

ANTON u3a

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 4pm at Burghclere Down Community Hall

44 members were in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence.

Judith Entwisle, Ann & John Hawke, Liz Henderson, Jane Leishman, Gilly Roberts.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 8 June 2022

Acceptance was proposed by Lynda Stockings, seconded by Michael Leonard and agreed unanimously.

3. Report by the Chair

As this is my final Chair report I thought it pertinent to reflect on Anton u3a since 2019, the year I took office. Quite frankly it is disquieting that so much has happened in such a short time. Covid started showing itself late 2019 and escalated quickly, we went into lockdown, we Zoomed and took lessons on how to wear a face mask and wash our hands or use hand gel. Through all of this the Group Leaders and the Committee continued to operate where possible or at least keep in touch but eventually we returned to business as usual. Of course after all the anguish of Covid we had to contend with the financial backlash. But that is not all, we have been horrified by the war in Ukraine, concerned about the finalisation of Brexit, all of which has contributed to the Cost of Living crisis! Perhaps it is wise that I am standing down as Chair or my title may change to The Jinx! My reason for rambling on is to say that Anton u3a has been steadfast throughout all the above and although we struggle for volunteers to become officers I would like to think that we are going to carry on being a happy, friendly, supportive and fun u3a!

Now on to this fiscal year. We have had engaging, informative, lively and fun speakers this year, a big thank you to Wilson who has done an admirable job in sourcing such a varied selection of subjects and people. As 2022 was the 40th anniversary of u3a and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Barbie volunteered to organise a themed picnic. With the aid of her trusty band of helpers the picnic was a great success. Barbie has again kindly offered to run the August picnic, tickets have been printed and will be on sale soon – thank you Barbie. In order to part fund the picnic Barbie and Jan have been running a monthly raffle, many thanks to them both for their hard work.

As usual our Christmas lunch was amazing and expertly run by Norma so another big thank you – next year Robert Kemp will take the helm with support from Di and Tessa, it's a little early for Christmas thoughts so I will move on.

Not everything has been plain sailing this year. We have lost the AHA (Art and History Appreciation), MOTO (Members On Their Own) groups and we no longer have a Newsletter Editor. This should not be seen as final. I would like to emphasise that the ethos of u3a is that every member should be doing something, so, if you feel you could restart a group, a new group or produce a Newsletter let the Committee know, remember the u3a mantra of "learn, laugh and live" and have a go!

Many Anton u3a members have now visited the new u3a website. We have been so lucky that when our old website provider decided to charge fees for using their services Keith Saunders stepped in and created a website that will be run at a nominal cost and one that is easily understandable and straightforward. If you haven't used the site yet give it a try, there's

information on the groups, legislation, photos etc. plenty to whet the appetite. Thank you once again Keith.

Finally it is time to say thank you to all of the Group Leaders, The Committee, people who help put out the chairs and put them back again, tea and coffee makers and last but not least Michael (my husband) who has given me so much support.

Before I finish I will make an appeal to keep Anton u3a going. If you think taking on a post will be too arduous perhaps you could share the post with a friend. Don't forget the vacancies are for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. We all have a mixture of skills so let's share what we have and be proud members of Anton u3a.

Finally, I would like to add a big thank you to my husband Michael who has to put up with my u3a tasks and the occasional rant. He does make an excellent car parking attendant though!

4. Adoption of Accounts

David Weston presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023. A copy of the Accounts is attached to these Minutes.

Treasurer's Report.

1. **Activities.** Normal main and group activities have resumed post Covid which is reflected in the Receipts and Payments made this financial year.
2. **Subscriptions.** All subscriptions received during this financial year are reflected within the accounts, those made for the next financial year are at the new rate of £15 per person. This increase is justified by the increase in cost by speakers, on going capititation charges by U3A and a general increase in costs.
3. **Reserves.** The balance within the account of £5920.69 includes the amounts held by the groups. At the time of this statement Questers had outstanding financial obligations of £610.70.
4. **Raffle.** Income from the raffle is intended to offset the cost of the summer picnic.
5. **Equipment:**

a. Lapel microphone	Purchased 28 Dec 2011	£287.00
b. Safety Mats	Purchased 8 Jul 2015	£59.97
c. Projector Adaptor	Purchased 10 May 2016	£49.99
d. Presenter for slide projector	Purchased 2 Aug 2016	£37.99
e. Sound System	Purchased 13 Dec 2017	£399.98
f. Second hand projector	Purchased 7 Feb 2022	£50.00

All these are held at Burghclere Down Community Centre in a locked cupboard controlled by our U3A representative.

Mast key safe - provided by Pete Duncan at no cost to U3A.

Box crates for folders – held at Treasurer's home.

All equipment was reduced to zero value at date of purchase.

6. **Insurance.** This is provided for the equipment listed above by the Third Age Trust at no cost to Anton U3A.
7. **Independent Examiner.** Kevin Barter is thanked for taking on this task for the second time.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Tessa Cross, seconded by Pete Duncan and agreed unanimously.

5. Election of Committee and Officers

a. Chair

Lynda Stockings proposed by Barbie Morrey-Stone, seconded by Pete Duncan and elected unanimously.

b. Vice-Chair

Lynette Jarvis was proposed by Michael Leonard seconded by Tessa Cross and elected unanimously.

c. Treasurer

Cecil Rose was proposed by Barbie Morrey-Stone, seconded by Bob Leishman and elected unanimously.

d. Secretary

Jean Saunders proposed by Carole Leonard, seconded by Barbie Morrey-Stone and elected unanimously.

e. Committee members

Tessa Cross, Wilson Carson, Jan Bentley, Di Burrows, and Anne Bray, were re-elected to the Committee without contest. Barbie Morrey-Stone was elected to the committee as Lynda Stockings takes up the role of Chair.

6. Any other business

None raised

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

Jean Saunders
Anton u3a Secretary

Carole Leonard
Anton u3a Chair