

Kings Hill & District U3A

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6 June 2019

At Kings Hill Community Centre

Chair: Graham Hall (GH)
118 members present (including 3 new members)
Apologies: Ann Pay

GH began the meeting by welcoming the new members and thanking everyone for attending.

Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated and there were no matters arising. Therefore these were agreed as a true record.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts – Joyce Evans

The report and closing accounts had previously been emailed to all members and are on the website. At 31 March the balance stood at £26,032, with approximately £7,000 allocated for future outgoings, making a current total of £17,500. Joyce has now input all finances on the Beacon system.

In addition an inventory of equipment, for use by all members, is available on the website listing the current holder.

Examiner of Accounts

The accounts were adopted and approved by an external auditor, Richard Fox, and signed by GH. Richard has agreed to check the accounts again next year.

Chairman's Annual Report of U3A activities

A full report will be available on the website, however highlights were:

- Kings Hill U3A have 470 members and 60 Special Interest Groups (if a group becomes too large, another one is started). Monthly meetings are well attended with the highest number being 178.
- Graham praised all convenors and thanked the Committee, who have worked tirelessly.
- In addition thanks were given to members in other roles – Don Bone as newsletter editor, Mark Richards as events organiser and Margaret Knock for organising a great variety of speakers, plus the hospitality and welcome teams and new events team (names highlighted on agenda).
- Particular successes were the Musical Extravaganza (featuring our many musical groups, including the newer Big Band Group), the trip to Ireland and the planned Autumn Show.
- Over the years of chairmanship we have seen the newsletter increase from six pages to fifteen, our first link with Paddock Wood U3A, the Petanque Group becoming national champions and our first Study Days.
- Presentations were then made to the retiring Treasurer, Secretary, Events organiser and Speakers organiser.
- The Vice Chairman, Elaine Scutt, then thanked Graham for his enthusiasm, support and hard work throughout the three years and a presentation was made.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following people were proposed and nominated to the Committee:

- Chair – Melanie Blewer
- Treasurer – David Murray
- Secretary – Maggie Holmes
- Elaine Scutt – Groups co-ordinator (in addition to Vice Chair)
- Committee Members – Maurice Chittenden, Jeanne Couch and Sue Watson

Re-election was approved:

- Members - Linda Read, Brenda Pretty, Don Bone, Jan Pamplin, Karen Usher
- Mark Richards as Co-opted Member

Any other business – None.

Melanie, as new Chair then addressed the meeting:

- Thanks were given to the re-elected Committee members and the new Committee members.
- The motto of learning, laughter and living will continue to be the backbone of our U3A.
- It is an honour to be elected and she will do her best to be as mad and outrageous as the previous Chairman.

Date of the next annual meeting – to be publicised.