

MINUTES OF THE TWELTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT BRIXWORTH VILLAGE HALL.

- PRESENT** Annie Curtis (Chairman), Tim Smith (Treasurer), Sue Dodds-Smith (Secretary), Maggie Wall (Membership Secretary), Brian Collett (Webmaster), Chris Rowe (Interest Group Leader), Margaret Griffiths (Speaker Secretary), Christine Pratt (Newsletter and Archive Secretary), Jill Onley (Village Hall Representative), Hazel Wilson (Meeting and Greeting Secretary) and 66 members.
- 1. APOLOGIES** Stan and Val Evens, Brian Robertson, Jilly Francis, Graham Onley, Irene Neil, Rosemary and Gerry Dobson, Karen Pirrie, Ann Ruch-Davies, Tim Parker, Ray Bradfield, Sue & Judy Roan, Leslie Sims, Norma Webb, Fred and Linda Otter
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM** Copies of the Minutes were made available to the meeting and had been circulated by email. Tony Hockenhill proposed and Peter Davies seconded the motion that the minutes of the last AGM on 6th June 2018 be taken as read be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously. A copy of the signed minutes will be posted on the website.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING** No matters arising
- 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- Annie Curtis welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for making our U3A such a friendly and special organisation. She particularly thanked all those who worked behind the scenes enabling Brixworth U3A to run so efficiently.
- The Chair pointed out that we are now a "stand alone" charity and as such are responsible to the Charity Commission. This has resulted in extra work for the committee in complying with the rules and regulations of the Commission, particularly in respect of the Treasurer's duties. AC thanked TS for his work in this respect.
- All new members were welcomed and members asked to let the committee know if any problems arose.
- Annie Curtis reported that Margaret Griffiths had organised very interesting speakers during the course of last year, mentioning that probably the highlight was the talk given by Georgie Hale on her epic cruise to the Antarctic.
- The Chair then introduced all the Committee members and invited them to explain their roles. Margaret Griffiths invited members to recommend speakers and Maggie Wall reported that the membership stood at 239. Christine Rowe reported that there are 31 groups which, with a membership of 239, is a very good ratio. She also asked the membership to contact her if they had ideas for new groups. Brian Collett asked that if any members were not receiving emails and would like to do so could they please let him have their email address.
- Sadly, in the last year we have lost several of our members and on behalf of our membership Annie Curtis passed on our condolences and best wishes to their families.
- Rob Womack expressed the thanks of the membership to Annie Curtis for all her hard work on their behalf.
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- Tim Smith presented the audited and final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019. He explained the changes to the accounts required by the Charity Commission.
- He pointed out that due to commissions received from Riviera Travel the subscription fee will remain at £12 for the year commencing April 2020. He advised members that Riviera Travel had now changed the procedure for customers wishing to nominate a charity to receive the commission. Customers should now advise the travel company at the time of booking and not wait until payment is made.
- The treasurer thanked Ian Barrett for carrying out the audit in a very thorough and efficient manner.

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Peter Davies asked the question as to why the total of the subscriptions was not divisible by the number of members. It was pointed out that subscriptions vary due to members belonging to more than one U3A and thus paying a discounted amount or joining part way through the year at a reduced rate.

There being no further questions Paula Jones proposed and Peter Martin seconded the motion that the accounts be accepted. Carried unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The necessary nomination paperwork has been received to propose the election of Tim Smith as Treasurer. The proposer was Tony Hockenhill and was seconded by Brian Edney. Carried unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The necessary paperwork has been received for the election of Chris Rowe to the Committee. The proposer was Brian Robertson, seconded by Jill Onley. Carried unanimously.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

Alex Dallas proposed and Lyn Aitken seconded the motion that Ian Barrett be appointed Auditor for the coming year. Carried unanimously.

9. ANY MOTIONS PUT FORWARD

None

10. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT AGM

Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

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2 December 2020