

Skelmersdale U3A A.G.M. 15th May 2014

Present Sally Bayley (vice chair, speaker secretary)

Brian Blakeman (vice Treasurer, membership secretary) Ron Cooper (chair) Marlene Doran, Alice Evans, Don Evans, Ann smith (secretary) Jenny wood (treasurer)

Apologies From members not able to attend

Meeting opened 2pm

Welcome

Ron welcomed the members to the 2014 A.G.M. meeting. He confirmed a quorum was met so the meeting to go ahead. Sally outlined the safety evacuation procedure in the event of a fire.

Minutes of Previous A.G.M.

Financial reports A.G.M. reports, have been distributed to all members by the Committee, prior to the A.G.M. Ron apologised for not handing the paperwork out at the April meeting. Ron then suggested a 15min break for refreshments and a chance to buy raffle tickets, can also read through the minutes.

Meeting Re-convened 2.35pm

There were no matters arising and the minutes accepted as a true record unanimously.

Agenda

Chair's Report

Ron explained this would be his last report as chair as he is coming to the end of his Term of Office. Ron stated it has been a privilege to be part of Skelmersdale U3A and thanked the Committee for their support. He asked members to let others know about our meetings and interest groups and to bring them along. We have had a few promotion drives over the months. Ron explained we would look at the financial statements and asked members to feel free if they wanted to comment.

Treasurers Report

The financial statement showed figures to the end of March 2014. The account is generally healthy and after expenses have been deducted it

gives a healthy balance as submitted. Interest groups are managing within their budgets. Lyn Wisset and Norma Worthington verified the accounts 12th May 2014. The balance sheets were accepted as correct with a unanimous show of hands. Ron thanked Jenny for all her hard work on the accounts.

Interest Groups Reports

Each interest group leader gave a short presentation, Don – Table Tennis, Brian – Walking & Bowls, Jenny – Theatre, Ron – Computers & Camera Club, Ann – Family History, Sally – Gardening, Sunday Lunch & Speakers, Marlene – Spanish and Pick & Mix. Ron read out reports from Claire – Book Club, Isabel – Local History.

Ann explained that Isabel has had a bad fall and is in hospital.

A card was taken to her from all her friends at Skelmersdale U.3.A.

Thank you

Thanks were given to Iris as she is stepping down as a committee member, Iris has been a valuable member, organising raffles, book sales etc. She will be missed from the Committee. Sally also thanked Ron for seeing us through the early years as chair. Thank you to Ann for everything she has done as Secretary. Thank you to Jenny for her finance help. Thank you to all Committee members and Sally is looking forward to the year ahead as Chair.

Marlene thanked members for supporting the pyramid raffle, Last year it grossed £300. Monies going to prizes remainder going into the funds. Ron thanked Marlene for her fundraising efforts. Ron thanked all group leaders for doing a splendid job and to forward their reports to him to go on the webpage. Ron asked the members to give them a round of applause

Election Committee

Ron explained members of the Committee serve a three year term and do not need to be re-elected. One valuable member is standing down resulting in 8 members. Two new members are willing to stand on the Committee, Leigh Boyton and Paul Johnson. Ron asked members for a show of hands to endorse the members of the Committee. This was unanimous. He explained (chair, vice-chair & secretary) will be elected at the Committee meeting on 16th June 2014.

Consideration of Motions

Ron asked members to consider any suggestions for further interest groups. He thanked members for attending the meeting.

Any Other Business

A member from the floor wished to record a thanks to the current Committee particularly the officers for all their hard work during their term of office. It is appreciated

Meeting Closed 3.20pm