

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Melbourne Area Derby U3A held at 2pm on Thursday May 8th 2019 in the Catholic Hall Melbourne.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone.

1 Apologies: A Price, T Frearson, L South

2 To receive and approve the minutes of the 1st AGM held on June 6th 2019: The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Mary Atkinson-Wright and seconded by Frances Johnson and approved by a show of hands.

3 Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

4 To receive the Chair's report: A report has been circulated with the AGM papers. There are now 93 members in Melbourne. Numbers are increasing slowly. Melbourne U3A belongs to the Derbyshire Network of U3As. Mary Atkinson-Wright and Diana Wilkins have been working hard to get our website up and running. Vicki Angus has offered to edit a regular newsletter. Linda Upe has agreed to produce posters for our meetings We have had some very interesting speakers this year at the members meetings including talks on Cyber Crime (police) Power of attorney and wills (Crane and Walton, Richmond Retirement Village and a visit from Charles Hanson. Llyn Walker (groups co-ordinator) who set up and has supported the interest groups from the beginning of Melbourne U3A has had to step down from her post owing to ill health. We wish her well. The chair thanked the committee and members for their hard work this year.

5 To approve amendments to the constitution: The amendments suggested were briefly as follows - at AGM meetings the quorum required, to be reduced from 25% to 20%, all gender references in the constitution to be gender neutral. AGM paperwork to be on website/sent to members at least 21 days before the AGM instead of 28 days, some grammatical errors have been corrected and the clause disqualifying committee from nominating or seconding members for office is deleted. All references about setting up MAD deleted. Please see full amended constitution document on website. Approval of these changes was accepted by a show of hands.

6 To consider and approve the audited accounts summary 2018/2019 and budget projection for 2019/2020. Helen Devaney was not able to check over our accounts, so this has been done by Kate Hewlett. A question was asked as to the qualifications of the auditor. Kate Hewlett has had 25 years plus experience and has audited accounts for other groups. Approval of the accounts was passed by a show of hands

7 To confirm the appointment of an independent examiner for the accounts for 2019/2020 Kate Hewlett has agreed to examine the 2019/2020 accounts. Accounts approved by a show of hands.

8 Election of Committee members. The following members had been nominated for the committee prior to the meeting - Marjorie Tunnicliffe, Lyn Hackett, Sharon Clark, Frances Johnson, Ian Turner, Linda Jupe, Mary Atkinson-Wright, David Simpson, Diana Wilkins, Alison Keay, Geoff Dowell. Teresa Frearson. On the day there was a further nomination for Robert Anderson. The members present then approved unanimously, by a show of hands, to elect all the people proposed.

9 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2:25pm

After the business part of the meeting closed our speaker Heloise Brook, Head Gardener, National Trust spoke about her work at Calke Abbey. The meeting also included a very popular plant swap.