

POCKLINGTON & DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting

Held at 2pm on Thursday 19th April 2012 at Pocklington Arts Centre

Welcome

The Chair, Ro King, welcomed 200 members to our seventh AGM. The current Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM were displayed on the screen.

1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies were received from Anne and Peter Cox, and Roger and Molly Sutton.

2. Minutes of AGM of 14th April 2011

2.1. The minutes of the AGM held on 14th April, 2011 were proposed by Malcolm Smalley, seconded by Hazel MacDonald and approved unanimously.

2.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Chairman's Report

3.1. Retiring Chair, Ro King, thanked the members for coming, and reported as follows:

- Our branch now has 615 members including 128 new members since the last AGM.
- In 2010 we were the fastest growing small town U3A branch in England.
- There have been five New Members' Meetings this year with five to fifteen new members attending per meeting.
- Drop-ins are currently held in the studio at Pocklington Arts Centre which has a Fire Certificate for 100 people. As our attendance is now exceeding this figure (149 attended at the last one) it has been decided by the Committee to move the venue to Burnby Hall which can accommodate a larger number.
- With the membership being as high as it is, is our Branch becoming too big and should consideration be given to perhaps splitting into two?
- We now have some 60 groups with 10 new groups being formed this last year. A big thank you to all Group Leaders.
- Our branch website has been improved considerably thanks to the efforts of Brian, Sue, Ted and Janet.

3.2. Ro then thanked the Committee especially those retiring, Eleanor, David, Phil, Peter and Stan. Ro also thanked Rosemary Perry the Membership Secretary.

4. Accounts for year ending 31st March 2012

4.1. The Accounts for the last financial year ending 31st March 2012 were presented by Treasurer Stan Thornton. A copy of the accounts is appended and a summary given below:

Balance at 1 st April 2011	£5,415.26
Income	£9,124.83
Expenditure	£6,977.55
Balance at 31 st March 2012	£7,562.54

4.2. The Treasurer reported that he had paid a capitation fee based on 610 members as at 31/03/12. Our numbers have increased since then and are nearer 620. New members who join in the months of February and March get their subscription to cover until 1st April the following year (14/13 months).

4.3. David Porter proposed and Phil Hazell seconded the motion that the Account be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.4. Freda Snelson thanked Stan Thornton for all his hard work as Treasurer, noting that had been in this role for seven years since the beginning of our branch.

5. Subscription Rate for year 2012/2013

5.1. It has been agreed by the Committee that the subscription rate for 2012/2013 remain at the same level as last year.

5.2. A question was raised as to whether subscriptions could be paid by electronic bank transfer. This will be reviewed during the year.

6. Appointment of B Snelson, Examiner of the Accounts

6.1. Proposed by Pam Smith and seconded by Margaret Miller. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. To change the Constitution Item 5 (iv) Membership

7.1. David Jamieson proposed that Item 5 (iv) Membership of the Constitution be changed to the following:

“The Committee may and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual or member organisation if annual membership or other fees are unpaid one month (**at present three months**) after the due date or if the member or member organisation acts in a way which is prejudicial to The U3A or to the running of The U3A or brings it into disrepute, provided that the individual concerned or the appointed representative of the member organisation concerned shall have the right to be heard by The Committee accompanied by a friend who may also speak, or make written representation before a final decision is made”.

7.2. Seconded by Julian Tremayne. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Guest Speaker

8.1. A welcome was given to our guest speaker, Mr. Derek Clark, who gave members a light hearted and interesting talk on Antiques & Unusual Objects.

9. Election of Officers

9.1. Chairman.

- The nominee for the post of **Chairman** was **Julian Tremayne**. He was proposed by Ro King and seconded by Alex Clark. It was approved unanimously. Ro welcomed the new Chairman and gave him her badge of office. The new Chairman then addressed the meeting, in particular thanking Ro King for her leadership during a period of growth.

9.2. Nominations were received for the following Officers:

- **Vice-chairman** **Paul Lee**
Proposed by Alex Clark and seconded by John Newstead
- **Treasurer** **Inger Hawkins**
Proposed by Alex Clark and seconded by Ro King

- **Joint Secretaries** **(1) Alex Clark**

Proposed by Julian Tremayne and seconded by Steve Fraser

- **(2) Steve Fraser**

Proposed by Alex Clark and seconded by Julian Tremayne

9.3. There were four candidates seeking election for the two places on the Committee. The two successful candidates are:

- **Committee** **Angela Lakin**

Proposed by Steve Fraser and seconded by M D Smith

- **Committee** **David Jamieson**

Proposed by David Dyer and seconded by Alex Clark

9.4. Nominations were also received for Ralph Smith and Roger Sutton to stand for the Committee, but were not successful this time. The Chairman thanked Ralph and Roger for seeking election.

9.5. Following the election of committee members the Chairman asked all the Officers and Committee to come to the front of the stage, including Bev Austin, Freda Snelson and Joyce Turnough, who are serving their three year term.

10. A.O.B.

10.1. Pam Smith asked that the Committee look at the issue of the proposed male discussion group and to report back. The Chairman agreed to refer the matter to the new committee for discussion.

10.2. The suggestion that Barmby Moor Village Hall could be used for U3A Drop-ins was discounted as it was considered too small.

11. Date of Next General Meeting and Drop-in.

11.1. The next General Meeting would be on 12th July 2012 and the next Drop-In would be Thursday, 3rd May 2012.

12. Closure of the AGM.

12.1. In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked the ballot scrutineers (Cathy and Mel Doran and Malcolm Smalley), Brian Snelson and Ted House for helping with the PA system, Pauline Atkinson and the Singing for Pleasure Group (who had entertained members arriving for the meeting) and Bev Austin and her team for the refreshments which were then enjoyed by the members.

12.2. The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

12.3. Everyone then adjourned to the Foyer for refreshments.

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<u>2010-2011</u>		
£3,797.89	Balance at 1st April 2011	£5,415.26
	Income	
£4,824.00	Subscriptions	£7,092.00
£163.87	IT Tuition balance	£9.60
£764.59	Tea/Coffee Sales	£1,272.76
£572.76	Gift Aid Tax repayment	£725.47
	Prior Year reserve written off	£25.00
<u>£6,325.22</u>	Total Income	<u>£9,124.83</u>
	Expenditure	
£310.30	Equipment general	£378.56
	Equipment IT	£330.35
	Crockery Oak House	£81.24
£1,655.50	Capitation to Third Age Trust	£2,135.00
£675.00	Room Hire	£960.00
£85.65	Group Leaders Conference	£876.35
£482.30	Newsletter Production & Postage	£437.93
£406.50	Annual Individual Magazine Postage	£668.40
480.06	Administration	£650.59
£135.00	Insurance	£88.00
£205.76	Website fee	£135.00
£119.88	Broadband Rental	£126.13
£125.00	Speakers Expenses / Charity	£80.00
£25.00	Community bus fee	£25.00
£1.90	Unsold diaries	£5.00
<u>£4,707.85</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£6,977.55</u>
<u>£1,617.37</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>£2,147.28</u>
<u><u>£5,415.26</u></u>	Balance at 31 March 2012	<u><u>£7,562.54</u></u>

Restricted Accounts - Group Activities

	Balances at 1st April 2011	£3,457.44
£1,121.58	Movements	-£990.04
<u>£2,335.86</u>	Balances at 31 March 2012	<u>£2,467.40</u>
<u><u>£3,457.44</u></u>		
	Bank Balances	
	U3A Account	£7,702.54
	Group Accounts	£2,026.25
	Cash	£301.15
		<u><u>£10,029.94</u></u>

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