

MINUTES OF U3A CORANGAMITE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting 2/2020 held on Tuesday 18th February 2020
@ 11.00AM at Community House, CAMPERDOWN

Meeting opened at 11.00am

1. Present

Gary Kimber, Linda Castaldo, David Mernagh, Helen James, Sue McInnes, Don McInnes, Karen Richardson, Anne Ward

2. Apologies

Dominique Fowler

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Anne Ward; Seconded: Karen Richardson *Carried*

4. Correspondence

Details of recent correspondence received had been circulated with the agenda and was duly noted by members.

5. Treasurer's Report

The U3A Corangamite financial statement for the month ending 31st January 2020 had been attached to the agenda along with a petty cash summary for January.

The Treasurer reported that to date there have been 144 enrolments.

Treasurer's Report: Moved: Linda Castaldo; seconded: Anne Ward *Carried*

In relation to the gold coin donations received at some events, the Treasurer asked that the amount collected be sent as a text message to her to enable the amount be recorded in the petty cash summary.

It was also agreed to send the member database to all Committee members.

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 2020 AGM & Course Enrolment Day

As a review there was discussion on the AGM & Course Enrolment Day held on 31st January 2020 and the following comments were made:

- ✚ the 12.30pm arrival time for a 1.30pm AGM start was too long and could have been shortened by 30 minutes;
- ✚ membership and course enrolment was a bit chaotic;

- ✚ a different venue should be considered for 2021 as the Civic Hall is a little un-welcoming and not disability-friendly. Members were asked to give some thoughts on this issue for a future meeting;
- ✚ more detailed information is required for new members;
- ✚ as some members had experienced difficulty hearing discussion at different times, a roving microphone is essential for use at future sessions;
- ✚ the two components of the AGM and course enrolment session ought to be split such that the AGM is held a couple of weeks earlier and, after the AGM, course information is given and members provided with an enrolment form which they are asked to complete and send to the Secretary via e-mail or post by the last Friday in January. In addition, on the afternoon following the AGM, course details will be forwarded to the membership so that those members who are unable to attend the AGM can complete their course selection by the due date;
- ✚ despite adverse weather conditions on the day, it was a great achievement given the good number of members in attendance.

There was some discussion on the logistical difficulties being experienced by Karen Richardson in organising the Port Fairy Trip due to the large number of members who had indicated an interest. As a result it was agreed that the trip will be re-organised with deletion of the glass blowing workshop, the addition of a garden in Illowa and members to have time in Port Fairy to stroll and organise their own lunch. The Secretary will send a general e-mail to the membership giving the new details and Karen will send an e-mail to those members who had completed the course enrolment sheet at the AGM to see if they are still interested.

Action: Secretary and Karen Richardson

6.2 Certificate of Appreciation & acknowledgement of Guest Presenters

It was noted that a framed certificate of appreciation had now been given to Jan Porter.

In relation to activities where there is a guest presenter, at the last meeting it had been agreed to give a thank you card from the Committee as a token of appreciation and a selection of cards had been obtained for use this year.

6.3 Wannan Volunteer Grants: Expression of Interest

The Secretary advised that the application made via the Wannan Volunteer Grants process for \$2,000 to assist with fuel and transport costs had been unsuccessful

7. General Business

7.1 Secretariat back-fill

It was noted that the Secretary will be on leave from Monday 24th February until Tuesday 10th March inclusive and whilst away he will be out of range for contact.

The Secretary advised that he will provide the President with log-in details for the u3acorangamite@gmail.com e-mail to enable him to check and send e-mails in the Secretary's absence.

Action: Secretary

7.2 Timboon Appy Hours

The President indicated that Timboon Appy Hours group is small and split with different devices - Apples/Samsung - Gary and Marilyn have no knowledge of Samsung equipment but all of them are at a very basic level. The Committee was asked to consider a proposal for Marcus Hooker, the young man who lost his wife recently and ex GBM and who is willing, to assist with Appy Hours at Timboon. It was suggested that an advert be placed in the newsletter regarding his computer/tablets/iPhones business.

Following discussion it was agreed that an advert would not be appropriate but instead a mention in the newsletter that he is available, particulars of his services and his contact details would be suitable for inclusion.

Action: President to obtain Marcus' details

7.3 Ride sharing and bus subsidies

There was discussion on ride-sharing and bus subsidies.

In relation to ride-sharing, several members had asked about car-pooling where travel across the Shire is required and the President indicated that he will be providing some information in his report in the March newsletter.

In relation to bus subsidies, it was agreed that funds to subsidise bus travel for excursions would be considered on a case-by-case basis with funds drawn from the sponsorship given by Bendigo Bank and *Helloworld* Travel although these funds had been provided for administrative purposes. Where possible, travel costs would be incorporated in the overall tour costs provided to members.

7.4 Next U3A Committee Meeting

The next U3A Corangamite Committee meeting will be held at 11am on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at the Camperdown Community House.

Meeting closed at 12.05pm