

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST MIDLANDS REGION U3As.
Held at Sir Dennis Rooke Building, Holywell Park, (Loughborough University) LE11 3GR
on 22nd July 2011 at 3pm**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

There were 99 U3A members present representing 31 U3As.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from RRC members Roger Watts (Derbyshire), Pat Reeve (Northants.) Elaine Lovell (Lincs.) Richard Burdon (Leicestershire) and from the following U3As: Market Harborough, Kibworth, Enderby

MINUTES

The minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 2010 at Nottingham Trent University were approved as a true record.

Proposed Roger Bennett (Southwell) Seconded Joe White (Grantham)

The Chair signed the Minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected by the meeting for the following year:

Chairman - Alan Morris (2011 –2013)

nominated by Northampton U3A and seconded by Charnwood U3A

Treasurer - David Kyle

Nominated by South Leicestershire U3A and seconded by Leicester U3A

Secretary - Margaret Taylor

Nominated by Sherwood U3A and seconded by Southwell U3A

Assistant Secretary - Annabelle Meek

Nominated by South Leicestershire U3A and seconded by Leicester U3A

Education & Development Officer - Joe White

Nominated by Grantham U3A and seconded by Sherwood U3A

National Trustee - It was noted that Liz Wilson continues to serve until the National AGM in 2012.

The following were elected by their appropriate Networks and reported to the meeting.

Derbyshire

Carol Lockwood (2011 –2013)

Roger Watts (2010 –2012)

Vacant (Alternate)

Leicestershire & Rutland

Barry Hillyard (2011 –2013)

Lynne Cox (2011 –2012)

Richard Burdon (Alternate)

Lincolnshire

Mike Benthall (2011 - 2013)

Robin Gulliver (2010 –2012)

Elaine Lovell (Alternate)

Northamptonshire

Vacant (2011 – 2013)

Pat Reeve (2010 – 2012)

Vacant (Alternate)

Nottinghamshire

Christine Baxter (2011 – 2013)

Jeremy Lloyd (2010 – 2012)

Sylvia Slack (Alternate)

TREASURER'S REPORT

To receive the Financial Report and to agree the affiliation fee for the year 2011/2012.

The Treasurer referred to the work carried out by Bob Carter in the maintaining and preparation of the accounts. The meeting applauded his stewardship of the Associations' moneys during his period as Treasurer. The accounts had been examined and circulated prior to the meeting. They were proposed by Robin Gulliver (Lindsey U3A) and seconded by Helen Parsons (Leicester U3A). David reported that he recommended a "holiday" from paying any subscription for this coming year with the situation to be reviewed in 12 months' time. This was put to the meeting as a nil subscription. Agreed Unanimously.

Q. What is the dormant account?

A. A separated account set up when we received interest on savings accounts. It was decided not to close it but to leave it to the discretion of the Treasurer to transfer to the main account as and when required.

The chair formally thanked not only Bob but David for stepping in and assisting during Bob's health issues.

REPORTS FROM:

Retiring Chair – Christine Baxter

Christine first thanked Charnwood U3A for both suggesting the location at Loughborough University, and acting as liaison with the university on our behalf, also for providing the stewards for the day.

We now have an assistant secretary for the first time. It is noticeable that we do not have deputies for the other officers but there is agreement within the council on cover should it be needed.

Another change this year has been to become an effective information exchange between counties, having learned what to avoid as well as what to encourage. A number of working parties have been arranged. The work has been shared amongst a number of people which has paid dividends. A working party is also meeting to review the constitution of the Association. This will be considered by the RRC at its future meetings and reported to the AGM 2012 and to Networks. Reference to the Regional newsletter and the sterling work by Liz Wilson in compiling this was made. Christine welcomed the new officers and representatives and thanked those retiring at this meeting. She thanked all 3 speakers for a very varied and interesting day with a variety of ways having been suggested by which we might lead a healthy and active life into old age.

National Trustee – Liz Wilson

Liz saw the production of the newsletter as her report. She had also arranged for Darren Thomson to attend and show us the DVD that he had developed between Northampton University and the local U3As. This is East Midlands making history. He worked with 4 other students to produce the film. It was the uniting of youth and maturity. The film was then shown. It highlighted the ignorance of the general public about our existence. It then showed some of the activities on offer, and asked members for their experience in 'discovering' U3A and what it means to them. There is a life after work and U3A plays a major part in that.

Retiring Education & Development Officer – Alan Morris

Alan had issued a report that was circulated in advance of the meeting. He reported that we now have a budget to run study days and workshops. The running of additional ones was expected but would be subject to the discussions of the new RRC.

No other business had been notified to the Secretary but Roger Bennett and Alan Morris thanked Christine for her work as Chairman over the past 2 years and Liz Wilson thanked Margaret Potter for her sterling work as secretary to the Association.

The Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 3.45pm

Agreed as a true record on 10.07.12.

Proposed John Crowhurst, Spilsby U3A and Seconded by Margaret Potter of Leicester U3A.

Signature of Chair.....Dated 10th July 2012