



KEYWORTH & DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on

Tuesday, 24th April 2012

at

KEYWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 14:30hrs

Present: Ken Doyle (Chairman), Roy Turnbull (Treasurer), Lorraine Donovan (Secretary), Lesley Dittmer, Jackie Robinson, Peter Edge, Kath Oakley, Jean Ainscough, Jackie Mullins, Sue O'Donoghue, Sheila Kingdom plus 133 members.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman reminded all members that they should sign out in the reception area if they leave the meeting early (fire regulations).

1. Apologies for Absence: Barry and Susan Hull, Vic and Christine Taylor, Keith Donovan, Keith Barton, Ann Stockbridge, Robin Stocker.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 26th April 2011

Approved as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

This is our Third AGM and Keyworth and District U3A is now well established on the map of an ever increasing number of U3As in the East Midlands.

Last year at the AGM we reluctantly announced the need to cap the membership at 400 because of accommodation limitations at Open Meetings. In cooperation with our Methodist hosts we have jointly installed an Audio Visual link to the back room and have purchased a camera and additional projector, thus enabling us to remove the cap. The current membership stands in excess of 460 and with 32 Interest Groups we are in robust shape but will be looking to expand the number of groups in the coming year. If you have any ideas, please speak to myself or any member of the committee.

We are also hoping to run a series of Memory Workshops using a model pioneered by the Aughton & Ormskirk U3A. We are seeking the assistance of

any medical trained members of our U3A to assist in setting up and running the Workshops. Once again please speak to myself or a member of the committee.

I also believe that we have had a varied and interesting programme of external speakers with a good balance of academic and more light hearted speakers. The programme for the future is complete into the year 2013. Thanks to our Speaker Finder Jackie Robinson.

The excellent Newsletter has been published on a quarterly basis and we are currently striving to establish an economic balance between colour and monochrome. Our thanks go to Sheila Kingdom for a job well done, under difficult personal circumstances.

None of this could have happened without a hard working, dedicated and enthusiastic committee, many of whom were dropped in at the deep end at last year's AGM and have achieved a seamless transition from the previous excellent steering committee. In particular I would like to thank Jackie Mullins and Jean Ainscough who have been with us from the beginning and are both standing down this year. I would also like to thank Sue O'Donoghue for her work as coordinator of the Interest groups who is standing down to concentrate her efforts as leader of the New Horizons Group. Could I please have a show of appreciation for all their hard work.

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

The accounts had been distributed to all members present.

You have all been provided with a set of Accounts which include the Receipts and Payments A/C, Balance Sheet and Notes for the last Financial Year which ended on the 29th February 2012. 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 giving up his time, offering constructive comments and completing the audit in a timely manner.

A substantial increase in membership of approx 45% over the previous year made a significant contribution to years surplus of approx £1600, which when added to surpluses from previous years leaves us in a comfortable operating position.

There were no questions.

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

Finally, after looking at our future year projections, the Committee is pleased to inform you that the annual subscription rate for the year 2013/2014 will be reduced to £16 from the current level of £19.

Proposed by Doug Miles and seconded by Lesley Dittmer. Full approval given by members nemine contradicente.

Alan Morris enquired whether the 50p entry fee to Open meetings would continue. The treasurer confirmed that this had been discussed in Committee and a decision taken to continue charging this small sum to cover the costs of teas.

6. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

John Fallon has agreed to continue in this role for a further year.

Proposed by Sue O'Donoghue and seconded by Jackie Fisher and carried nemine contradicente.

7. Amendment to Clause 5.iv of the Constitution

This Resolution had been included in the Notice of the AGM which had been distributed to all the membership.

Alteration to the Constitution proposed as follows:

Membership – To amend part of the wording in Clause 5.iv of The Constitution “unpaid 3 months after the due date” to **“unpaid 2 months after the due date”**.

Amendment proposed by Jacqueline Flude and seconded by Rosemary Stevens. Approval given by membership with one abstention.

8. Appointment of Honorary Officers

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

Ken Doyle	Chairman
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 Sue O'Donoghue, seconded by Frances Turnbull 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
Jackie Robinson
Barry Hull
Kath Oakley
Susan Hull

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to elect the above en bloc and this was proposed by Jackie Mullins and seconded by Sylvia Doyle.

Approval was given by the meeting, with one abstention.

Alan Morris raised the question regarding who will be taking on the Groups Coordinator role. The Chairman stated that all committee members will be assigned roles at the next committee meeting (Tuesday, 1st May 2012).

The business having been completed, the Chairman closed the meeting at 14:52.

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