

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting in Bishop's Stortford at 2.30pm on Monday 13 March 2023

The Chairman, Jim Paterson, welcomed all to the meeting and determined that it was quorate (90+ attending).

1. Apologies for absence

Denise and Mike Kennard, Jack Treves, Alice Dain, Graham and Jenny Savage, Mike and Jill Smith, Hannah Shine, James Budd.

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

These had been circulated to all in the Winter Newsletter. They were unanimously accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Gerry Sumpter Second: Jeff Poynter

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Jim Paterson reported that he had now been in post for 3 years and was standing down. Over the past 3 years Covid had negatively affected the membership and had fallen at one stage from c1,200 to c600. Fortunately, numbers are now over 800 and this was in part due to the u3a Day and the recruitment drive in September which had resulted in 40 new members.

Jim was very pleased to report new potential candidates had applied for retiring committee members namely Chair, Treasurer and Speaker Arranger. The post of Magazine Editor remains vacant.

Finally, Jim thanked the Committee and Group Leaders for their continuing support.

5. Treasurer's Report (Jack Treves)

Jack had circulated his Report by email as he was unable to attend the AGM.

Presentation of the 2022 Annual Accounts

These have been passed by the Independent Examiner and the Committee. The Treasurer had asked for questions and there were none. The examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were unanimously accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposer: Sue Rayner Jacobs, Second: Ken Wheatley

6. Approval and Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts

Peter Bass was unanimously re-elected to the role of Independent Examiner for 2023.

Proposer: Alan Draper, Second: Theresa Paterson

7. The Election of Officers

1) Chair – Dr Sue Rayner Jacobs Proposer: Alan Draper, Second: Linda Scott

2) Treasurer – Alice Dain Proposer: Gerry Sumpter, Second: Jeff Poynter

Jim explained the remaining Non Officer posts would be proposed and seconded jointly:

3) Vice Chair for 1 year – Jim Paterson

4) Assistant Treasurer – Jack Treves (for 6 month handover period)

5) Speaker Arranger – Charis Bailey

6) Events Coordinator – Carole Scott (re-standing)

7) Assistant Membership – Stuart Jacobs (re-standing)

8) Assistant Groups Secretary – Judith Monaghan

9) General support – Gerry Sumpter

Proposer: Brenda Messenger, Second: Kathy Sumpter

8. AOB

Jim Paterson thanked everyone and handed over to Sue Rayner Jacobs.

Sue introduced herself and presented the Chairman and Treasurer with leaving gifts and grateful thanks from the Committee and Members of BSu3a.