

Minutes of U3A Nelson Annual General Meeting

Nelson Golf Club 10.00 - 22 July 2020

Chair: Paul Lunberg

Secretary: Bill Brett

Treasurer: Allison Robertson

Present: 91 members

President Paul Lunberg welcomed members and apologized for the delayed date of the AGM forced on us by Covid 19.

Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM were posted on the web site some 10 months previously, for members viewing. It was proposed by Bill Brett/Brian Say that they be taken as read and approved. Accepted unanimously.

Presidents Report

Paul Lunberg highlighted the efforts of committee members and the projects and work they had done on behalf of the Nelson members –

- David Turner – Group Coordinator – now managing 55 different study groups
- Allison Robertson – Treasurer
- Bill Brett – Secretary
- Heather Clendon and Trevor Lewis– Newsletter and publicity.
- Anne White – New members
- Gordon Suddaby – Arranging speakers for U3A member meetings
- Wendy Cornish – Membership Secretary and coordinator of Positive Ageing Expo
- David Wright for his assistance in recovering and preserving data following the forced closure of the U3A web site.
- All other committee members for serving on sub committees of special projects.

He went on to extol the work of the Convenors who make the whole of U3A such a success. He encouraged people to start new groups, pointing out that a few new ones were about to start.

The president's report, proposed Paul Lunberg, seconded David Turner, was accepted unanimously.

Financial Report

Treasurer Allison Robertson presented the financial accounts, shown on a big screen for members to follow. Income of was down due to timing of subscription payments. Expenses of \$4888 were similar to the previous year \$4742. Surplus for the year was \$3453.

The Statement of Position shows total assets (total bank balance) at \$19853 compared to \$16399 last year. There are no Liabilities.

Treasurer Alison Robertson also pointed out that whilst there appeared to be an excellent reserve, there can be considerable expense in re-establishing a web site.

The financial statement, proposed Allison Robertson, seconded Brian Say, was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer Allison Robertson thanked Tom Clendon for his work as reviewer. The incoming committee to give priority to appointment of a reviewer.

Election of Committee

Paul Lunberg was standing down as president but remains on the committee for 1 year as immediate past president. Two other members of the current committee Heather Clendon and Ian McDougal also standing down and were not available for re-election. The president thanked these two for their years of excellent commitment. Vice president David Turner presented Paul Lunberg with a gift for his huge contribution as president, and Heather Clendon with flowers for her years of quietly getting things done.

Nine members of the committee were available for re-election. Nan Turner was a new nomination. This left one vacancy. There being no nominations from the floor, the following Committee was declared elected for the coming year (Bill Brett /Paul Lunberg)

Officers

President – David Turner	Vice President –
Treasurer – Allison Robertson	Secretary – Bill Brett

Committee-

Anne White - New Member coordinator	Wendy Cornish – Member secretary
Nan Turner - Communications	David Wright - IT Coordinator
Ian MacDougal - Assets Manager–	Gordon Suddaby - Speaker Organizer
Trevor Lewis - Newsletter	Steve Shaw -Study Group Coordinator
	Paul Lunberg – Immediate Past President

Committee Remit - Subscriptions

The pandemic of Covid 19, caused the recess of many U3A groups. This brought expressions of concern from some members that they were paying for a service that they could not use, and subscriptions should be reduced/refunded. The committee discussed this dilemma and proposed the following remit to go to the Annual General Meeting.

‘As a result of Covid 19 lockdown, subscriptions be waived for the full year from April 2020 to March 2021. Payments already received from members to be transferred to cover the year from April 2021 to March 2022. New members or any other subscriptions paid from now onwards will be for the year April 2021 to March 2022’.

Many members present spoke against the remit citing the need to maintain a strong reserve in view of possible web site expenses.

A strong majority voted against the remit. Hence there was not alteration to subscriptions. Membership secretary, Wendy Cornish, reminded members there were a number with subscriptions overdue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45.

Bill Brett
Secretary