

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 2:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022
AT MOOR ALLERTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Welcome:

The meeting opened at 14:03: the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting,

There were 63 attendees at the opening of the meeting, therefore the AGM was declared quorate.

Apologies:

Were received from 30 members: Andrea Atkinson, Cristina Barber, Sue Bishop, Susan Bowling, Margaret Buchan, Barbara Crowther, Mary Dailey, Shelagh Dixon, Linda Filewood, Sheila Goodwin, Ros Grimwood, Nancy Hall, Margaret Issa, Alison Jole, Chris Lance, David Lawson, Christina Levy, Victoria Littlewood, Steve McGrail, Santosh Minocha, Janice Norman, Sue Oliver, Christine Perry, Dianne Piplica, Marco Piplica, Anne Smith, Gladys Strawbridge, Angela Timbers, Gail Walker, Fella Yashpon

Minutes of the last meeting:

Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of 14th Sept 2021 was proposed by Ian Crowther, seconded by Jenny Bannister, and they were approved as a correct record.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the SGM of 14th Sept 2021 was proposed by Jo Turner, seconded by Janet Powell, and they were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Resolution

This u3a Leeds notes that:

- We held a Special General Meeting on 14th Sept 2021 to approve our new constitution
- However authorisation from the Charity Commission did not arrive until 28th September 2021
- They have apologised for their delay, but require us to pass a resolution approving the new constitution **after** their approval date

This u3a Leeds resolves that:

- We approve the new constitution, as presented to the SGM of 14th Sept 2021, and published on our website under "Documents – AGM"

Proposed By: Angela Hutchinson

Seconded By: Jo Turner

This resolution was passed nem con.

Report of accounts

The Treasurer reported that, although the Income and Expenditure statement shows a loss, this is not a real loss. We have a legacy fund, which was left to u3a Leeds to be used for the benefit of all the membership, and therefore a little of this is used to subsidise some things which can be classified as for the benefit of all. In particular:

- the currently low membership fee does not cover all our affiliation and other fees and general expenses
- the general meeting fee does not cover the costs of speaker fees plus refreshments
- all members can have free Third Age magazines and diaries if they wish

The subscription total was queried: the Treasurer explained that, last year, members had been invited to pay their subs early if they wished, and many had done so. However this had caused a lot of accounting problems and would not be repeated.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to her report, and informed the meeting that she was standing down as Chair and from the committee at this point.

David Ball presented her with a bouquet and thanked her for her hard work as Chair. The meeting applauded with enthusiasm.

Appointment of Charity Trustees:

It was noted that there have only been sufficient nominations to fill the roles available; there are no contested roles. Therefore, the appointments were taken as a single item.

- a. To appoint David Ball as a Trustee, and as Chair for the term of one year
- b. To appoint Jenny Bannister as a Trustee, and as Vice Chair for the term of one year
- c. To re-appoint Maureen Lewin as a Trustee, and as Treasurer for a term of one year
- d. To re-appoint Susannah Buchan as a Trustee, and as Secretary for a term of one year
- e. To re-appoint Max Dudley, Linda Filewood, Steve McGrail, Janet Powell, Jo Turner, Brenda Urwin, Rob Urwin as Trustees
- f. To appoint Sue Oliver as a Trustee

The Chair stated that there is room for additional Trustees if anyone wishes to help, and stressed that u3a Leeds is a self-help organisation run by, as well as for, its members.

Appointment Of Independent Examiner

The accounts do not have to be independently examined: this is not a legal requirement as the u3a Leeds turnover is below £25,000. The meeting approved that no independent examiner was required..

Members proposed resolutions

None were received.

Any other business

Jo Turner, in her capacity as Groups Co-ordinator, presented a brief report on the current status of Groups, following the two years of COVID disruption.

She thanked all leaders and assistants, as groups cannot continue without people taking on these responsibilities. It is hoped the recruitment drive will also attract people who will both join groups and help run groups.

There are currently 43 groups

- Walking Football is keen to recruit new members
- Ukulele and Scrabble also have vacancies
- German Improvers is restarting as at 26th September
- A new (third) Book Group is recruiting members and is already nearly full

Brush Up Your French is no longer a u3a Leeds Group; it continues independently.

Jo also stated that the committee is working to produce a Yearbook which will reflect the many different interests within u3a Leeds, and are asking for photos and information from all – many have already responded.

David Ball, in his capacity as the incoming Chair, reiterated Angela's remarks about the need for members to be involved in helping to keep things working. He announced the new Facebook group which has been established for u3a Leeds members, and also informed the meeting that there is a need for a replacement Webmaster, as Chris Lance, who has fulfilled this role for many years, wishes to stand down.

The attendees were thanked, and the meeting was closed by the Chair at 14:22.