

Minutes of Nelson U3A Committee

10.00 May 23, 2018 at 411 Wakefield Quay

Present: Anne, David T, David W, Bill, Paul, Ian, Peter, Gordon, Rona, Allison.

Apologies: Heather, Steven.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and approved. (Paul/ David T.)

Matters arising: John Kirkland- Massey – Bill to send original enquiry to Gordon Suddaby.
Rona reported near completion of entry for Trust Power Awards

New Committee Responsibilities:

1. Vice President - Rona
2. Speaker Organiser – Paul
3. Publicity – Rona
4. Archivist - Bill

Reports:

Correspondence not covered below: Nil

Financial: To 30 April

Receipts –

Subscriptions -April \$1510.00

Payments -

Gifts (Speaker & L & K Hunter) \$137.02

Printing \$39.40

Balances –

Current Account –\$ 2765.17

Savings Account – \$6648.25

(Financial report -Accepted and approved)

Following discussion on the protocol and timing for subscription increases, it was agreed that Bill prepare a wording change to the constitution to clarify that the Committee set the subscriptions rather than recommend. This will be presented to the next AGM.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Bill would update U3A returns with Internal Affairs -Charities Services, in order to maintain our registration should we need to have occasion to seek a grant in future. There is no cost to U3A.

New Members –

8 new members joined during March - April. Membership now approximately 300

Groups –

David reported that there are now 22 groups with vacancies and 23 groups with no vacancies.

The group calendar has been taken down from the website and following discussion, this action was confirmed as appropriate.

Publicity -

Rona reported positive feedback from the “Positive Ageing Expo (April 6). U3A was specifically mentioned by the government Minister responsible for the elderly, in an interview for television.

Rona reported the positive feedback for the meet and greet of members at the AGM. It was agreed to repeat this for the next members meeting, The AGM quiz was also favourably received.

Email & IT –

David Wright has already contributed to technical maintenance of the U3A IT system when he fixed an ‘own goal’ from Paul. It was agreed that David and Paul, meet with John Blaauwbroek, and plan protocols for future maintenance and back up expertise. U3A to meet any expense involved.

David has advised Pacific Net that he will be the U3A contact.

It was agreed that the status quo be maintained with Pacific Net to carry out U3A web hosting.

Other Business:

1. Speaker for next Meeting – Rona to contact Sally re any arrangements already made.

2. Possible speakers mentioned were –
 - a. Retired Judge Blaikie (Family Court)
 - b. Jim Ward – Heartland Bank – Reverse mortgages
 - c. Binnale Contemporary Art

3. Anne to endeavour to find a suitable date for committee members and Summerset during June /July for a mid- winter dinner.

4. Committee meeting dates – July 25; Sept 26; Nov 28. (Allison away for July meeting)

5. General meetings – June 27; Aug 29; Oct 31.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon