

West Wolds U3A
Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting
At the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on Thursday, 09 November 2017

1. Apologies were received from: Mary & Roger Howes, Lyn Henry and David Kew.

2. The minutes of the 18th AGM held on 10 November 2016 were approved.

Proposed by Bryan Storey and seconded by Gail Dennis.

3. Adoption of the 2015 AGM Minutes

The WW U3A membership voted agreement for the minutes of the 2016 (18th) AGM be adopted as a true record.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Steve McCarthy spoke of his first year having been a steep learning curve and during that time he was sure a number of things he might have got wrong and possibly said the wrong thing, but that was how we as a U3A learn to be better. He explained that his aim continues to protect what we have and to extend what we offer and that sometimes people do not know what they want until they are offered an opportunity. Our membership numbers continue to grow as does our reputation not only with our members but with other U3A's in the area too. We are seen as being innovative and successful. What we offer our membership is broad and deep. Our group coordinators are committed to their groups and the longevity of the groups proves their worth.

Our finances are sufficient for the coming year, however, to maintain our viability we need to manage our budget carefully. We now have a projection of income and expenditure into 2019 which will help us plan for the future.

I am supported by a very able and willing committee. My thanks go to Lyn, Eunice and Mary who are stepping down from the committee. I look forward to being part of next year's committee.

5. Treasurer's Report

The outgoing Treasurer Eunice Hughes, presented her report, stating that the Society were in the final stages of transferring the accounts to Lloyds Bank, it had been a long and at times frustrating process. Lloyds have issued additional paying in books, which enable coordinators to deposit their own accumulated funds. Internet banking will soon be available which will enable membership fees to be paid by standing order. Running costs have increased; therefore the committee propose to reinstate the 50p "door entry" fee from January 2018. A budget has also been prepared for the year 2018/19 and in anticipation of further increased costs the committee propose to increase the annual membership subscription to £17 from September 2018. An external auditor is also proposed from outside WW U3A (See Item 7 below).

The proposal to accept the 2016/17 annual accounts was made by Barry Dukes and seconded by Gordon Jennings. A vote of the members was taken, with all in agreement.

A motion to accept the committee's proposal to increase the WW U3A annual subscription from £15 to £17 from September 2018 was made by Geoff Goddard and Seconded by Sheila Nash. A vote of the members was passed with a large majority.

6. Election of WW U3A Committee

The following members have been nominated to serve on the WW U3A committee for the year 2017/18: Linda Brighton, Pam Crooks, Terry Francis, Shelley Franklin, Ken Howitt, Steve McCarthy, David Oliver and Brian Ward. The West Wolds U3A membership was asked to vote for acceptance of the proposed committee nominees and all were accepted. The Chairman explained that the committee would appoint a Chairman for the year 2017/18 and official committee responsibilities would be agreed at the December committee meeting. If additional WW U3A office holders were required, members of WW U3A would be invited to serve on the committee, as co-opted members.

7. Election of Examiner of Accounts

The Chairman explained that for the first time an examiner of our accounts would be invited from outside WW U3A, preferably from a neighbourhood U3A, This agreement could be on a reciprocal basis. The membership was then invited, proposed by Barry Dukes and seconded by Sheila Nash, to allow WW U3A committee discretion to find a suitable external auditor, prior to the next AGM. The membership voted in agreement for the proposal.

8. The date of the 2018 AGM

The date of the 20th AGM will be Thursday 08 November 2018.