

Minutes of U3A Nelson Annual General Meeting

Nelson Golf Club 10.00 - 2 May 2018

Chair: Paul Lunberg

Secretary: Bill Brett

Treasurer: Allison Robertson

Present: 80+ members

President Paul Lunberg welcomed members and opened the meeting with a message of respect for Lindsay Hunter who passed away a few days earlier. Lindsay was a foundation member, who made a massive contribution to U3A. He was a contributor to the constitution, he set up the first member's website, he served on the committee as secretary for some years, and was a convener of several study groups.

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 that they be taken as read and approved – seconded by Ian MacDougal.

Presidents Report

Paul Lunberg highlighted the efforts of committee members and the projects and work they had done on behalf of the 300 Nelson members –

- David Turner – Group Coordinator – now managing 46 different study groups
- Allison Robertson – Treasurer
- Bill Brett – Secretary
- Heather Clendon – Newsletter
- Rona Abbott – Publicity – especially the major task of exhibiting at Ageing Expo.
- Anne White – New members
- Sally Mason – Arranging speakers for U3A member meetings
- All other committee members for serving on sub committees of special projects.

A special vote of thanks was passed for past president Peter Sutton for his contribution especially representing U3A views around many tables in council and central government.

Special thanks went to all the **convenors** for their continuing inspiration and commitment; the life-blood of U3A Nelson.

The loss of Lindsay Hunter left U3A in the situation where there may have been no-one who could maintain the Webpage. However, a knight in shining armour in the form of member David Wright, agreed to join the committee and take over this role. Meanwhile the Administration Program, which John Blaauwbroek has worked on for a long time now, is really helping keep records for all of us and all the groups available. U3A Nelson could not run today without this computer aid, unless we employed a fulltime manager. Without charging John has now developed a Mailer which we believe will be our main method of communicating

with everyone. It looks a little strange getting a letter from NOREPLY but once opened it is easy to respond and select to whom the response should go. If anyone has a problem please contact Paul.

The presidents report was accepted – proposed Paul Lunberg, seconded David Turner.

Financial Report

Allison Robertson thanked Tom Clendon for reviewing the financial statement, and presented the annual accounts. There was a deficit for the year of \$6501 which was due to payment of \$7532 for the new web site. The funds to cover the web site costs were held on deposit from previous surplus and a grant received from Rata Foundation. Bank funds at years end stand at \$8079.

The complete statement of accounts is attached at the end of these minutes.

The Financial Report was accepted – proposed Allison Robertson, seconded David Turner.

Tom Clendon was re-appointed reviewer – Allison Robertson/Paul Lunberg

Election of Committee

The following Committee was declared elected for the coming year (Paul Lunberg/Bill Brett)

President - Paul Lunberg	Vice President – to be appointed from the committee
Study Group Coordinator – David Turner	Treasurer – Allison Robertson
Secretary – Bill Brett	New Member coordinator – Anne White
Communications – Heather Clendon	IT Coordinator – David Wright
Assets Manager – Ian Mac Dougal	Speaker Organiser – To be appointed from committee
Publicity – Rona Abbott	Member – Gordon Suddaby
Member – Steve Shaw	

General Business

Members had been advised in newsletters over previous months, of the review of subscriptions.

The following motion was passed unanimously –

‘A recommendation of the committee to raise annual subscriptions from \$20 to \$30 per person, and to eliminate the \$5 charge for bi-monthly member meetings’ Paul Lunberg/Allison Robertson

Jeni Bell spoke about a new group – Ukulele

Roger Haynes spoke about an additional Music Group ‘Anything but classical’

Those interested contact David Turner

The meeting closed at 10.45.

Bill Brett Secretary