



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Tuesday, 26th April 2016

at

KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 14:30hrs

Present: Jackie Mullins (Chair), Clare Franklin (Secretary), Robin Wilcockson (Vice-Chair) Peter Edge, Sylvia Campbell, Pat Murfet, Jean Hogg and Jenny Greaves.

Plus 121 members.

1. Apologies for Absence: Adriana Fallon, John & Sue O'Donoghue, Kath Oakley, Stuart & Linda Bailey, Sandra Copson, Sheila and Keith Barton, Sam & Debbie Boote.

2. Consideration of any Resolutions Received: No resolutions had been received.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 28 April 2015

Approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

A very warm welcome to our 7th AGM, thank you for coming.

I can report that we are still a very robust U3A here in Keyworth and District, we are hovering about 500 members and we continue to grow slowly. A new U3A, we hope, is opening in Ruddington, and although we are in an area with several U3As, we thrive – thanks to you all.

The present committee are all up for re-election and will strive to reflect your interests and wishes. You will notice that during this year we have co-opted Jean Hogg who helps Robin Wilcockson particularly with new groups and her help and experience have been invaluable. Sue O'Donoghue has taken her place again on the main committee representing the New Horizons sub-committee, as I retired from that committee during the year.

We have had several new groups formed during the year: Italian Conversation, Calligraphy, Flower Arranging, Weekenders and Canasta. We look forward to more suggestions from you, the members.

The Committee are holding a working lunch in May for Group Leaders and helpers, primarily to say “thank you”. We recognise their efforts and realise that we should say so and also it is a time for them to get together with the other leaders and the Committee to iron out any niggles and worries. The new and updated Group Leaders Handbook will be launched on that day.

One person I must thank, is John Fallon: he has supported us through the years and kept us legal and above reproach, making sure that we comply with both the Charity Commission and with The Third Age Trust. John has agreed to audit our accounts for one more year and we are so grateful for his expertise and help.

We must thank everybody who helps our U3A run smoothly, all those who help run meetings: The Speaker Finder, the Group Leaders and their assistants, the Technical Team which I think inhabit “the cloud” or as Jeffrey Deaver puts it, “the Blue Nowhere”, the Greeters, those on Reception duties and the Tea Teams (I may elevate myself next year and resume service - not least because it gives me a chance to meet you!)

I must thank the Methodist Church for their assistance during the year for all of us and especially on behalf of the groups using the building: so far we haven't fallen out! We do try and help them whenever we can - this year, we contributed 75% of the cost of installing the blinds on the high windows at the front of the church.

New Horizons must have a special mention as they endeavour to arrange outings and events to suit everybody and to catch our imagination – they are in deep discussions regarding an event later in the year.

Lastly I must thank the Committee for keeping me on the straight and narrow. I am liable to wander off but especially Clare, Robin and Stuart haul me back. I am looking forward to this my last year as Chairman, more fun and things to ponder – thank you all for supporting me. I have not asked Mr Obama for his advice, as by the time of our next AGM in 2017, he will be a “gone” man!

There were no questions.

6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

Robin Wilcockson presented the accounts on behalf of the Committee: he pointed out that this time last year our U3A was in danger of folding through lack of a treasurer. Fortunately Stuart Bailey stepped forward and we thank him for that.

The Financial Statements for the year 1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016 were available to those present. The Total Receipts for the year were

£8572.37 and the Total Payments were £8475.90 which is well-balanced. We use our previously agreed reserves to replace equipment and for items such as the blinds in the Methodist Church.

The committee agreed not to make a charge for the Monthly Meetings: this cost is absorbed in the subscription charge, which also pays for the National magazine: Third Age Matters, which is sent out centrally. It is encouraging to see new Interest Groups being set up.

John Fallon was thanked for auditing our accounts.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Paul Roebuck seconded by Jenny Greaves and approved nemine contradicente.

Robin announced the subscription rate for 2017/2018 will remain the same at £15 per annum.

7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

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

Proposed by Sue Brittain, seconded by Neil Franklin and carried nemine contradicente.

8. Appointment of Honorary Officers & Committee members

First the election of the Honorary Officers, that is the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The following are eligible and have been proposed and seconded and have confirmed they are willing to stand as Officers for a further year:

Jackie Mullins	Chair
Clare Franklin	Business Secretary
Stuart Bailey	Treasurer
Robin Wilcockson	Vice-Chair

The Chair requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above officers en bloc. This was proposed by Jenny Greaves and seconded by Sylvia Campbell and carried nemine contradicente.

The following have been proposed and seconded and confirmed they are willing to stand as Committee members for a further year.

Sheila Barton	Jean Hogg
Keith Barton	Sue O'Donoghue
Sylvia Campbell	Pat Murfet
Peter Edge	Jenny Greaves

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above en bloc. This was proposed by Jodi Gray and seconded by Stan Miller and carried nemine contradicente.

The business having been completed, the Chairman closed the meeting at 14.45