

## **EALING AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

### **The Annual General Meeting of Ealing U3A was held at Ealing Green Church on 23 March 2023**

#### **M I N U T E S**

**Present:** Derek Atkinson - Chairman; Sue Peach - Vice Chair; Liz Major - Treasurer; Patricia Donnithorne – Secretary, and 89 members in the Church, together with 35 members attending via Zoom.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed members attending in person and by Zoom. He read out apologies for absence from Alison Browne, Mara Williams and Jacky Anstee.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2022 were approved, with one abstention. Proposer: Sylvia Stirling Secunder: Rosemary Hart

**3. Annual Report for the year to March 2023**

3.1 The Chairman gave the Annual Report on Ealing U3A for the period April 2022 - March 2023. The full Report was subsequently put on the Ealing U3A website.

3.2 In summary, the Chairman said that membership stood at nearly 500. We had maintained hybrid talks on Thursday mornings, and from September 2022 had increased the number of talks from two per month to three, with every third Thursday morning becoming a coffee morning at different venues in Ealing. Attendance at the talks was regularly over 100. There had been three anniversary talks for the Summer Programme 2022.

3.3 There were now 52 special interest groups, an increase from 43 the previous year. The aim was that every member should find a place in one or more of the existing groups, and no one should have to wait for a place to become available. Additionally, the photographic competition had taken place in September, with photographs displayed on screen, which gave a very good view of them.

3.4 The Newsletter came out on a monthly basis; the Ealing U3A Social Facebook had been initiated; and the first Groups' Showcase had been held in September as an opportunity for members to talk to group conveners. Over 130 members and guests had attended, with a visit from the Mayor. Two tea parties had been held at Ealing Golf Club in September and 134 members had attended.

3.5 As part of a drive to increase visibility, a publicity stand had been held at the Hanwell Carnival in June, and in September another was put up in Ealing Broadway. In June about 40 members had attended a picnic in Walpole Park to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U3A movement.

3.6 The Chairman thanked the large number of dedicated members who volunteered on behalf of Ealing U3A and all of whom contributed to making the organisation such a success. His report was accompanied by photographs of some Ealing U3A activities during the year.

Members unanimously approved the adoption of the Annual Report as a correct record of the year. Proposer: Bill Dudman                      Second: Phil Hart

4. **Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022**

The Treasurer, Liz Major, gave her report and presented the Accounts, which had been emailed to members and been made available prior to the AGM. She reminded members that the financial year operates from 1 January to 31 December and that the accounts are reported on a cash rather than an accruals basis, which means that subscriptions for 2023 which were received at the end of 2022 show in the 2022 accounts, even though they apply to 2023.

There were currently 499 members which compared with 382 members at the previous AGM.

A member questioned whether more of the funds held in the cash account should be transferred to the reserve, interest bearing account, given that interest rates had risen markedly in the previous months. The Treasurer agreed to consider this.

Members approved the Annual Accounts with one abstention.

Proposer: Barbara Kinn

Second: Juliet Edwards

5. **Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for financial year Jan-Dec 2023**

The appointment of Colin Easton as Examiner of the accounts for the forthcoming year was agreed unanimously.

Proposer: Steve Pound

Second: Mary Hamilton.

6. **Election of members of the Committee**

There were 7 places on the committee and there were 7 candidates, as below, therefore, with the meeting's agreement the candidates were elected unopposed.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
Derek Atkinson	Sue Peach	Sue Kendrick
Phil Broomsgrove	Hilary White	Rosemary Hart
Julia Buckland	Jurek Naroanski	Alan Donnithorne
Patricia Donnithorne	Derek Atkinson	K. Hill
Liz Major	Patricia Donnithorne	Lyn Duffus
Sue Peach	Liz Major	Catriona Mitchell
Sue Sotheran	Sylvia Stirling	Juliet Edwards

The Chairman said that the new Committee would meet the following week and positions on the committee would be reported thereafter.

Sylvia Stirling, on behalf of the membership, thanked Derek Atkinson for all his work for Ealing U3A during his time in the office as Chairman over the last three years. She said she had been privileged to be part of the Committee during this time, and to be one of the 70 or more volunteers who all play their part in keeping Ealing U3A a thriving organisation.

7. **Any Other Business**

Steve Pound passed on a message of goodwill to Ealing U3A from Eric Midwinter, a founder member of the U3A in the UK, whom he had seen recently.

The Chairman then closed the AGM at 10.55 a.m.

The meeting was followed by a talk on Fire Protection in the Home was given by George Korischar, an officer from Ealing Fire Service.

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