

BRANSTON & DISTRICT U3A
14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26 MARCH 2019
Branston Village Hall 2.00pm

1. Apologies for Absence:

Janet Foster, Rodger Foster, Christine Metcalf, Karen Wood, Bill Green, MaryAnn Williams, Michaela Gilbert, Keith Berry, Jean Berry, Martyn Long, Veronica Long, Pat Mundy, Peter Mundy, Margaret Holden, Geoff Holden, Elaine Hutton, Ian Hutton, John McCracken, Helen McCracken, Elaine Johnson, Bernard Johnson, Jill Wood, Liz Oglesby, Mick Wood, Janet Wood, Rosemary Howarth, Stuart Howarth, Richard Free, Jackie Free, Shirley Blewitt, Rosamund Bloomfield, David Brammer, Pauline Brew, John Bruce, Digby Elliott, Tony Johns, Sheridan Minshull, Bill Randerson, Jo Randerson, Steve Vinter, Frank White, John Green, Irene Green. There were 93 members present.

2. Approval of the AGM Minutes held on 27 March 2018

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
Proposed Denis Stubbings, seconded Alan Croxford. Carried.

3. Statement of Accounts 2018-2019

The Financial Statement had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Treasurer told the meeting that it had been an active year for the U3A and that was reflected in the accounts. She said that there had been some excellent speakers and there had been some very interesting trips, but that this came at a cost, which meant there was an operating deficit of £438.23. This was a reflection of increased speakers' costs and coach hire, as well as grants paid to the Social Account to support the Christmas Event and new initiatives for members' interest groups. However, she reported that there was still a healthy carry forward balance of £3221.21.

She continued by saying that, although she was sorry that she would no longer be involved with the team, she was sure that the Committee would steer the finances into a more positive position by 2020.

As there were no questions, John Tyerman proposed, and Sue Morris seconded, that the meeting accept the accounts. Carried.

The Chair then proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all she had done throughout the year.

4. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for 2019-2020

The meeting was told that James Kelsey, from Dexter & Sharpe, Lincoln, had been the examiner of the 2018-2019 accounts, and that he had agreed to do the same for the 2019-2020 accounts. Proposed Pam Scoffin, seconded Terry Herriman. Carried.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair opened his report by saying the U3A was in good shape. He said membership stood at 240, the same as the previous year, that figure to be confirmed once all members had confirmed whether or not they were renewing their membership.

He reported that the Strollers and one of the Creative Writing groups had closed down, and he thanked those members who had led the groups. Unfortunately, the proposed Rifle Shooting and Kurling groups had failed to take off, the former due to problems with insurance, the latter due no one being prepared to take on the role of Convenor. However, the newly formed Singing for Pleasure group was flourishing.

There had been some wonderful presentations at the Monthly Meetings, as well as a very enjoyable time at Nidd Hall for the Summer Social, and Christmas Lunch at Branston Hall, plus some memorable outings organised by the Visits Group and others.

The U3A had had to adapt to the new GDPR Data Protection regulations, and the Chair said he believed we were now fully compliant. A concern now was that the Chair was the only person with full access to the database, and he felt that a deputy, not necessarily a Committee Member, was required.

The Chair then thanked the Treasurer and the Welfare Officer, who were stepping down from the Committee, for all their hard work and support during the year. There was a round of applause from all present. He also thanked all those within the organisation who volunteered for all the jobs required to make everything run successfully.

The Chair said that he couldn't believe that he had arrived at the end of his tenure of Chair so quickly, but that the previous 12 months, although demanding, had been most enjoyable and it had been a pleasure to serve what he described as a wonderful set of people. He had been encouraged by the support of all the Committee Members, and he particularly wanted to mention the Vice Chair, who had supported him and the rest of the Committee with wisdom, patience and a great depth of knowledge. He was sure she would be a very worthy Chair. He ended by saying that he had gained a large number of real friends since joining the U3A just 4 years previously, his main regret being that he had not managed to find the time to visit each group.

6. Appointment of Committee Members

Chair	Andrea White
Secretary	Eileen McKelvey
Treasurer	Janet Foster
Programme Secretary	Marcus Stead
Membership Secretary/ Welfare Officer	Elaine Johnson
Data Manager	James Hewson
Groups Coordinator	Denis Stubbings
Committee	Christine Hodson
Committee	Brian Sentance

Changes to Draft Agenda.

Rosamund Bloomfield was stepping down from the Committee but was to continue as Welfare Officer. However, she was now stepping down also from that role, and the Membership Secretary had agreed to take on the role, in addition to her own.

James Hewson was nominated by John Tyerman, seconded by Kevin Faulkner. All agreed. Janet Foster was nominated by Eileen McKelvey, seconded by Valerie Elliott. 92 agreed, 1 abstention.

There was no need to vote on the other Committee Members as they were continuing in post and Andrea White became Chair by natural progression from Vice Chair.

The Chair reported that, in spite of approaches to several members, no one had shown an interest in becoming Vice Chair. He explained that the role of Vice Chair would be held for 2 years, with a natural progression to Chair for a further 2 years. He asked that anyone interested should contact the new Chair. Similarly, if anyone was interested in taking on the role of Deputy Data Manager.

7. AOB. None.

8. Statement by New Chair.

The new Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair for having steered the U3A to its current strong inclusive situation. All agreed.

At this point Sue Morris said she wished to tender a vote of thanks to all the Committee.

The Chair then closed the meeting at 2.40pm.

Refreshments were then served, followed by a performance by the Singing for Pleasure Group Choir.

Signed as a true record

Date