

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON
MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2020 ON ZOOM**

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from:

- Linda and Howard Bond
- Lis and Bob Greenland
- Norma Atkinson
- Graham and Rosemary Watson
- Ann and Mervyn Yorath
- Hillary Riddin
- Michaela Jacques
- Connie Bottell and John Wheeldon
- Nora Staley
- Sheila Radford
- Doreen Hays

Leslye welcomed everyone to the Zoom Annual General meeting and thanked them for attending. Leslye also thanked Sheila Reed and the Committee who had kept the DU3A moving up to lockdown in March of this year.

We are obliged, under our constitution, to give 21 days' notice of an AGM to our members. Leslye apologised for an error in the advert in the Newsletter which stated that Monday, 21st October 2020 was the date for the AGM. Obviously, the 21st October was not a Monday and this was a typing error. In the same Newsletter, the AGM was clearly listed in the Zoom Dates advert as Monday, 19th October 2020.

This error was pointed out to the Committee by Andrew Young on the morning of the AGM.

Leslye then individually introduced the members of the Committee to the membership present at the meeting. These are as follows:

Leslye Henstock	Chair of Dukeries U3A Establishing DU3A Virtual World on Zoom
Pam Hardwick	Group Secretary/Assisting Chair Links with Regional/National U3A and local community
Richard Titmuss*	Treasurer
Margaret Titmuss*	Catering Manager and Health & Safety
Ann Street	Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers Marketing and Communications in local press
Marie Bartle	Membership Manager Contact for Wellbeing
Christine Yates	Co-ordinator of Group Activities
John Harris	Newsletter Editor
Nick Mason	IT and Zoom Advisor
Val Saunders	Minuting Secretary

*only until 31st March 2021.

Leslye individually thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and commitment to keeping the DU3A alive and going forward in such difficult times.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Pam proposed that the Minutes for 20th May 2019 be accepted as a true record. Richard, at this juncture, pointed out that the wording in the first paragraph of the Treasurer's Report should have read"and the balances were pretty much the same as last year although there had been a change of format to comply with new Head Office guidelines". This correction will be dealt with at the next Committee Meeting and the Minutes signed off.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts were presented on screen for the year ended 31st March 2020. The Current Account figures were shown alongside those for the year ending 31st March 2019. The Current Account balance at 31st March 2019 was £3330.11 and the figure for 31st March 2020 was £2191.19. Richard explained that the balance at 31st March 2019 was too high and it was decided by the Committee that a Hog Roast would take place at the Garden Party in August 2019 which would be free for members. This is why the figure at 31st March this year is much lower.

Richard said that the Accounts were in a healthy position to take the DU3A forward when groups are able to meet again.

As agreed in the AGM Minutes for last year, Richard has been posting monthly Account figures on the DU3A website.

Richard also commented that his position as Treasurer will finish at 31st March 2021 and a new Treasurer will need to be found.

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4. FUTURE PLANS FOR THE DU3A

Leslye gave a brief run-down on future plans for the DU3A.

Short Term Plans

- Keep any small groups active in outdoor pursuits in line with legislation. It is important that participants are all U3A members for insurance purposes.
- Resume lunch and dinner get-togethers when allowed.
- Develop our virtual world in Zoom.

The following events have already been planned:-

- Quiz Time
- Casino Club
- Happy Hour Chats

- Coffee Mornings
- Afternoon Tea Parties
- Scattergories Sessions
- Murder Mystery Night

Leslye said that any other ideas for hosting a Zoom Activity would be welcome.

Activity Leaders will be posting information in the Newsletter.

Medium Term Plans

- Continue to collaborate with other local community groups.
- Keep in touch with National and Regional initiatives to improve our image and build awareness for our group.
- Attract new members through marketing and promotion and look at new areas, such as Edwinstowe in which to find new members.
- Attend beneficial training courses.
- Encourage the increase in the number of Activity Groups.
- Support new Activity Group Leaders.

Long Term Plans

- Spend members' fees and reserve funds wisely, to support the members and the expansion of the group.
- Manage the budget to cover capitation fees and essential costs until March 2022.
- Plan social events to re-launch DU3A out of lock-down.
- Resume outings.

Leslye went on to say that at the moment there are the dark winter months ahead to cope with and, for some, separation from friends and family. She said that our DU3A group only succeeds when each of us offers a bit of time to bring joy and laughter to others so:

Keep Connected

Keep Safe

Keep Smiling

Open Forum for Questions and Comments from members

Andrew Young said that we did not have enough members present at the meeting to form a quorate for voting. Andrew was informed that we have ninety paid-up members of DU3A and, after a brief count of the members present, it was confirmed that we had the required 25 per cent.

Alex Edwards gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for their hard work in such difficult times.

Jean Parry-Williams reiterated her comments.

5. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Votes by email and those given by hand to Christine Yates had already been collated by Pam Hardwick.

Members Present at the Zoom Meeting

- Sue and Tony Brewer
- Stefan Ziemba
- Doreen Jackson
- Colin Barratt and Mal Richardson
- Alex Edwards
- Chris Neighbour and Wendy Owen
- Jean Parry-Williams
- Mary and David Morris
- Sharon Pinkett
- George and Alison Hodgson
- Jenny Fox
- Alan Saunders
- Andrew Young

A vote was taken and all proposed Committee members were duly elected.

A final question was put before the membership in view of the mix-up in dates for the AGM. The members were asked to vote whether this meeting could legitimately be considered to be the Annual General Meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously by the membership present.

Richard proposed a vote of thanks to Leslye for her leadership and hard work since taking on the mantle of Chair.