

Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee

Minutes of A **SPECIAL** Meeting of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee held on
Wednesday January 30th 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Members present & apologies Rosaleen Doonan, Michael Elphick, Bobby Johnston, Marge Rastall, Margaret Rowell, Helen Savage Debra Taylor, Ann Wright & Pat Wilson.

Apologies: Brenda Hutchinson & Margaret Weatherley.

2. Report Update from Open Weekend January 19th/20th.

Saturday

- a) Dog obedience/ agility / sensory / interest: email received & circulated – further information provided and now waiting for an update. one criticism “the organisers did not engage with the dog owners”.
- b) Craft Exhibition – no report to hand
- c) Badminton – Marge proposed an evening session on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays - History has 4th Marge suggested that the first hour could be for young people because adults did not like playing with young people.
- d) Parent / Toddler – report received and circulated – disappointing response to the invitation – possibly invite a further free trial during week days. RD suggested Twinkle Toes and Singing Franchise as possible alternatives – RD to investigate.
- e) Film – ME – HS reported four people who had not previously attended

Sunday

- f) Carpet Bowls – new people came and tried.
- g) History – report received & circulated - very successful, people came from County Durham, having seen the Newcastle Journal article and new members have joined the History Group.
- h) Table Tennis – Slaley Hall Hotel have purchased a TT table and people are playing there. RD suggested taking a photograph of the tables set up in the Hall and advertising the facilities to see who could be interested
- i) Whist – report received and circulated – new group setting up
- j) Afternoon tea report about refreshments received & circulated. A list of raffle winner was also tabled. Although the ‘Open Weekend’ had been to showcase the Hall’s facilities and most of the activities were free a substantial income from the raffle and food was £1,144.85 less expenses left the Hall with £925.84 for the fund.
- k) Suggestions for additional fund raising & offers to lead some circulated – **these will be added to our fundraising ideas.**

Wine Evening

Vintage Clothing Sale

Progressive Supper

Football matched mixed teams in fancy dress

Karaoke especially for young people

Flower arranging

Comedy ladies

Ballroom Dancing/Latin American/Sequence

beginners of Stannington and their reply was read to the meeting they need at least 20 couples participating and only a Sunday afternoon or Friday evening is available. HS knew of someone local who was looking into starting classes at Whittonstall, she would ask if they would consider Slaley.

Knit, Wine and Chat

Weekly health and Safety/First Aid

led by Helen Savage

led by Doreen Hall

led by Ceila Bridges

suggested by Liz Courage

suggested by Marion Oxley

Ann Holmes

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Richard Ferguson – PW contacted strictly

Rosaleen Doonan

Carole Ferguson

Garden Club
Night Time Badminton (1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays)
Taking Better Photographs
Tea Dance
Clay Pigeon Shoot (All Out Adventures)
Weekly coffee morning (every Saturday) *
Weekly afternoon teas (every Sunday) *

Mark Snowdon
Marge Rastall
Richard Ferguson
Jackie Green
Richard Ferguson
Ann Holmes
Ann Holmes

*this idea was discussed in depth – Church coffee morning first Saturday in month so maybe last Saturday. Eventually it was proposed and agreed that each group using the Hall should be asked if they will host afternoon tea on the last Sunday of every month. The Hall will be free to them and the proceeds should be shared 50/50 with the Hall. PW to send out a letter to assess compliance. DT suggested modern mugs for Morning Coffee – priced some at £1 each authorised to purchase 12. DT also reported that Aldi currently had the 3-tier cake stands on special offer – excellent for afternoon teas. AW said her daughter-in-law could have a surplus from a catering event she did.

1) One member of the committee reported that many people in the parish did not know about the Open Weekend despite a large article in the Hexham Courant a full page in the Newcastle Journal (both with photographs) a time table in the December/January Slaley News. Numerous posters, mentions in Slaley Notes, an updated web page and posts on Facebook and Twitter. Not least the wonderful booklet designed by HS and distributed throughout the parish and beyond during January, plus copies left in the Community Shop, the School, the Rose and Crown & the Queen's Hall at Hexham. The 2 x 12-foot Banners and the Feather Flag flying in the Commemoration Hall forecourt from Friday January 18th.

3. “Go-fund-me” account. DT reported that donations to the fund had gone quiet and somehow we had to invigorate donations. ME reported that he had donated £100 from the Film Club to the fund. ME had covered the Open Day date on several booklets and taken to the Queen's Hall. An updated total needs to be added to the money thermometer and this reported through the Slaley notes to keep the idea in people's mind.

RD gave a report of the #Village Halls Week event at Stannington where 17 villages displayed their Community Building heritage. Many other village halls were represented and Ian McMillan of “The Verb” entertained the audience for 40 minutes, the buffet was excellent, Big Lottery announced its new system of allocation money directly to CAN for distribution amongst worthy fund raisers. A cheque for £435,000 was handed over for 11 worthy causes and Slaley needs to be there in 2020 getting a grant. There was also a history project announced with the Northumberland archives, they want participating village halls to engage with their local schools and get the children to talk to older residents in their area to record how older people have taken part in activities in their village halls. Marge R said she would discuss this with the headteacher at Slaley First School.

4. Grants – Sub committee to cover fund raising

The Prince's Countryside Fund 9/1/19- 21/2/19 suggested by the Courant photographer (PW&RD made a start on this application)

RSN Rural Funding Digest circulated by email 9/1/19 re commending you view the following:

- (i) Rural Community Fund – Calor
- (ii) Community C & Village Halls grants – Trusthouse Charity Foundation we would need 50% of funding already in place.
- (iii) Screwfix Foundation – small grants
- (iv) Tesco bags of help – local maximum £4,000
- (v) Grants for War Memorials

Tesco bags of help & Waitrose – Reverend Helen Savage volunteered to look at these.

These will be discussed with Louise Currie & Sue Vaughan on Monday February 4th

5. Fundraising ideas – brought forward from January meeting

Fundraising totals for 2017/8

October 13 th 2017	Early Christmas Fayre (MR)	565.70	
October 24 th , 25 th & 29 th 2017	Village Quiz with Café	100.00	
January 27 th 2018	Gourmet Taster Buffet with Storytelling	842.47	
April 8 th 2018	Afternoon tea/flower arranging by Gwen Foster	540.44	£2,048.61
Sunday July 15 th 2018	Teddy Bears Picnic	£36.53	
Friday September 28 th 2018	Gaby Sutton Fashion Show	£224.40	
Friday November 2 nd 2018	Bobby Johnston Slide Show	£440.00	£2,749.54
Friday November 23 rd 2018	Music by the Doonan Family	£800.00	£3,549.54
Saturday/Sunday 19 th /20 th January	Open Weekend	£925.84	£4,475.38

Fundraising ideas for 2019 -

David Nixon 's, Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery, called “A Case of Old Relics” cost £60. February. Fr/Sat Feb 22nd/23rd or Fri/Sat March 1st/2nd were suggested as possible dates. **David and his team opted for Saturday February 23rd. There is also a Church fundraising event at the R&C earlier that day so numbers may be poor. It was agreed to continue with the Murder Mystery and keep the food simple e.g. Pizza/ Quiche with salad & cold desert from COSTCO.**

RD suggested an Easter Day Afternoon Tea

RD also suggested a JAZZ evening

PW suggested a cake icing demonstration with a camera showing the small details onto the screen. ME to check if this is possible.

Brought forward from 2018: MR suggested a Table Top Sale - **A Sunday afternoon was agreed in March MR & her daughter to organise. Booked for Sunday March 10th 2 – 5 p.m.**

RD John Holmes Director Kielder Observatory talk

Medieval Banquet with entertainment (Alex Jobson magician) or Comedian? - Recent FOSS fund raising Linda Johnston and her dog 100K walk for 100 years – St. Cuthbert's Way – summer 2019. Other walkers to join for all, part or sections of walk and get sponsorship. DT & RD were interested in joining Linda for sections. PW & Sky do the final 2 miles across the causeway to Holy Island.

6. Additional meeting with Louise Currie of CAN and Sue Vaughan: Monday February 4th 2019, 7 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall to discuss grant applications.

7. Hall have a presence on Slaley Show field doing what? Who can man at a 2-hour stretch? Many of our committee members are already working on the Show Committee.

PW drew up a list of possible stalls and thought about a Victorian games stall for children with a display for adults about the plans for the Hall (similar to that done for the Dukesfield project). The idea was proposed to Marge Rastall, Stella Dougals & Penny Bliss – Reply from Marge – as a gesture of support to the fund raising she will suggest that the show does not charge the HALL for the space - it will be a good attraction for the Show and the children. **This was generally accepted by the Committee and RD, ME, HS, DT & PW initially thought would be available on the day – ask for other help from people outside the committee.**