

# **MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DORKING AND DISTRICT U3A**

Held at the Christian Centre, Dorking, on 11 May 2016

**Present:** Phyllis Hughes (Chairman), Lionel Cartlidge (Secretary), Michael Docker (Treasurer), Jenny Ford, Judy Perry, Jim Docking, Tony Parker, Geoff Saunders, Pat Smith, Bob Crooks

## **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Phyllis offered a warm welcome to all the members present.

## **2. Minutes of 15 May 2015**

The Minutes were agreed unanimously by the members present.

## **3. Annual Report from the Chairman**

Phyllis reported that her first year as Chairman had been very busy. She said she had made three pledges when she was appointed.

1. To improve the Website. This is now much improved due to the work Mike Docker has put into updating it. It is now interactive and full of information, but even so it is still "a work in progress" (see below)
2. To advertise the U3A more widely. This year over 1,000 posters and leaflets, supplied by U3A head office have been distributed locally.
3. To introduce a few more social events. In this Dorking U3A's 25 Anniversary year there has been a Quiz, (so successful this event will be repeated in November); An Anniversary Tea with 25<sup>th</sup> birthday cake at Denbies in March; And a dinner to be held at Betchworth golf club in June.

The membership is growing and there are now over 630 members. It is an organisation that is, and should be, open to all.

Phyllis said her pledges for the coming year are to:-

1. Ensure we remain open to all; some groups are nearing capacity and we need to manage this.
2. Continue developing the website and facilitate payments via the website and possibly voting on line.
3. Take a further look at the Constitution in the light of on-line progress, i.e. voting on line, and therefore we will also look at any other aspects that may need modernising.

At this point Phyllis asked that the membership vote on whether she should continue as Chairman, although, technically there was no need to do this as she was already elected for a two year term. She left the room and Lionel Cartlidge (Secretary) proposed that rather than a re-election, we should give her a vote of Confidence. This was passed by the overwhelming majority present.

## **4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2015-16**

Mike Docker presented the accounts for the year which had been examined by Ian Hudson. The figures record a healthy balance in the main account although there is a slight downward trend. The figures will always fluctuate according to the level of subscriptions, and in April a further £2,000 has been received. The biggest expense is the capitation paid to the Third Age Trust, and the cost of printing items including Dorking U3A Newsletter. Income was again supplemented by Gift Aid which D&D U3A receive as a charity. Mike expressed thanks to the volunteers who collect monies for their groups needed for hire of halls, etc. This being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year there is a healthy sum left over from the quiz night to pay for further events. Otherwise the financial situation is similar to previous years.

## 5.Elections to the Committee

Elections to the Committee (one year term):

	Nominated by	Seconded by
Bob Crooks	Jenny Ford	Mike Docker
Jim Docking	Lionel Cartlidge	Jenny Ford
Tony Parker	Mike Docker	Lionel Cartlidge
Geoff Saunders	Lionel Cartlidge	Jenny Ford
Jenny Ford	Jim Docking	Bob Crooks
Pat Smith	Judy Perry	Jenny Ford
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Penny Tompkins*	Pam Toler	Diane Kemp

New \*

As there were no other candidates the vote was conducted en bloc. The nominations set out above were approved unanimously by the members present.

Three officers are already appointed to a second year:

Phyllis Hughes	Chairman
Lionel Cartlidge	Secretary
Mike Docker	Treasurer

## 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

It was agreed to appoint Ian Hudson as Independent Examiner.

## 7. Any Other Business

No other items of business were raised.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Geoff Saunders entitled Europe in Space.