

ANTON u3a

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 4pm at Burghclere Down Community Hall

25 members were in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence.

Ann & Kevin Barter, Anne Bray, Pauline Broad, Liz Henderson, Robert Kemp, Lynette Jarvis, Carole & Michael Leonard, Diane Richards, Gilly Roberts, June Sukri, Leslie & Clive Ward, Judy & David Weston.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 14 June 2023

Acceptance was proposed by Peggy Ellis, seconded by Jan Bentley and agreed unanimously.

3. Report by the Chair

Three words are used by u3a to describe the organisation and they can certainly be applied to Anton : Live, Laugh and Learn.

We have 119 paid members to date, we have welcomed new people and lost a few members, some of them founders of the branch. We need new members to ensure that we develop our interests, continue to enjoy ourselves and widen our social activities.

Attendance at meetings is gradually increasing, learning is supported through the variety of speakers arranged by Wilson. It gives us the opportunity to get out and about and catch up with each other and have a laugh. Suggestions for speakers are always welcome, Maggie Cunniffe is taking over the role. My thanks to Wilson for his hard work in putting together a great programme.

Our groups continue to flourish and reflect our many interests, they can be found on the website. Thanks to all the leaders who work so hard to facilitate their continued functioning for our enjoyment. I hesitate to select one group but feel I owe a big 'thank you' to the Questers committee who has organised such a varied, enjoyable and educating programme. It takes an incredible amount of time liaising with all the agencies necessary for a successful visit.

Annual events are organised for later this year- the Summer Picnic (14th August) and Christmas Lunch (16th December). Thanks to Robert Kemp for his work both last year and this.

The Officers and Committee have supported me in my position as Chairman and for that they have my thanks. Our finances are in a strong position thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer, Cecil Rose. Di Burrows has continued to organise the raffle that raises funds for the Summer Picnic, thank you.

Whilst offering thanks I would like to include the Web Master, Keith Saunders, who is not actually a member, for supporting our work in such a valuable way.

A number of members have voiced disappointment that a newsletter is no longer produced, although information is available on the web-site it is satisfying to peruse less formal

information about our groups, also it acted as a reminder of dates for annual events and future activities. Is there a volunteer with the necessary skills and time who would be willing to reinstate this enjoyable periodical?

Lastly, thanks to you all for your continued support of Anton.

Lynda Stockings

4. Adoption of Accounts

Cecil Rose presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024. A copy of the Accounts is attached to these Minutes.

Treasurer's Report.

1. **Activities.** Normal main and group activities have continued and 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.
3. **Reserves.** The balance within the account of £6700.32 includes the amounts held by the groups. At the time of this statement Questers had outstanding financial obligations of £8.00.
4. **Raffle.** Income from the raffle is intended to offset part of the cost of the summer picnic. A total of £270.00 was raised from ticket sales

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.

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.** Pete Duncan is thanked for taking on this task.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by John Hawke, seconded by Jane Leishman and agreed unanimously.

5. Election of Committee and Officers

a. Chair

Sharon King proposed by Judith Entwistle, seconded by Margaret Truss and elected unanimously.

b. Vice-Chair

Vacant

c. Treasurer

Cecil Rose was proposed by Lynda Stockings, seconded by Barbie Morrey-Stone and elected unanimously.

d. Secretary

Jean Saunders proposed by Cecil Rose, seconded by Tessa Cross and elected unanimously.

e. Committee members

Tessa Cross (co-opted for 1 year), Wilson Carson, Barbie Morrey-Stone, Di Burrows, and Anne Bray, were re-elected to the Committee without contest. Maggie Cunniffe joins the committee to assist and gradually takeover from Wilson. Jan Bentley is standing down. Lynda Stockings will be part of the committee and continue to assist with the picnic planning.

f. Appointment of Accounts Auditor

Pete Duncan has agreed to continue. Unanimously elected.

6. Any other business

The summer picnic will be held on 14 August and will be for members of Anton u3a only.

Discussion was held about changing the time of year for the next AGM as this year we had an increased number of members sending their apologies. This will initially be discussed by the committee and a proposal brought to members for consideration.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Jean Saunders
Anton u3a Secretary

Lynda Stockings
Anton u3a Chair