

WOLDS U3A

MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DRIFFIELD ON 14th June 2012.

THE PRESIDENT DR.W.McINTYRE CONDUCTED THE MEETING.

1. Apologies: Margaret Killin, Eric & Jean Fowler, Margaret Sargent, Margaret Cowell, David & Jan Hoskin, Malcolm Winn, Janet & Phillip Dunn, Jean Pickering, Kenneth & Hilary Darley, Pauline & David Kenington, Kathy Turrell, Norma Fassnidge.

2. The President welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open. He then asked for a proposal that the minutes of last year's AGM should be approved as read. This was proposed by Molly Steer and seconded by Alan Dymond.

3. Chairman's Report. In the Chairman's absence the attached written report was read by the Secretary.

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This was also read and is attached.

As this year is 30th Anniversary of U3A, Janet asked for the loan of any memorabilia or photographs of Wolds U3a through the years which any longer standing members may have in order to produce a display for Open Day.

Both the above reports mentioned the fact that in 2013 our Open Day (Let's Get Physical) will be in May instead of September. This move has come about as a result of a suggestion from the participating groups.

Molly asked about the arrangement for this year's Open Day. Janet said that all group leaders will be contacted by a committee member in the near future.

Dr. McIntyre thanked Janet for her report.

4. Treasurer's Report.

A copy of the accounts was on the reverse of the AGM agenda and voting sheet sent to every member in advance of the meeting. Alan also produced a written report, attached, which clarifying any figures he thought necessary, highlighting the 1500 postage stamps we bought, prior to the recent increase, which will last most of this year.

The accounts have been approved by Norman Crumpton.

Kath Hodgkinson asked if subscriptions or charges for monthly meetings will need to be increased. This was not thought to be necessary if the number of members using email continues to increase and attendance at monthly meetings does not go down.

Dr.McIntyre thanked Alan for his report and asked for a proposal that the accounts should be adopted; this was proposed by Trevor Pickering and seconded by Sally Jones.

5. Proposal: whether to change to direct mail for the 'Third Age Matters' magazine instead of bulk delivery.

Withdrawal of bulk delivery for this magazine was alluded to at a recent Regional meeting although no cut off date has been given. Direct delivery is the alternative, @ £1.60 per member per year for 5 magazines and 5 copies of sources.

If we change to direct mail every address would receive a copy of the magazine & sources and would be able to benefit from any offers/competition within the closing date. This is not always the case with bulk delivery. The Third Age Trust wants all members to receive the magazine. Direct mail would mean subscriptions would have to increase; our details would be on another database and there would be a lot of work, for someone, setting up and maintaining the database. After monthly meetings the number of discarded copies infers only nominal interest in the magazine.

This subject produced a lot of discussion including concerns over data protection; increases in subs; why it is necessary; can we try direct mail and then change back; database maintenance. Other local U3A groups, where members receive the magazine direct, have a single subscription regardless of the number of members at one address.

A motion to maintain the status quo until bulk delivery is withdrawn, made by Dr. McIntyre, was voted on:- For (to keep bulk delivery) – 32. Against (to have direct mail) – 7.

We will continue with bulk delivery until it finishes then change to direct delivery of the magazine and increase subscriptions if necessary.

6. Introduction of Nominees was not required.

7. Election of Officers.

There is only 1 nominee for each officer and committee position so they are elected and are:-

Chairman - Margaret Killin.

Secretary- Janet Spear, Treasurer- Alan Dymond, Membership Secretary- Susan Adamson,

Committee Members- Jill Ainsworth, David Bannister, Eric Fowler, Trevor Pickering,

Margaret Sargent, Jane Sewell.

All Officers and Committee Members had been correctly nominated and seconded.

David Bannister and Jane Sewell were introduced to the meetings as new committee members.

8. Adoption of Auditors.

Dr McIntyre will ask N.Crumpton if he will continue to be auditor.

9. No other business.

The President declared the meeting closed at 2.35pm.

The next AGM will be held on 13th June 2013.