



Membership Number 822/801/10

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting of Retford u3a held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 1.30 p.m. at The Well, Retford.

Apologies received from Anna Avery, Andrew Avery, Peggie Atkins and Brenda Wilson.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 28th April 2022

Approval of the Minutes of the 12th AGM proposed by Pat Trotter and seconded by Derek Turner.

The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Annual Report (see attached)

The Chairman, Bryan Gladstone, welcomed everyone to the AGM and said what a busy year it had been, with membership once again topping 500. He thanked the members of the Committee, especially Treasurer, Patricia Everitt and Membership Secretary, Sue Paul for helping to keep Retford's finances in good health. Also Pippa Ramsay, for taking on the Speaker Finder role and ensuring a rich variety of Speakers for our General Meetings while keeping the costs low at a time when prices were rising. Christine Cook had continued to produce the first class monthly newsletter while Andrew Young had taken over as Webmaster and had done an excellent job redesigning and updating the Website. Although Sue Paul was stepping down as Membership Secretary, she would be staying on to organise the Big Nights Out, a quarterly event held at Retford Golf Club.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report (see attached)

The Treasurer gave an upbeat Report, thanking the Committee for keeping outgoings modest so that reserves could be built up again following the 2 years of Covid restrictions. With membership rising again, Retford u3a remains solvent.

5. Group Co-ordinators' Report (see attached)

Carol Knowles and Caroline Marsh had been sharing the role for the past year, believing that 2 heads are better than 1. Retford now has 36 groups, led by enthusiastic Group Leaders, some proving so popular that an extra group or two extra groups have had to be set up. All information about groups, their leaders, dates and times of meetings can now be found on the new website.

6. Election of Committee Members

Chairman

Pippa Ramsay stood down as Speaker Finder in order to take on the Chairperson's role for which she had been proposed by Brenda Wilson and seconded by Irene Lewis. Elected unanimously.

Membership Secretary

Patricia Lockett was proposed by Joan Sinclair and seconded by Angela Grant. Elected unanimously.

Speaker Finder

Angel Grant was proposed by Elaine Lutkin and seconded by Barbara de Bel. Elected unanimously.

The following members of the Committee have agreed to serve for a further year:

Secretary: Pamela Mann

Treasurer: Patricia Everitt

Group Co-ordinators: Carol Knowles and Caroline Marsh

Bryan Gladstone stood down as Chair but will remain as Vice Chair.

The following ex-officio committee members have agreed to stand and attend committee meetings as necessary:

Andrew Young: Webmaster

Christine Cook: Newsletter

Roger Stenson: Merchandise

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman announced that there were still vacancies on some of the trips organised by the Military History Group, which was willing to accept u3a members who were not officially part of that Group.

He also warned members to be wary of various Scams, where people pretend to be someone they are not and sometimes get e-mail details of e.g. Group Leaders in order to scam money out of people.

The next Big Night Out would be on the 1st July, Sue Paul taking names of all those interested.

After refreshments, the new Chair, Pippa Ramsay introduced the Speaker, Derek Turner, from the Civic Society, who gave a talk on Retford In Bloom.

The AGM ended at 3.10 p.m.

Signed by the Chair, Pippa Ramsay

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