



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Tuesday, 23rd April 2013

at

KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 14:30hrs

Present: Ken Doyle (Chairman), Roy Turnbull (Treasurer), Lorraine Donovan (Secretary), Lesley Dittmer, Jackie Robinson, Peter Edge, Sue O'Donoghue, Barry Hull, Susan Hull, Sheila Kingdom plus 107 members and 1 visitor.

1. Apologies for Absence: Joan Speed, Valerie Petef, Pat O'Neil, Keith Barton, Gwenda Atkinson, John Atkinson, Kath Oakley, John Fallon, Robin Stocker, John O'Donoghue.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th April 2012

Approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Welcome everybody to the 4th AGM of Keyworth & District U3A.

Yet another good year for our U3A with a steady membership of around 450, which reflects a turnover of around 50 members, and 34 well supported interest groups, providing a full programme of varied activities.

Recently we ran our first Memory Workshop under the guidance of Robert and Ann Coultas, Sheila Kingdom and Sue O'Donoghue, which was very successful, evidenced by the fact that I have remembered to come to-day. We are planning further workshops in November and interest lists will be available at the next, and subsequent Open Meetings.

New Horizons have organised a full programme of interesting and entertaining trips over the year. The most recent was a trip to the Houses of Parliament during which we were standing two feet away from the statue of Margaret Thatcher when her death was announced at 1.00pm.

The existing committee members have all agreed to stand for re-election, which is fortunate as we have not had any additional nominations from a membership of 450, so there will not be a ballot. Four of the committee have been members since our inception and were members of the steering committee. There will have to be some serious arm twisting over the coming months as I, for one, constitutionally, have to stand down next year. It is vital that we have succession for the many roles in committee and the existing officers will be only too pleased to groom prospective successors over the coming year. PLEASE THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR U3A.

Finally I must thank the committee for their hard work and support over the year. Believe me when I say they make my job a doddle!

I must also, on behalf of the committee and yourselves, extend our gratitude to the Group Leaders for their hard work and dedication in providing such a varied programme of activities, which entails a great deal of preparation and research. Also, it would be remiss of me not to mention and extend our gracious thanks to our “techies” who tirelessly ensure the smooth and professional running of these open meetings in particular. Neither must we forget our “tea ladies” who all volunteer their services on a regular basis.

Could I please ask the Committee, Group Leaders and Techies present to be upstanding and for you to show your appreciation in the usual manner.

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of Accounts

You have all been provided with a set of Accounts which include the Receipts and Payments A/C, Balance Sheet and Notes for the Financial Year which ended on the 28th February 2013.

After approval by the Committee on the 3rd April the Accounts were signed off by the Chairman, Treasurer and subsequently by the Independent Examiner John Fallon. At this point, I would like to thank John for completing the examination in a timely manner and providing the committee with constructive comments.

A 12% increase in membership numbers over the previous year contributed significantly to the year’s surplus of £965. The end of year funds at £7,800 represents approx 75% of our annual receipts and provides our U3A with a cushion to cope with any unknown future adverse variations in both income and costs.

Our interest groups operate on a self financing basis. In the interest of operating an open fiscal policy to protect our Trustees, Group leaders/administrators and group members, the Group leaders were asked for the first time, to submit Group accounts on a half yearly basis. I can report all is in good order and would like to thank them for their contribution and also congratulate them for the excellent services they provide to members.

There were no questions.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Sue Manley, seconded by Stan Miller, and approved nemine contradicente.

The Treasurer then went on to make the following announcement

After looking at our future year projections, the Committee is pleased to recommend that the annual Subscription rate for the year 2014/15 be reduced from the current level of £16 to £15.

Proposed by Doug Miles and seconded by Adriana Fallon. Full approval given by members nemine contradicente.

6. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

John Fallon has agreed to continue to stand for a further year.

Proposed by Rosemary Stevens and seconded by Pam Thomas and carried nemine contradicente.

7. Appointment of Honorary Officers

Ken Doyle, current Chairman, has agreed to stand for a further year. He has been proposed and seconded and left the room whilst the vote was agreed by members. Members approved his appointment nemine contradicente.

The following have been proposed and seconded and confirmed that they are prepared to stand:

Keith Barton	Vice Chairman
Lorraine Donovan	Secretary
Roy Turnbull	Treasurer

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above officers en bloc and this was proposed by Clare Franklin, seconded by Jackie Mullins and therefore elected nemine contradicente.

The following have been proposed and seconded and confirmed they are willing to stand as Committee members:

Lesley Dittmer

Peter Edge
Sheila Kingdom
Barry Hull
Susan Hull
Sue O'Donoghue
Kath Oakley
Jackie Robinson

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above en bloc and this was proposed by Doug Miles and seconded by Sylvia Doyle. Approval was given by the meeting and therefore elected nemine contradiente.

The business having been completed, the Chairman closed the meeting at 14:50.

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