

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 20th June 2019

Present:

Brian Baxter – Chairman
Brenda Kember – Vice Chairman
Bob Allam – Treasurer
Cathy Jones – Secretary
Ron Fenn – Speaker Co-Ordinator
Barbara Berry - Webmaster
Mary Gotts – Group Travel & Events Co-Ordinator
Doreen Van Cauter – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Leisure)
Steve Bowler – Committee Member
Nick Photi – Committee Member

Apologies for absence:

Neil Hutchison – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Fitness)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed 197 members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

61 apologies had been received by the Secretary. These were posted on the VCV notice board at the meeting.

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM

These were approved unanimously.

4. Committee Report

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

The Chairman reported it had been a good year for VCV with membership standing at 460. Study Groups number 60 and are flourishing. The Chairman thanked all those who had served on the Committee, Study Group Leaders, RUMs, Catering, Holidays, Events & Trips teams, Sue Darvell for VCV's excellent Newsletter and everyone who had played a part in helping VCV to have such a successful year.

There were no questions from the floor.

5. Financial Report for 2018 – 2019

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The financial year ended with a shortfall of income over expenditure of £1667.92. Income was down reflecting lower advanced receipts of membership fees for the current year with expenditure up mainly in hall hire charges, speakers, catering and Beacon. The General Fund, being unrestricted funds available for all purposes of the Charity, and after allowing for advanced membership fees, stood at £12236.53 at the year end, down from £13131.45 for the previous year. All Events monies are recorded and kept separate from the main account and of the balance of £4482.66, £1388 represents the net balance of receipts and payments made for future events.

Where Study Groups collect and hold monies pending payments to 3rd parties for facilities, separate accounting records are kept, and consolidated figures are shown. They have not been included in the main account and they do not form part of VCV U3A's General Fund. Ver-Colne Valley's finances remain strong and we have been able to plan some special events for this our 10th anniversary year, and to maintain membership fees at £17.50.

There were no questions from the floor and the Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on his well-executed Report.

To accept the Financial Report for the year ending March 2019

Proposed by: David Choppin Seconded by: Rod Harman

Members unanimously approved the Report.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts

The Chairman thanked Eve Brown for her invaluable contribution in examining and approving the VCV Accounts for the past year. He was pleased to report that she had agreed to carry out this role for the coming year.

7. Motions already received

No motions had been received.

8. Elect the Committee

As required by the Constitution, the existing committee stood down. The Chairman thanked them, and also his wife, for their support over the last year. As Brian Baxter, Bob Allam and Neil Hutchison had come to the end of their terms of office, they would not be standing again for re-election. All other members of the existing Committee offered themselves for re-election and each of the following members was proposed and seconded:

Brenda Kember – Proposed by: Wendy Kirby; Seconded by: Maggie Fenn

Cathy Jones – Proposed by: Coral McCulloch; Seconded by Pat Hammond

Ron Fenn – Proposed by: Ted Sam; Seconded by Jean Sam

Barbara Berry – Proposed by: Bronwen Hewer; Seconded by Pam Kimber

Mary Gotts – Proposed by: David Collins; Seconded by Penny Collins

Doreen Van Cauter – Proposed by: Eileen Martin; Seconded by: Ruth Harbert

Steve Bowler – Proposed by: Rose Ennis; Seconded by: Linda Cook

Nick Photi – Proposed by: Tony Davies; Seconded by: Ken Pragnell

Gill Davies – Proposed by: Tina Photi; Seconded by: Ann Allam

The Chairman thanked Neil Hutchison for his service over the past few years and Bob Allam for his time as Treasurer. He then added his personal farewell to everyone after 6 years as Chairman, stressing the continuing need for members to come forward and join the committee in order to achieve an orderly succession.

The majority of members voted unanimously to approve nominees.

9. Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman, Brenda Kember, on behalf of the membership, thanked Neil Hutchison, in his absence, for his service to VCV over the years. She also thanked both Brian Baxter as Chairman and Bob Allam as Treasurer for their 6 years on the Committee and presented them with gifts.

10. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Provisionally Thursday 18th June 2020.

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