



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE U3A, NEWMARKET,
held on 26th July 2021 at 2.30pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2020 AGM, together with the Chairman's Report, Accounts Summary, name of Accounts Verifier, Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary, Sub-Committees and Activity Groups Reports, and nominations for the committee had all been previously circulated and either viewed or voted on by members.

PRESENT: 25 members, including 8 current committee members

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cheryl Bampton, Liz Langley, Janet Neville, Trish Newell

2 MINUTES OF AGM 2020

It was noted that the same typo had been spotted by two members (first line should have read "*Minutes of the 2019 AGM, together...*") This has subsequently been corrected, so that the correct version could be displayed on the website. The minutes were then approved.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tim Young stated that although we had all faced difficult times during the last 18 months, he had been encouraged by members who had helped out by supporting other members. In comparison with many other local U3A groups, our group had tried hard to maintain contact through activities (e.g. Mike Jocelyn sending through links for classical music to enjoy), Nigel Day and his publicity team who had produced the '*Moving Forward*' magazine, and Chris Timmins who had singlehandedly maintained the website, and had included various activities for our interest such as the jigsaw puzzle.

4 ACCOUNTS 2020-21

Approved. Di Angus-Smith, Treasurer, there had been little movement of monies within the last year, apart from a substantial payment of affiliation fees to the Third Age Trust.

5 REPORTS OF SECRETARY, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Tim Young stated that although Newmarket U3A had lost 28 members (approx. 10% of membership) during the past year, new members had already been enrolled for the new year.

6 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was noted that the following members had been nominated, seconded and approved via a postal/online vote. As only six candidates had stood for committee positions, they were elected unopposed.

| NAME | PROPOSED | SECONDED |
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| Diana Angus-Smith | B Green | S Price |
| Cheryl Bampton | J Bacon | J Coe |
| Stephanie Ellington | E Walpole | S Wall |
| Joanne Garner | J Neville | P Murrell |
| Trish Newell | C Scott | M Murrell |
| Tim Young | R Clarkson | G Clarkson |

7 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS/PROPOSALS

Tim Young stated that feedback received had been in the form of two requests from the same individual, for the formation of a Computing Class and also for an Upholstery Group. Chris Timmins explained that she was the current website/computer “helpline”, but hoped to set up individual appointments when the 2nd Tuesday Group resumed face-to-face meetings. As for the formation of an Upholstery Group, this would obviously require a Co-ordinator to lead the group, but if there was sufficient demand Tim Young would approach a lady that he knew to hopefully help out. He also pointed out that it was the policy of our local group for popular activities to help subsidize the less popular activities.

8 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS VERIFIER

It was approved that Mr David Watson be appointed Accounts Verifier for 2021-22.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tim thanked retiring committee members for all the work they had done for Newmarket U3A. Barry Coles (who had stepped down in April) for his work on GDPR, policies, his photography, and the archives; Kath Gifkins for her long service as both Membership Secretary and Vice-Chair, and for her ongoing work for the Carpet Bowls and Garden Groups, and for organising the Open Gardens Scheme; Rosemary Foreman for her work as Secretary and for arranging meals and visits; Grace Crump for her work as Charities Co-ordinator, organising a rota of members for the *Cards for Good Causes* shop, and the Christmas shoeboxes; Steve Garner for his work on *E-news* making it both readable and printable, and for sorting out copyright problems and for his ongoing work with WWW; Chris Timmins who had produced a magnificent website, ironing out U3A Trust design faults, and keeping it up to date; and for Nigel Day and his team (the Publicity group, plus Kath Gifkins, and Rosemary Foreman) who had delivered ‘*Moving Forward*’ to all members. Physical suitable tokens of appreciation would be issued to them in due course.

Tim hoped that we would be able to meet in person, in a venue, soon. The *Moving Forward barbeque* at the *Five Bells* in Burwell scheduled for September could be our first opportunity to do so.

Iris Boggie stated that she had said that she was standing down as Co-ordinator of the Mah Jong group, but had received no communication. Stephanie Ellington replied that she was currently seeking a replacement co-ordinator.

Anna Smith commented that she had stood down from Newmarket U3A during the lockdowns, but when she had returned was pleased to see that the group was still thriving and was in good shape.

Nigel Day asked for a thanks to the Chairman Tim Young to be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm.