



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT

MINUTES of the SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on
TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2011 at 2.30p.m.

at
KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Present;

Committee Members;

Ken Doyle	Vice Chairman	Peter Edge
John Wallace	Secretary	Roy Turnbull
Jackie Fisher	Treasurer	Kath Oakley
Howard Fisher		Jean Ainscough
Sheila Kingdom		Keith Barton
Barbara Wallace		Jackie Mullins

and 113 members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Barry Hull, Doug Miles, Christine Taylor, Geoff Allen and Robin Stocker.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 27th April 2010

Approved as a true record and signed.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported that this is only the second AGM of our branch of the U3A. Within these two years a membership of around 400 has been established with approximately 30 disparate Interest Groups. Full credit has to go to the Committee over these years and thanks were extended to all those members for their hard work in establishing such a thriving and invigorating branch. Within that time Bank Accounts have been opened, Charity Status achieved with consequent Gift Aid advantages, Lottery Grant of nearly £10,000 received, equipment purchases made, Outside Visits programmes arranged by the New Horizons group and an Open Meetings programme established, not to mention the numerous activities organised by the various Interest groups.

In particular thanks were given for the efforts of the retiring Committee Members, Barry Hull (Chairman), John Wallace (Secretary, who took over from Valerie Petef who did sterling work in the formative days), Jackie Fisher (Treasurer), Barbara Wallace (Groups Coordinator and leader of the New Horizons Group) and last but not least Howard Fisher for his work as Membership Secretary and Editor of the excellent Newsletter. They, together with the continuing members of the Committee received a resounding round of applause.

In conclusion, a decision of the Committee, taken after much deliberation, was communicated to the membership as follows:-

- For reasons of venue limitations, membership is to be capped, with immediate effect, to 400.
- New applications after reaching this limit will go on a waiting list until a vacancy arises.
- Renewals of membership from existing members will be honoured, even if this results in the total exceeding 400, provided that the renewal is made and membership fee paid before the cut-off date defined in the Constitution as 1st June. Failure to renew by this date will result in membership lapsing, in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions were then invited from the floor in response to which Alan Morris, whilst accepting the reason for the imposition of the membership cap, pointed out that in his experience those U3A's that had capped their membership became less vibrant after a few years as a result of the lack of new members. The Chairman noted the point and undertook to bear it in mind in the future.

5. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported having taken over the position in July following the resignation of Valerie Petef. Valerie had been Secretary from the start and had set up the systems and records in such an excellent way during the evolution of the U3A that the job has been exceedingly routine, comprising preparation of agendas and minutes, contributing to committee meetings and other activities as necessary and dealing with and distributing correspondence arising from emails, website and post.

Committee meetings have been scheduled monthly throughout the year resulting in 12 meetings against a constitutional requirement of 4. Attendance has been exceptionally high and enthusiastic with a minimum attendance of 66% of the committee members.

The Secretary reported that he is relinquishing the post due to moving away from the area and commented on the fact that the members present would shortly be asked to approve the nomination of his successor, Lorraine Donovan, and commended her to them as being very capable and that the position will be in very good hands.

There were no questions.

6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts.

The accounts had been distributed to all members present. The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good shape and reported the decision of the Committee that subscription levels would remain unchanged for 2012/13.

Thanks were expressed for the input and support received from the Examiner of Accounts, John Fallon.

In response to an invitation for questions Neil Franklin asked on what basis that it had been decided that assets would be depreciated totally in Year 1 rather than on a gradual basis. The question was referred to John Fallon who explained that the basis was optional and that for simplicity this method of accounting had been chosen.

There were no further questions.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Judith Stocker, seconded by Kath Oakley and approved nemine contradicente.

7. Appointment of the Examiner of Accounts.

John Fallon has previously indicated that he would be prepared to continue as Examiner of Accounts. A proposal to this effect was made by Neil Franklin, seconded by Sylvia Doyle and carried nemine contradicente.

8. Appointment of Honorary Officers and Committee Members.

Honorary Officers

The following had been proposed and seconded and confirmed that they are prepared to stand;

Chairman	Ken Doyle
Vice-Chairman	Roy Turnbull
Secretary	Lorraine Donovan
Treasurer	Roy Turnbull

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above Officers en bloc which was given and they proceeded to be elected nemine contradicente.

Committee

The following had been proposed and seconded and confirmed that they are prepared to stand. (The election is to be as a Committee Member; however the intended duty of each individual has been indicated where appropriate).

Sue O'Donoghue	(Groups Coordinator)
Lesley Dittmer	(Membership Secretary)
Jean Ainscough	(Publicity Officer)
Sheila Kingdom	(Newsletter Editor)
Peter Edge	(Website Manager)
Keith Barton	
Jackie Mullins	
Kath Oakley	

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The business having been concluded the Chairman closed the meeting.
