

WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE WROXHAM HUB ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2017

The AGM started at 2.30.

1. Apologies for absence were received from 12 members.
2. Minutes of the last AGM were accepted and signed.
3. No matters arising.
4. Chairman's report:

At the end of my first year as Chairman it is a great pleasure to be able to report that the year just ended has seen us reach another milestone. At the end of our fourth full year we have reached three figures, with 101 members on the books. That is an achievement to be proud of.

We have a goodly number of interest groups catering for a wide variety of different interests. However if you have a particular interest for which we as yet make no provision than why not give some serious thought to starting one up. By all means have a chat to Corrie or to me; we will willingly give you whatever support you need. Don't be bashful; special interest groups are very much what the U3A is all about.

It is a great pleasure being Chairman of this branch because I am very fortunate in having an excellent Committee to support me. In truth they do all the work; I am pretty much just a figure head. So my grateful thanks to all my Committee members, all of whom contribute in different ways to the continuing success of our branch. I must particularly thank those members of the Committee who have taken on responsibility for specific functions; for Sue who, as Secretary, does her very best to keep me out of trouble; for Margaret who looks after the money with that quiet efficiency which makes one feel that all is well in the world; for Maggie who finds a succession of excellent speakers who come to our meetings and give us talks on a wide variety of subjects which are invariably fascinating and stimulating; and to Marlene who, until now, has been our Membership Secretary but who is stepping down from that role and from the Committee after three years. And my thanks also to the other members of the Committee who do not have specific roles but who bring their ideas, their enthusiasm and their encouragement to our meetings. My thanks to you all for making my job so easy.

I would also like to thank Corrie for her support. As you will know Corrie gave birth to this branch, coaxed it through its early days and served as its first Chair person for the three years ended last year. She has continued to serve on the Committee and has been an invaluable source of advice and guidance to me as I tried to come to terms with my duties. The mistakes I have made have been entirely of my own making; Corrie and my Committee have done their very best to keep me on the straight and narrow.

Finally my thanks to all of you; you are what it is all about. Without you there would be no branch here in Wroxham. Hopefully the growing membership suggests that we are getting something right; but if there is anything you would like us to do, or to stop doing, do please let me know. This is your branch of the U3A; welcome to another year.

5. Treasurer's report.

Financial position as at 31st March 2017

Debit:		Credit:	
Hub Fees	£412.00	Door Donations	£ 396.00
Refreshments	£ 44.76	Membership fees	£ 735.00
U3A Trust	£334.13	Group donations	£ 315.70
Speaker fees/ Donations	£445.00		
Miscellaneous	£534.68		
(stamps, stationary, travel, Boat deposit, pianist)		Refund – unused Xmas prize	£ 2.50
Total:	£1770.57		£1449.20

(Balance at Bank 31.03.17 £1277.22

A full breakdown of finances can be supplied if requested.

The books were checked independently by Paul Badger.

6. Groups' Reports

Reports were presented by representatives from the following groups:

Birding and Bird Banter	Di Stagg
Chess	Sue Badger
Classical Music	Brian Keane
Evening Dining	Nicole Rufford
French Conversation	Jane Monks
Gardens	Penny Doe
History	Brenda Gander
Lunch Out	Corrie Mould
Swimming	Corrie Mould
Mah-jong	David Millward
Petanque	Margaret Cobbold
Photography	Mary Long
Playreading	Sue Badger
Walking	No report submitted. Maggie Lomax is retiring from this role.

7. Election of Committee

Leaving altogether was: Marlene Corke

Elected were:

Chairman: John Long

Vice Chair: Corrie Mould

Secretary: Sue Badger

Treasurer: Margaret Cobbold

Committee members: Jane Monks, Maggie Richardson, Diana Stagg and Mary Long.

Jan Barrington was elected onto the committee.

John Hardy expressed the wish to retire as Webmaster and hopes someone will replace him. He has agreed to stay in the position if no one can be found.

8. A.O.B.

9. The next AGM will be at the Hub, 19th April 2018, at 2.30.

Extra: Di Stagg presented a summary of her development as a creative writer. Margaret Wheeler read a personable narrative entitled "Confessions of 2 naughty girls" and Di finished the presentation with an amusing poem "You have a dog!"