

YAHR Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 2019

St George's Centre, Leeds

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Welcome

Neil Stevens, the Vice Chairman, welcomed everybody to Leeds for the AGM.

He explained that Barbara Dransfield, the Chairman was unable to attend because of family illness.

Present:

Neil Stevens (Vice Chairman and Website Manager); Sue Stokes (Regional Trustee); Hazel Ward (Secretary); Janet Matthews (Treasurer); Samina Aslam (Events Manager); Frank Bailey (Beacon and National Support Lead); Angie Grain (Networks Coordinator); Chris Hines (SLP Coordinator); Mick Richings (Website Coordinator); Jean Stevenson (Minutes Secretary); Beryl Pemberton (Bedale); Jean Blackburn (Bradford); John Caswell (Bradford); Wendy Hattrell (Doncaster); Chris Woolven (Doncaster); Philip Dunn (Driffield and the Wolds); Gerald Massey (Driffield and the Wolds); Barry Wilkinson (Easingwold and District); David Tribe (Hornsea and District); Lesley Tribe (Hornsea and District); Angela Hutchinson (Leeds); Leslie Kinsman (Leyburn); Edwin Bonner (Selby and District); Alma Traska (Selby and District); Keith Waterson (Settle); Brian Cave (Sheffield); Sarah Williamson (Sheffield); Hilary Fowler (Wakefield); Clair Stones (Whitby Whalers); Brian Frodsham (York).

Apologies

Apologies were received from Paula Wills (Haxby and Wigginton); Jackie Allott (Settle); Barbara Dransfield (Ryedale); Kate Swann (Ripon); Alan Swann (Barnsley)

Minutes of 2018 AGM

Proposed as a true record by Samina Aslam (Sheffield) and seconded by Frank Bailey (Ripon)

Signed by Neil Stevens on behalf of the Chairman.

Matters Arising

There were none from the floor.

Changes to the constitution

- Sue Stokes explained the proposed changes to the YAHR Constitution.
- The document containing the proposals had been available to members.
- The changes were agreed as the meeting developed but voted for at the end of item 5.
 - The words "Management Team" replaces the words "Management Committee" throughout the whole document.
 - Section 2 has been changed in accordance with the Third Age Trust Constitution. This is to broaden the scope of the "Social Development" aspect of U3A.
 - Section 3ii: changed to simply add the word "with". It now reads "To work with and support....."
 - Section 7
 - The words "Education and Development Officer" to be replaced by "Any Volunteer"
 - "Specifically, to work in the Yorkshire and Humber Region" is removed in accordance with the 2018 changes to the Volunteer role instigated by the Third Age Trust.
 - Section 8iv Revised to reflect variations in the tenure of Management Team roles.
 - Section 12iii AGM issues listed for clarification. Sections 12iv and 12v are re-aligned under sub section iv.
 - Section 16 The word "members" to be replaced with "U3A Member Organisations"
 - Section 4 Membership. It had been intended that the meeting would be asked to agree the removal of point 4iii to be replaced by a statement on the YAHR website covering requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. This had, unfortunately, been missed off the paperwork and would not be agreed on at the AGM but will be brought to the September meeting to be agreed as a Special General Meeting section.
- The changes to the Constitution were proposed by Alma Traska (Selby) and seconded by Wendy Hatrell (Doncaster). This was accepted nem. con.

Chairman's Report

This had been posted on the web site before the meeting. Copies were available at the meeting.

- The proposed group at Tadcaster was progressing. There was interest and volunteers.
- The subject networks were progressing well with Angie Grain coordinating.
- Bedale had been involved with a joint research project with Thorpe Perrow Arboretum. Beryl Pemberton would answer queries.
- Comments were invited from the floor.

Regional Trustee's Report

This was presented to the meeting and copies can be found on the YAHR web site. Printed copies were available at the meeting.

This was the same report that will appear in the Third Age Trust's Annual Report. Garforth and Kippax was up and running.

- Workshops and study days had been organised to fulfil request from the members.
- There were three networks in the region and it was hoped that a fourth might be possible on the East Coast. There was also a plan to try to involve groups geographically south of the Humber to form a network.
- A continuing problem within U3As was the lack of volunteers. It was suggested trying to "grab" new members and also trying out different ways and different people approaching potential volunteers. Different approaches were sometimes successful.
- Work in progress at national level by a group which was set up to look at the Third Age Matters magazine and making changes in response to member's views.
- The logo is being changed and the strap line "University of the Third Age is being removed. Guidelines will be available on the national website by June.

Secretary's Report

Presented by HW. The report had been available on the web site and copies were available at the meeting. Hazel thanked groups by replying to her emails promptly.

Treasurer's Report

There had been copies of the Treasurer's report on the website and copies were available on the day. It was reported that most of the YAHR income came from TAT but that study days and Summer Schools were self-supporting.

There were no issues raised and the accounts were proposed by David Tribe (Hornsea and District) and seconded by Christine Hines (Harrogate). Accepted nem.con.

Appointment of Tellers

Angela Hutchinson (Leeds) was appointed as teller.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Nominations were: Chairman - Barbara Dransfield (Ryedale); Secretary – Hazel Ward (Swanland); Treasurer – Janet Matthews (Leeds); Minutes Secretary – Jean Stevenson (Sheffield); Committee Members – Samina Aslam (Sheffield); Neil Stevens (Ilkley) Angie Grain (Ilkley); Christine Hines (Harrogate) and Beryl Pemberton (Bedale). All nominees were proposed and seconded by members. Mick Richings was proposed from the floor to the post of Vice chair

It was stressed that several members and the Regional Trustee, are leaving the team in 2020 and volunteers are needed to replace them.

Appointment of Accounts Examiner

John Goodsir from York U3A has agreed to undertake the task again. This was proposed by Janet Matthews and seconded by Samina Aslam. Accepted nem.con.

AOB

As there was no AOB, the meeting closed at 11.25.

Informal Discussion

It was proposed that a group was formed to look into a flyer and poster design group at regional level. It would look into designing templates for use by U3As in the region. Any member who would be interested to contact Neil Stevens.

Members were reminded that 30.4.2019 is the last day for contributions to Annual Return to National Office.

Signed..... Date

OUTCOMES from Development Workshop: Have Your Say

1. Succession Planning
 2. Communications
 3. Interest Groups – particularly management of groups and learning methodologies
 4. Induction matters/Networking/Accommodating members less actively involved/ Keeping it legal
- Sharing Good Ideas: session on Archives

RT ACTIONS

- Share template for timed meeting agenda
- Correct information re Hornsea on Draft YAHR Plan: events for internal audience only
- Share Groups Health Check