

**THE EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**  
**Scottish Charity No SC020301**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015**  
**held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 at St Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh**

**1 APOLOGIES:** Apologies had been received from 7 members of Edinburgh U3A.

**2 MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Acceptance of Minutes was proposed by David Richardson, seconded by Dianne Fraser and accepted by those present at the meeting.

**3 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Annual Report had been posted on the website and circulated with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda to members without an email address, so Members had already had the opportunity to study the Report.

Christine Hawkrigde, Chair, reported that we had the same number of members as this time last year, two-thirds of whom are on email which greatly assists in keeping down costs of disseminating information. Groups continue to flourish giving members an opportunity to explore old and new skills. The social side is also flourishing - a recent 5-day trip to Northern Ireland, visits to Bochum in Germany, France. The Gardening Groups have toured gardens in England and the Geology Group always have a trip or two behind them, or in the offing.

Christine Hawkrigde thanked the committee for their support throughout the year and gave particular thanks to the members who were standing down – Margaret Farish, Membership Secretary who had completed 6 years of hard work, all performed with diligence and humour; Erin Bland who was standing down after a year from her Group Co-ordinator role to look after her grandchild and Evelyn McPake, Group Co-ordinator, preparer of inscrutable crosswords, leader of a number of groups and instigator of many more. All would be missed. And finally, Christine Hawkrigde said she was stepping down, moving to Bournemouth, also to help look after grandchildren. She finished her remarks by reading a piece she had written for the Friday Mornings in Blackhall Group. Bruce Cowan on behalf of Edinburgh U3A expressed our thanks for her efforts, her enthusiasm and professionalism, as a Group Leader, Group Co-ordinator, Vice- Chair, Chair and for her performances at revues – we will remember well her tale of Nellie the Elephant and as a baggy-suited Swell walking down Morningside.

Acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed by Helen Steuart and seconded by Anna Cunningham.

**4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Annual Accounts had been circulated with the Notice of Meeting and Agenda.

The Treasurer, Dianne Savage, commented that the year's accounts reflected the Third Age Trust advice that general and social funds be reported separately. A shortfall had been reported at the 2014 AGM, reserves had been low and the increase in new membership had fallen. However re-instatement of entrance charge to Open Meetings, and careful management of expenditure had kept EU3A in budget. During the year, the membership had also been invited to participate in Gift Aid and, thanks to the members who were willing and able to do this, £6,000 additional income had been produced (the final payment being made after the March 2015 accounts produced). Savings of £1,300 were made in the current year by producing only one Clarion, but we will now be in a position again to have two copies a year. We now had a healthy reserve in case of unforeseen expenditure and also to underpin the proposed silver anniversary celebrations in 2016, although these would be mostly self-funding. We are therefore able to avoid an increase in subscriptions for the time-being. Acceptance of Accounts was proposed by Judith Heydon and seconded by Fiona Smith and approved by those present at the meeting.

**5. ELECTION**

There being no other nominations, the following were elected, or re-elected to the executive committee:

Liam McDowell was proposed for post of Chair by Christine Hawkrigde and seconded by Ken Johnston. Liam has made it clear he will take on the role for one year only.

Bruce Cowan was proposed for the post of Vice-Chair by Dianne Savage and seconded by Liam McDowell. He is also Technical Support Officer. There remains a vacancy for a second Vice-Chair.

Sheila Smith was proposed for re-election as Secretary by Christine Hawkrigde and seconded by Evelyn McPake.

Marthe Matthew was proposed for post of Membership Secretary by Erin Bland and seconded by Elisabeth Hutchings.

Ann Ryan was proposed for the new post of Assistant Membership Secretary, proposed by Sally Anderson and seconded by Heather Ryan. Ann Keating was proposed for the post of Group Co-ordinator by Annabel Toogood and seconded by Biddy Lanam.

Joanna Morris was proposed for the post of Group Co-ordinator by Elisabeth Hutchings and seconded by Tony Trewavas.

Lachlan Paterson was proposed for post of Group Information Support by David Heydon and seconded by Dianne Savage.

Tony Trewavas was proposed for post of External Communications by Elisabeth Hutchings and seconded by Alick Arnold.

There remained a vacancy for the post of Internal Communications.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ann Thanisch has indicated she would be willing to audit the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 and the meeting agreed that she should be appointed to perform this task.

There being no other business the meeting was formally closed.