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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Camelot Area u3a (charity reg no 1038544) held at Caryford Community Hall, Maggs Lane, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ on Friday 29 September 2023.

Present: Robert Reeves (Chairman), Peter Kennedy (Treasurer), Catriona Cole (Secretary), Caroline Reeves (Membership Secretary), Dayella Stickland (Publicity), Alan Gibbons (Web Editor), Peter Townley (committee), Roger Weldhen (Minutes Secretary) plus 35 members.

The Meeting commenced at 2:07 pm.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from: Stella Fairbairn, Howard Goodman, Jill Halford. Sara Shepherd and Jane Wilde.
2. **Minutes of AGM held on 30 September 2022.** These were received and approved (proposed by Alan Gibbons; seconded by Sue Kennedy).
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM held on 30 September 2022.** There were none.
4. **Chairman's summary report.**
 - 4.1. The Chairman confirmed his full report for 2022/2023 was in the October newsletter.
 - 4.2. The Chairman highlighted several matters including: the change to online banking, thanking Howard Goodman who is stepping down as Speaker Secretary for a good program, the appointment of Catrina Cole as Secretary and Stella Fairbairn putting herself forward as Vice Chair, the formation of two new groups, the work of Peter Kennedy and Caroline Reeves resulting in the successful implementation of the Beacon management system,
 - 4.3. The Chairman emphasised the need for members to put themselves forward to serve as officers and Committee members. A new Chairman will be needed as Robert Reeves announced he would be standing down as Chairman at the conclusion of the meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - 5.1. The Treasurer confirmed the 2022/2023 accounts (which have been examined by the Treasurer of Somerton u3a) were in the September newsletter. The Treasurer urged members to volunteer for appointment as examiner; he was of the view the accounts should be examined by a member of Camelot Area u3a..
 - 5.2. The Treasurer highlighted some points within the accounts including: details of the bank balances as in the published accounts, static membership subscription income in last two years of around £4000 resulting in the need for some cost reductions and the increase in membership fees from £15 to £17 pa and overall expenditure of about £13000 56% of which was group expenditure for the period.

5.3. The examined 2022/2023 accounts were received and approved (proposed by Alan Gibbons; seconded by Anne *).

6. Election of officers and committee members.

6.1. The following were re - elected: Peter Kennedy (Treasurer), Catriona Cole (Secretary), Caroline Reeves (Committee - Membership Secretary), Jill Halford (Committee - Magazine Editor), Peter Townley (Committee) and Roger Weldhen (Committee).

6.2. Stella Fairbairn was formally elected Vicechair (proposed by Caroline Reeves; seconded by Chris ?).

7. Appointment of Honorary Examiner of the 2023 - 2024 accounts. The Meeting agreed to the Committee appointing a suitable Examiner.

8. Monthly raffle.

8.1. The Chairman said there are problems in continuing with the current raffle arrangements. Third Age Trust have received guidance from the Charity Commission that a charity recipient of charitable gifts from a u3a must have substantially the same charitable objects as the donor u3a. Directives from the Third Age Trust reflect the Charity Commission's guidance - those directives prevent us continuing with the existing raffle arrangements.

8.2. The Chairman outlined options which included: (a) the raffle continuing but keeping it entirely separate from the u3a event, with proceeds being held and managed by the raffle organisers; (b) Finding a charity which has the same objects clause to donate the proceeds to ; (c) Cease holding a raffle.

8.3. Following suggestions from members the Chairman confirmed the matter will be discussed by the committee at its next meeting.

9. Any other business. None

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2:31 pm

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