

U3A: MOSELEY, KINGS HEATH AND DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting 2016 Agenda / Minutes

Date: 10 th May 2016	Time: 2pm	Venue: All Saints Centre	Chair: Jude Williams
Those attending: 122			Apologies: Sue Stokes; Mike Clark

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2015 AGM
2. Report from the Chair
3. Financial report from the Treasurer
4. Approval of Examiner of Accounts
5. Reports from Interest Group Co-ordinators, Social Secretary and Membership Secretaries
6. Presentations to departing committee members
7. Election of new Executive Committee

MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the 2015 AGM** were approved unanimously.

2. **Report from the Chair** **Mike Clark**

In his absence his report was given by Jude Williams, Vice Chair

Mike reported on the growth in the membership over the past year and the variety of Monthly Meetings in that period. He thanked the different Committee members for their contributions and, specifically, paid tribute to those Committee members - Sue Baker, Sue Stokes and Ted Raybould - who had contributed from the beginning to the growth of our U3A and were standing down after a three year term of office. Mike also thanked Jude Williams who was standing again for a Committee role after completing a three year stint as Vice Chair.

Thanks were also given in the report to the Interest Group Leaders for their vital role and to all those individuals who, in various ways, have assisted the Committee over the past year.

Mike commented on several important issues facing our U3A:

- The need for members to come forward to start new Interest Groups so that we have sufficient to meet the demand for places in these groups
- The strain that the growth in our membership is putting on our Monthly Meeting venue, at which we struggle to find sufficient seats for members wishing to attend
- The importance the Committee attaches to making sure that there are no impediments to members with hearing, sight, mobility or other impairments participating to the full in U3A activities. One Committee member now has responsibility for ensuring equal access for all members.
- Finally, Mike encouraged members to work with and get to know the Committee. Members who work with the Committee are encouraged to come along to a Committee meeting.

3.	<p>Financial report from the Treasurer Ted Raybould</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts were given to each attendee. It was noted that there is a large surplus of approximately £5000, mainly due to the increase in membership numbers. The committee is looking at its dispersal for the benefit of members, particularly regarding access issues. The target balance to be maintained in the U3A Account to cover contingencies has been raised from £1000 to £2000.</p> <p>There is a Social Account with a float of £1000 to be used for payments for outings before payments are received.</p> <p>The Treasurer acts as steward of the money but decisions are made by the Committee.</p> <p>Ted thanked groups for their AVCs .</p> <p>On a personal note, Ted said that he had enjoyed being the Treasurer but is standing down due to childcare commitments. He wished the new Treasurer well.</p>
4.	<p>Approved Examiner of Accounts</p> <p>Thanks were given to Chris Martin, our Examiner of Accounts for the past three years. This has been deferred due to no one suitable having been found so far to replace Chris. This post's remit is to check the accounts as presented. This post should be external to U3A if possible, but not necessarily. If there are any offers please let the Chair or a Committee member know.</p>
5.	<p>Reports from Interest Group Co-Ordinators; Social Secretary and Membership Secretaries</p> <p>i) Interest Group Co-ordinators: Sue Baker presented the report on behalf of herself and Sue Stokes. There have, she said, been several developments over the past year:</p> <p>Taster sessions are being offered e.g. Rowing and Crown-Green Bowling. The number of Book Groups has increased from 4 to 6, Play Reading from 1 to 2 and Walking Groups from 5 to 8. Alongside these, new learning / activity areas have been established, e.g. 3 new Discussion Groups, Hill Walking, Nordic Walking and International Cuisine.</p> <p>An innovation has been to phone new members to welcome them and ask if they need help or advice about joining groups.</p> <p>There is a looming problem of too many full groups, which will deter membership. This is a huge challenge for next year.</p> <p>The ideology of the U3A is that learning is shared and every member needs to play a part - either by leading a group, committing to helping in discussions, researching information or helping the U3A in some way.</p> <p>Sue S and Sue B gave thanks to all the Group Leaders, some of whom have run groups for over three years; without the Interest Group Leaders there would be no U3A. Sue B has offered to continue with the overlap period, assisting the new Interest Group Coordinators.</p> <p>This is the last report from Sue S and Sue B. Sue said that it has been a privilege to hold the posts for three and a half years and to work with and meet so many people. She gave best wishes to their successors.</p> <p>ii) Social secretary: Paul Hunt presented his Report about social events. There have been many Lunches, including the Christmas lunch at Karibuni's which 50 attended. A new venture is Fine Dining organised by Carey Baff, which has had one meal so far. The Picnic in the Park in July was rained off, again!</p> <p>Coach trips have maintained their appeal and two have been held this year. These trips are good value at around £12 per person.</p> <p>Film events continue to attract interest with a varying number of attendees. Included have been some of the live performances of productions from theatres.</p> <p>Live theatre productions at the Rep have been well attended and are organised by Linda Coello, who will be drawing up details for future visits.</p> <p>iii) Membership secretaries: Val Baxter presented the report from herself and Tonia Sharp. At the end of March there were 475 registered members, an increase of 75 from the previous year.</p>

	<p>There were 87 new members since she and TS took over the role and 53 who did not renew for a variety of reasons. However, new members are always welcome and membership seems to be going from strength to strength.</p>
6.	<p>Presentation to departing committee members Ted Raybould was presented with a token of much appreciation during the Chair's report. As Sue Stokes was not present, she and Sue Baker will receive their thanks at the June meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Election of new Executive committee There were nominations for: Chair - Mike Clark Vice Chair - Nick Wright Business secretary - Diane Worland Treasurer - Tessa Bidgood Interest group co-ordinators - Chris Olley and Theresa Daly Membership Secretaries - Val Baxter and Tonia Sharp Social Secretary - Paul Hunt Communications (new post) - Jude Williams</p> <p>As there were no other nominations, the committee was voted for <i>en bloc</i> and unanimously voted in. This concluded the business of the AGM, which was followed by a programme of entertainment with contributions from various groups and members of MKHD U3A.</p>
	<p>Linda Gresham explained that Mike Clark was absent as he was running the Prague marathon to raise money for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity. Members were given an opportunity to contribute to the charity if they wished.</p>