

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST MIDLAND REGION U3As held at The Holiday Inn, Crick, Northampton on 2nd July 2013

Chairman, Alan Morris, opened the meeting at 2.55pm by welcoming 111 members present, representing 39 U3As.

1. APOLOGIES had been received from Carol Lockwood, Mike Benthall, Cyril Young, Liz Wilson, Elaine Lovell, Hilary Wells, Jeremy Lloyd, Jo Stroud, Peter Bainton and Arnold U3A.

2. MINUTES The Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting held at The Link Hotel, Loughborough on 10th July 2012 were approved as a true record: Proposed by Margaret Potter (Leicester U3A) Seconded by Barry Hillyard (Countesthorpe U3A). The Chair signed the Minutes.

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR 2012/13 The Reports had been provided at Registration.

3.1 Regional Treasurer, David Kyle, presented his Report/Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2013. An incorrect date at the foot of the Income and Expenditure Account will be corrected. He stated that the accounts were relatively satisfactory, giving us confidence for next year. We continue to rely on Third Age Trust funding for some activities, we hope to create funding from our own sources and we are exploring the question of funding from outside institutions.

3.2 David proposed the following motion: "This AGM agrees to invite all U3As in the region to contribute towards the funding of the Association of East Midlands U3As for 2013/14 on the basis of £10 for U3As with up to 250 members and £20 for U3As with more than 250 members." The motion was seconded by Lynne Cox (Whitwick and District U3A) and passed unanimously.

3.3 The Treasurer Proposed, Seconded by Lynne Cox (Whitwick & District U3A) and the Treasurer's Report was Adopted unanimously.

3.4 There was unanimous agreement that Geoff Moth continue as INDEPENDENT EXAMINER of Annual Accounts, after having been Proposed by Jim Forrest (Bradgate U3A) and Seconded by Desiree Carey (Hinckley U3A).

3.5 The Chairs report emphasised the many positive things emanating from the Region and the Networks over the last 12 months.

3.6 REGIONAL TRUSTEE Michaela Moody referred to her Report; she was enthusiastic about the Network Development Teams' progress and summed up the year as being one of achievement across the whole Region, which now has approximately 30,000 members. Having enjoyed the work she had put into her role after the past period, Michaela expressed the hope of the opportunity to continue in her role. Her Report was Adopted unanimously. Alan Morris formally thanked Michaela for her hard work.

3.7 Liz Wilson was absent but had submitted the Regional Development Plan as her EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT Officer's Report which was also Adopted unanimously.

3.8 There were no further comments on the Reports; Alan Morris voiced the meeting's thanks to all concerned.

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Signed Hilary Wells (Chairman)

Date 15 July 2014

4. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Chair next outlined some necessary AMENDMENTS TO THE REGION'S CONSTITUTION which had been supported by the RRC. The fundamental issue was that the election of the Regional Trustee was carried out according to the procedures laid down by the TAT. No U3A was against the Proposal and the Amendments were unanimously accepted. Copies of the revised constitution will be sent to all U3As and will be posted on the Regional Website.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR REGIONAL TRUSTEE. Alan said that only one nomination had been received, that being from our presented co-opted Trustee, Michaela Moody. Michaela then took the opportunity to make the permitted five-minute presentation to support her application.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Chair then said that after nine years' involvement with the Region, he had taken the decision to stand down immediately after this Meeting. Hilary Wells (currently an RRC Member) had applied to fill the role and although absent today wished to stand, and had submitted a personal statement. It was Proposed by Liz Barnes (Beeston U3A) Seconded by Pat Reeve (Northampton U3A) that Hilary Wells become the Chair of the Association of East Midlands U3As and Regional Representative Council with effect from the end of this Meeting. The post carries a maximum three year term of service. There were 5 abstentions, none against, and the Proposal was carried Nem Con.

7. ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Alan thanked Assistant Secretary Annabelle Meek for her past service and a new incumbent will be appointed at the next RRC Meeting in September 2013.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

8. Thanks to Alan Morris were expressed from the floor and Secretary Gill Childs thanked him for his huge contribution to the Region over the years. His enthusiasm and encouragement will be missed.

9. The Meeting closed at 4.10pm.