

Minutes of the Somerton u3a Annual General Meeting Monday 9th August 2021 via Zoom

1. Welcome.

Judi opened the meeting. She asked that the meeting took a few minutes to remember those members that had died during the year.

2. Apologies.

Apologies have been received from Valeria Taylor, Adrian and Kay Zielonka, Malcolm and Jenny Gardner, Audrey Stanford, Angela and Trevor Saunders, Rose Wigmore, Steve and Mary Davis, Val and Mike Fraser, Sarah Kamm, Graham Beckinsale, Nancy Martel and Margaret Murry.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 25th September 2020.

Mike Davis proposed that the minutes be approved. A poll was conducted, and the motion carried. (Poll 1)

4. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Report and Accounts (which includes Chairman and Treasure's Report).

Judi reported that the membership was approximately 350. The numbers have decreased due to Covid which was in line with other u3a's across the country. With the use of technology, we have been able to have speakers' meetings online and Judi thanked the members for supporting this venture. She told the meeting that the accounts are no longer sent to accountants each year, but are checked by an Independent Examiner, who is a member of the Somerton u3a but not a committee member. Judi thanked Miriam Oetegenn for undertaking this role.

Mike Davis proposed the accounts be approved. A poll was undertaken, and the motion carried. (Poll 2).

6. Amendment to the Constitution.

The Covid restrictions over the last 17 months have made it hard and a challenge to recruit new members to the committee. Therefore, the trustees propose that in exceptional circumstances the Chairman may stand for an extra three years as an officer.

Mike Davis proposed the amendment be approved. A poll was taken, and the motion carried. (Poll 3).

7. Election of Trustees to the Committee.

Valerie Taylor (group coordinator) has stood down from the committee, Judi thanked her for her hard work over the last 3 years. Two new members have joined the committee Kay Williamson and Amanda Hooper. The committee for 2021/22 will be: Judi Powell (Chairman), Liz Short (Treasurer), Sue Haigh (Secretary and Group Coordinator), Marilyn Muffett (Membership Secretary), David Robins (Speaker Coordinator), Mike Davis (Newsletter co-editor), Laurence Reeves (Beacon Administrator), Kay Williamson (Newsletter Co-editor), Amanda Hooper (Committee member).

Mike Davis proposed the election of the committee. Motion carried. (Poll 4).

8. Any Other Business.

Judi has received one question before the meeting and has had a discussion on membership fees and the timing of the AGM with the member. Judi told the meeting that the planning for the AGM

started in March and due to the uncertainty, the committee agreed the meeting should be held via Zoom for a second year.

David Robins thanked Judi for all her hard work and in agreeing to continue in her role. He also encouraged members to attend the monthly talks.

The question of how to renew membership was raised. Marilyn advised that only members with changes to details needed to complete a form, otherwise there is no requirement to submit a form. Full details of how to renew are available on the website, they will also be published in the September Newsletter.

Judi confirmed there will not be an enrolment day as a lot of people are still not happy meeting face to face.

Judi advised that for the meeting on 24th September members will either be able to meet at the Edgar Hall which can take up to 90 people or stay at home and watch using the Zoom link.

Attachment: 2021 Somerton u3a AGM voting