

Balsall Common U3A

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 26th April 2010

The meeting was held in the Balsall Common village hall. There were 70 members and 2 visitors present.

- 1) **Apologies:** apologies have been received from approximately 15 people
- 2) **Minutes of previous meeting:** adopted as read.
- 3) **Matters arising:** None

4) **Chairman's report:**

Anne Santos gave her report - summarised:-

- a) Membership: The U3A started with 50 members and this has now grown to 170. We will cap the membership at 175 for the foreseeable future due to several groups now being full and requiring secondary groups to be formed. Also the hall is quite full for the core meetings. The committee has looked at other venues but still prefer this hall.
- b) U3A purpose: The main purpose of the U3A is fellowship and we believe we have achieved this.
- c) Constitution: This allows for officers and other committee members to serve a maximum of 5 yrs. As this is now our 4th year it is hoped that during the next 12 months some new members can be co-opted onto the committee. The duties are not onerous as all the initial hard work has been done! There are only 4 meetings a year,
- d) Administration: to keep costs down we do not employ any outside assistance but do all our own printing, etc ourselves.
- e) Social events: so far we have had 2 social committees organising suppers, lunches, fun evenings, etc. however, with exceptions these have not been very successful and it is being left to the individual groups, such as Questers, Rambling, Lunch, etc to provide the social activities of the U3A.
- f) New Groups: We have recently lost the Mah Jong and Spanish groups as no coordinators can be found but have started the very successful Sing-a-long group. A coffee morning for new members resulted in the formation of a Craft Group.
- g) We need new groups to be started and the committee will help in any way to assist the start-up of any new group, if members are willing to have a go. The photographic groups recently put on a wonderful display of photography and the Save the Children cards have been a great success, raising over £100.
- h) Publicity: As well as the Newsletter we have material in the new Bugle and intend to continue this trend.
- i) Website: the website would benefit from a knowledgeable person taking on the task of keeping it updated. Currently the content is static once the yearly programme and committee have been added.
- j) Future: Is in the hands of the membership who already do a lot towards the successful running of the society.
- k) Thanks: to the committee and all the people on the various rotas. Also to the Westlakes for hosting the committee meetings.

5) **Treasurer's report:**

Peter Westlake gave his report – summarised:-

- a) A reminder to all members that no money should go through personal accounts. All monies should be channelled directly to/from the treasurer, whenever possible.
- b) There are 2 accounts: the No. 2 account for handling the groups activity cash in/out, the No.1 account for everything else. Thanks to Steven Procter for auditing the accounts and to Richard Davis for his assistance. If anyone has a query please feel free to speak the treasurer about it.
- c) No. 1 account: cashbook £1912. Account balance at bank is £2597. There has been a slight loss on the year but this is not significant. Administration includes the costs of paper, ink cartridges, postage, etc.
- d) No. 2 account: Current float is £1239. Cash at bank is £1249. The payment to the BRG is a special arrangement. We pay £1 per person per meeting, regardless of the number of people attending. Tea money at the core meetings makes a good contribution and most groups make a profit.

6) **Adoption of accounts:** Proposed by John McLellan, seconded by Ray Watson, all in favour

7) **Election of officers and committee:**

Officers:-

Hon. Chairman	Anne Santos (AS), prop PD, sec SB
Hon. Vice-chairman	Sheila Burdett (SB), prop PD, sec PW
Hon. Secretary	Peter Driffield (PD), prop PW, sec SB
Hon. Treasurer	Peter Westlake (PW), prop PD, sec SB

Committee:-

Pam Moss	Diary Secretary, prop PD, sec SB
Martin Richards	Minute's Secretary, Dep Hon. Sec, prop PD, sec SB
Richard Davis	Deputy Hon. Treasurer, prop PD, sec SB
Mary Dawson	Fire Officer, Asst Membership Secretary, prop PD, sec SB

There were no other nominees so they were duly elected. All in favour, for both the officers and the rest of the committee.

8) **AOB:**

None

As there were no other queries or comments, the chairman closed the meeting.