



Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting 2019/2020

On Zoom Online Application 16th June 2020 at 14.00

1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed the number of members attending provided a quorum. The Chairman explained that we were online for the AGM as we had ceased Face to Face meetings since 17/03/20 in accordance with Government advice about the Corona-Virus Pandemic. The Chairman went on to say that this Online type of Meeting for the AGM is sanctioned by both the Charity Commission and the National U3A. She then outlined the procedures and format of the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

These were received from 2 people.

John Trehy , Lorna Trehy

3 Approval of the Minutes of the 16^h AGM held on 16th April 2019

Proposed: Seconded:

This was carried unanimously.

4 Matters arising from last year's meeting

There were no matters from the previous meeting.

5 Chairman's report of activities for the year 2019/20

During the last year, 2019/20, we have seen a few changes within our U3A. After a couple of amendments to our constitution the Charities Commission finally agreed to our wording and after a vote by us the constitution came into force.

We saw the loss of 2-3 groups during the year because of a lessening of interest in some of the subject matters and the aging profile of those groups. However, other groups did well and we saw an increase in membership of approximately 7%. We had planned to join the U3A promotional day but the Corona virus caused that to be cancelled. Other promotional events brought in only a small number of new members but we continue to push BNB U3A as much as we can.

The Corona virus has caused a great deal of disruption to our organisation – as it has to the country as a whole. Unfortunately we will not be able to have any face to face group sessions until the Government gives us the go ahead and venues open up again. Please let me assure you we will carry out risk assessments before opening up face to face meetings and ensure any social distancing is adhered to.

Some groups are making full use of the IT facilities available to them. The Computer and the Bridge groups are doing very well and we are looking to use more IT facilities where possible.

Before closing I would like to thank the Committee for their work during this last year and for the support they have given me in my role as Chairman. I would also like to wish everyone good health and hope you avoid the virus.

6 Receiving and accepting the independently examined accounts for 2019/2012.

The Treasurer, Sue Quittenton, thanked everyone for keeping the attendance sheets in such good order, and for keeping all the correspondence/payment links during the year.

People agreed they had seen the Financial Statement, which is for **unaudited** accounts, Sue explained she had not been able to meet with the Accountant because of the current Coronavirus situation. This will be rectified as soon as possible and the Statement will then be presented to the first Monthly Meeting after the audit.

Activities stopped mid-March, meaning income for that month reduced, but expenditure still happened. Three groups closed during the year.

BNB U3A is in a very stable financial position which means we are able to absorb increases in subscription to Third Age Trust (TAT) (£3.50) and the Third Age Matters (TAM) (£3.10) magazine, and will continue to do so during this current financial year.

Sue also explained that we do not need an accountant to audit the accounts but a person independent to the BNB U3A will suffice.

Several events within the Social Group had to be cancelled because of the Coronavirus situation – the Heritage Tea at the Heritage Centre, Calamity Jane at the Concordia Theatre, and two theatre visits to Kilworth House. It is planned to rebook the Heritage Tea when such events are ‘allowed’, and refunds will be given for the theatre visits.

Sue explained 2020/21 will be her last year as Treasurer (and Committee), so we’re looking for someone to shadow her in preparation for next year. The Chairman asked for a volunteer to do this but no one responded.

There were no questions from the Floor. Brian Gibbs thanked Sue for her work for BNB. Agreed by all.

7 Approval the appointment of an Independent Examiner for next year’s accounts.

Brian Bannister has agreed again to examine this and next year’s accounts.

Agreed unanimously

8. Appointment of Committee Officers and Committee Members

The Chairman explained that we need to have 3 Officers but only 1 person had been nominated far, so we needed 2 more people. She explained that under the constitution she can open the nominations for more people at the AGM itself. Dave Bell and Sue Quittenton had already volunteered.

The Chairman then asked if the meeting would accept these people. It was agreed.

Then Votes were taken

Dave Bell .	Agreed unanimously
Sue Quittenton.	Agreed unanimously
Andrew Fox.	Agreed unanimously

The Chairman explained that we needed a minimum of 4 Committee Members and again we needed volunteers from the Floor as there were no nominations.

The Chairman then gave the names of the volunteers for Committee Members, and these were accepted and then voted on

Paul Davis .	Agreed unanimously
Lynn Keeley	Agreed unanimously
Molly Evans.	Agreed unanimously
Robert Hill.	Agreed unanimously
Judith Perkins	Agreed unanimously

The Chairman also appealed for volunteers for future Treasurer and Membership Secretary as shadows for them this year to learn the job. No one volunteered at present.

The new Committee will meet soon and agree their own roles.

Ernie Thompson was reassured that the Officers mentioned were the trustees and that we were fully in compliance with being a Charity.

9. Consideration of motions from members and/or the Committee.

No motions had been received or were made here today.

10. AOB

Brian Gibbs noted that IT was an answer to keeping going during the lock-down and will be invaluable going forward too, as things will not be back as they were anytime soon. He was re-assured that the Committee realised that and would be working towards getting more groups functioning with IT assistance sooner rather than later.

There will be a Sub-Committee on the matter and Brian and Richard Adams were invited to join the committee also. It was noted that Bridge, Poetry, Ukulele and the Computer groups were all doing something already online already, which could be further developed.

John Young said that he had Apple Mac experience for those on that platform and could help them out.

Robert Hill, the Speaker Secretary, spoke of the Speaker offers he had received for online Zoom presentations, particularly about a generational family history of an Anglo-Indian family, and was asked to pursue the matter for all of us as a Monthly Meeting slot.

Pete Aldersley spoke of a Face Book platform which may be more user friendly than Zoom and better accommodate interactive work. He was assured all ideas will be considered by the IT Sub-Committee.

Pete also said that there was still some old publicity with the Boroughs parks department, which really needed refreshing and re-posting. Noted by Committee.

Pete also asked if the Family History Group held their own subscribed copy of an application called "Ancestry", the answer was no, but you can find it in the Public Library (when it's open!)

Sue Quittenton thanked the retiring Chair, Rita, for her contribution to BNB, all agreed and applauded her.....

11. Date of the next AGM

19 May 2021 at Bulkington Village Centre, God willing..

The meeting was then closed by the retiring Chairman with thanks to the Committee and members for the support she had received during her time in office.

Signed as an accurate record

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