



Waltham Abbey U3A

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9th May 2017

Present: Terry Hoye, Chair; Mike Lydon, Treasurer; Lynn Hall-Pearson, Secretary; Pam Phillips, Membership Secretary; Chris Waldron, Assistant Membership Secretary; Gillian Hoye, Group-Co-ordinator; Janet Woolston, Assistant Group Co-ordinator; Mary Maynard, Assistant Group Co-ordinator; Christine Coleman, Newsletter Editor; Carol Harper, RUMS Co-ordinator; Chris Sumner, Equipment Co-ordinator; Maureen Piekuta, Doreen Stirrup, Raffle Co-ordinators;

1. Welcome by Chairman

Terry Hoye, current Chair of Waltham Abbey U3A, welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jean McAlpin, Website Co-ordinator, Gordon Goodwin, Speaker Secretary and Vernon Gurtner, Vice-Chair.

3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the AGM held on 10 May 2016

Minutes of AGM 10 May 2016 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. To receive, approve and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report

Chairman's Report

I have had a challenging but very enjoyable year as Chair.

Waltham Abbey U3A currently has just under 400 members and 34 various interest groups which are increasing all the time.

There have been many highlights during the year, and adventurous members have been able to take part in activities such as White Water Rafting and Walk over the O2 with its breath-taking views.

Social evenings have been successful with members, friends and family enjoying a fish and chip supper and listening to the brilliant music of the Beaucrees (June 2016) and the Steve and Patty Show – Country meets Folk in January of this year 2017.

The Theatre Group has been very active watching numerous London West End Shows.

There have also been day visits to Wroxham Broads and to Southend as well as Away Days with Cheshunt U3A.

One new venture took place in November last and 52 members went for the weekend to the Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne. The weekend included trips to Brighton and the Sussex Villages with some members going to see the Hollies on the Sunday evening at a local theatre. Following this successful event, a five-day break at Norton Grange on the Isle of Wight has been arranged for this coming September.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to mention every group or activity as I would be here until midnight!

Our monthly meetings in the Town Hall have been well attended and members have been entertained by some very good speakers and entertainers including The Padwicks, Andy Smith (who is with us today and Tracey Mackness - The Giggly Pig to name but a few.

None of this would be possible without the support and hard work of your committee (members as above), group facilitators and helpers throughout the year and so in March I thought it appropriate to say thank you and to invite the committee and group facilitators to lunch at Inn On The Park which was very enjoyable.

May I introduce your committee for the last 12 months

Vice-Chairman, Vernon Gurtner; Secretary, Lynn Hall-Pearson; Treasurer, Mike Lydon; Membership Secretary, Pam Phillips; Assistant Membership Secretary, Chris Waldron; Group Co-ordinator, Gill Hoyer; Assistant Group Co-ordinators, Janet Woolston and Mary Maynard; Raffle, Doreen Stirrup and Maureen Piekuta; Newsletter Editor, Christine Coleman; Equipment Co-ordinator, Chris Sumner; RUMS Co-ordinator, Carol Harper and finally Speaker Secretary, Gordon Goodwin. Also worthy of a mention are Julie Churchill our Publicity Secretary, Jean McAlpin, the website Co-ordinator and Kay Ellis and Brenda Dale, our tea ladies, for all their hard work.

Please accept my report.

Report was accepted by Christine Coleman, seconded by Julie Churchill.

6. To receive, approve and adopt the Financial Statement for the previous year as provide by outgoing Treasurer, Mike Lydon

End of year Accounts statement - Receipts and Payments account for the period 1 April 2016-31 March 2017 - has been completed. A copy has been displayed on the notice board for this AGM. Copies are available for those members who want them.

Our finances are in good shape and I thank all those who provided figures.

Myself and Terry have met with the Independent Accounts Examiner, John Hore.

This is my report which I wish you to accept and I would like to thank John Hore for examining our accounts.

Valerie Lee and Pat Connors accepted the Report and Accounts for 2016 - 2017.

7. Appointment of the Financial Examiner

Accountant, John Hore, though not present at the meeting has agreed to act as Examiner for our Accounts and was formally accepted.

8. Election of new Committee members to fill any vacancies and/or re-election if appropriate (Nominations with proposers and seconders should have been received by 1 March 2017 deadline)

Committee is to be elected en bloc with the exception of

Mike Lydon - Treasurer

Chris Waldron - Assistant Membership Secretary

Gordon Goodwin – Speaker Secretary
Chris Sumner – Equipment Co-ordinator
Vernon Gurtner – Vice Chair (who will take a new role as Publicity & Welfare Officer)

Nominations for the above vacant posts:

Treasurer – Julie Churchill

Proposed by Frances Pymont and seconded by Vernon Gurtner

Assistant Membership Secretary – Yvonne Leverett

Proposed by Jean Reding and seconded by Jean Locke

Vice Chair – Bernie Leverett

Proposed by June Economou and seconded by Vivien Bennett

Publicity & Welfare Officer – Vernon Gurtner

Proposed by Pam Phillips and seconded by Brenda Millsom

The new Committee, apart from the post of Speaker Secretary, was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

The post of Speaker Secretary remains currently vacant and efforts will be made to fill this position but there is not a problem at the moment as Speakers have been booked up to August 2017.

Terry Hoye thanked those outgoing committee members and presented gifts.

9. AOB

Pam Phillips presented a gift to Terry and Gill Hoye and thanked them on behalf of Waltham Abbey U3A for their dedication and hard work.

Notices

Open Gardens Charity Event as part of the National Garden Scheme will take place Sunday, 28th May from 12 to 5.30 pm. Information leaflets will be available from the Tourist office and on-line.

Alastair Webb has organised a speaker from the National Archive of Military records for Tuesday 6th June.

Helen Wilson is organising a team from Waltham Abbey U3A to take part in the Essex U3A Quiz on Thursday 8th June.

Tickets for the Disco to be held on 5th August are still available from Terry.

Entertainment provided by Andy Smith then followed the meeting.

The AGM closed at 12 p.m.