



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

SAFFRON WALDEN

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Chairman, Alan Nicholls welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM and said that The Committee would be standing down in accordance with the Constitution.

Present

165 had signed the Register

Apologies for absence:

Ann and Tony Treglown, John Trueman, Jim Dwyer, Pauline Smith, Martin Hugall, Jennifer Capper, Trevor and Lisette Osbourn, John Pearson, Jo Ware and Esther Rawlings.

Minutes and Approval from the last A.G.M.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and have also been available on the Website. Ian Lawson proposed and Phillipa Croft seconded that they be adopted as a true record. Agreed Nem.con. and signed by the Chairman

Chairmans Report

The Chairman, Alan Nicholls reported that this had not been a year of major change, but, as in previous years, a slow and steady increase both in membership, numbers now past 900 I believe, and in number of classes, in spite of one or two ceasing to exist. I would like to thank all of our Committee members for their work throughout the year. Particular mention for those holding specific offices, such as Janet Pearson, our long suffering Secretary, Ann Treglown, who has done sterling work as Treasurer including maintain the annual fees at a modest £10 per annum. Jim Dwyer, who has injected new life into the Update magazine. Martin Hugall, who although not a Committee member manages the website quietly and efficiently, and to those Committee members who, for reasons beyond their control have left the Committee during the last year. Namely Trevor Osborne our Vice Chairman, Ann Banks our membership secretary, Lynne Howell who stood in briefly as Membership Secretary. And finally to those of who will be vacating the Committee today, Ann Cousins who has completed her tour of duty managing Activities and Venues, Christine Simpson and Gerald Gardner. My thanks to you all. My best wishes to those who are standing for election today, and as I am also standing down as Chairman today, I extend my best wishes to you all. Please give your continued support to our new Committee and enjoy the coming year.

Treasurers Report (Accounts attached also available on Website)

The annual accounts and financial statements have been prepared using applicable Accounting Standards and have been examined by an Independent Examiner in accordance with the Charity Commissioners' requirements. There are two sets of accounts; one for the main U3A finances and the other for the Theatre & Travel group, the latter being entirely separate. This will change next year as the Charities Commission has instructed that all income generated by the U3A will come under the same account for reporting purposes. I would like to express my thanks to Jean Little for her assistance in administering the Theatre and Travel accounts.

The accounts for 2017-2018 show a reduction in our account holdings of £1331.43. Income for the year relating solely to the administration of the U3A totalled £10189.52 and expenditure was £11542.93, resulting in a loss of £1353.41. For the eagle-eyed amongst you the difference in the two figures is £21.98.

Our coordinators have generated income of £34442.93 from their classes. They must be congratulated on a surplus of merely £21.98 for the whole year. They have worked so hard to balance their individual group accounts and my sincere thanks to them all.

There are still sufficient funds available and this has enabled the committee to keep the reduced membership subscription to £10 for a further year.

I would like to propose the adoption of the accounts.

Ann Treglown proposed the adoption of the accounts and Janet Pearson seconded, agreed Nem con.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Janet Pearson proposed and Ann Banks seconded that Robert Currie be appointed to this role. Agreed Nem con.

Amendment of Constitution

Brian Kerrison proposed and Rosalind Wright seconded that the following replaced the first paragraph of item 3. Charitable Purposes, in our Constitution with: ***“The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.”***

This was agreed Nem.con.

Election of Committee

The following people had submitted correctly completed nomination forms in accordance with the Constitution

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Mary Curtis	P Goddard	A Curtis
Jim Dwyer	I Lawson	J Pattendon
Brian Kerrison	J Trueman	C Kerrison
Pauline Palmer	C Duffy	I Lawson
Janet Pearson	J Pearson	A Treglown
Ann Treglown	B Linford	K Harrison
John Trueman	B Kerrison	J Trueman

Jackie Dibley proposed and Ann Crawford seconded that they were elected en bloc. This was agreed Nem con.

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Those present were reminded to hand the completed Questionnaires in
The Secretary, Janet Pearson thanked the outgoing Chairman, Alan Nicholls, for all of his hard work.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.56pm