

CROUCH VALLEY U3A - Minutes of AGM

25 April 2017

Venue: Champions Manor Hall, SWF

Apologies for absence:

Colin and Joan Martin. Kath Gable. Roger and Sheena King. Mike and Anne Hawker.

Minutes of the last AGM 26 April 2016 and addendum 24 May 2016

Agreed as a true record.

Chairman's remarks

Ray welcomed the members attending and outlined the usual emergency procedures.

He read through his report for the 2016/7 year. The report will be put on the web-site and in the next Newsletter which will be available at the May meeting.

Ray is retiring from his position as Acting Chairman this year after three years as Chairman and one year as Acting Chairman. Subject to confirmation from the members (see later), David Shea will be Chairman for 2017/8 with Ray as Vice-Chairman. Thanks were given to all for making our U3A the friendly and successful organisation it has become.

It was proposed that this month's tea money be donated to J's Hospice in memory of Connie Bushby. A collection box was also available for any additional donations that members might wish to make to this Charity. Agreed by all present.

Members were also reminded of all upcoming events.

Secretary's remarks

Ken read through his report which is on the web-site. He also outlined several new National events which are now booking.

He also thanked the Meeters and Greeters and Visitor Mentors and welcomed our visitors.

Treasurer's Report:

John Gable's 2016/7 accounts were presented and these will be available on the Web-site when audited. In summary, our finances look very healthy for the foreseeable future

Total payments for the year to our nominated charities were:

Aspire - £163.18

Essex Air Ambulance - £227.18

Lupus - £214.50

Dementia Adventure - £137.95

It was agreed to support the same Charities in 2017/8

Membership Secretary

A successful year. Renewals were still coming in, but total membership should be around 145. Average attendance at monthly meetings continues to be 70+

Amendment to the Constitution

To allow up to 16 Committee members:

Proposed by Alan Birch, seconded by Peter Hatchard. Votes for 71, none against, no abstentions. Amendment approved.

Election of Officers

Chairman - **David Shea**. Nominated and proposed by Ray Burns, seconded by Don Wragg. Votes for 69, 1 against, no abstentions. Carried.

Vice Chairman - **Ray Burns**. Nominated and proposed by Rosemary Green, seconded by Richard Bradshaw. Votes for 70, none against, no abstentions. Carried.

Election of new Committee members

Andy Hull. Nominated and proposed by Ray Burns. **Eileen Wendelken**. Nominated and proposed by Lynda Burns. **Richard Bradshaw**. Nominated and proposed by Joyce Sach.

All seconded by Pat Fayers. Votes for 68, none against, no abstentions. All duly elected.

In the absence of any other nominations, the remainder of the Committee were standing for re-election:

Ken Walker, Secretary. **John Gable**, Treasurer. **Bob le Beau**, Groups Co-ordinator. **Colin Pegrum**, Membership Secretary. **Lynda Burns**, Programme Secretary. **Don Wragg**, Webmaster. **Rosemary Green**, Committee Member. **Joyce Sach**, Committee Member and Welfare Officer

Proposed by Andy Hull, seconded by Jim Laker. Votes 62 for, 1 against, no abstentions. All duly elected.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

Bob outlined the Groups currently active and mentioned the possibility of a new Creative Writing Group. Members interested were asked to put forward their names.

AOB

David Shea thanked Ray and Lynda Burns for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over the last 12 months, followed by a round of applause from the members.

The meeting closed with Don Wragg giving a presentation on his recent trip to India with the Rotary Club.

Next meeting Tuesday 23 May 2017

Brian Carline on the subject of "Soil, Sweat and Tears"

Signed.....Chairman, David Shea

Signed..... Secretary, Ken Walker