plan (although the content is agreed at a meeting) and ensuring that we review it regularly.

Fundraising - BW and HP to discuss whether they are able to continue to share this role.

Website Administration – MD has completed her 4 years and will stand down. Vacancy – please contact MD for more info.

Communication – LD has completed 2 years and will stand down as she takes over the Secretary role. This role includes input to our website and Facebook accounts but content should be provided by members/arising from meetings. Anyone who is interested, please contact LE

Welfare - JS will continue

Friendship links - MD offered to take this on as it fits with her role as incoming Regional President.

6. Running of meetings without a president:

We agreed to plan the next quarter of meetings, taking turns at leading a meeting (those members who feel able to do so) and also organising speakers/events. At the meeting the following programme was agreed:

April 7th – AGM (CR will chair as outgoing president)

April 21st – meal (so no speaker required)

May 5th - Business meeting - TJ to lead

May 19th - Speaker - Cumbria Community Foundation – Jacqui Currie, Head of Development at CCF (confirmed)

NOTE JUNE MEETINGS ARE ONE WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE OF THE JUBILEE

June 9th - Business meeting - HT to lead

June 23rd - Speaker – possibly Grainne Jackobsen from National Gardens Association

ACTION - LE to organise

July 7th - Business meeting - JH to lead (we will review and plan for the next quarter at this meeting)

July 21st – SM offered to host a walk at Bassenthwaite followed by nibbles (bring and share). It was agreed that it was unlikely that Whitehaven link members would attend this so JS will ask them what they would like to do as a social event in July/August.

Other ideas for later in the year included: theatre trip, cinema trip.

We also discussed other possible speakers but agreed at this stage that we should organise the first few to help inform our planning for the rest of the year.

Speakers under consideration include:

Ewanrigg Centre,

Cumbria Youth Alliance

Papyrus/Every Life Matters

Linking Lives

Dreamscape

Red Squirrel conservation

We agreed that after each speaker we will review the input at the following business meeting and decide if we wish to take it forward in our PA or fund raising activities.

We discussed some possible ideas for fundraising including: Race Night (JS husband would be willing to run this), Quiz Night (LE husband would help)

We considered the charities we currently support and agreed that will continue with these:

PCF

Toilet twinning

WOW/ Calderwood house

Violence against women.

Calvert Trust

Other activities we will continue with include:

Bedmaking at Calver trust

Balsam bashing

Litter pick

Beach clean

Tree planting and maintenance

7. Any other business:

- Knitting/ crocheting daffodils-members making them should bring them to the next meeting (17/03/2022) so that they can be given to Rotary by the end of that week.
- Ukraine crisis - there are various collecting points in and around Cockermouth. (CR to provide the details she is aware of). We agreed at this point, for members to donate individually. We will review this in the coming weeks, with a view to deciding if we want to donate more substantially as the crisis continues and it becomes clearer what the best process is for maximum impact of whatever we donate. NOTE – a £200 donation has been made from the President's Honorarium for 2022/23.
- JH is in a play at Workington Playgoers 22-26 March. The play is Ladies in Lavender. Booking is on line via the Theatre's website.
- Jane Inman is making a brief visit to Cockermouth and will be at Barbara's on 24th March.

Next meeting:

Coffee at the Lakes Centre 14/3 10.30

Speaker meeting 17/3 West Cumbria Rivers Trust – Annabelle Kennedy