

Minutes of Nelson U3A Committee

10.00 July 25, 2018 at 411 Wakefield Quay

Present: Anne, David T, David W, Bill, Paul, Peter, Gordon, Rona, Heather, Steven.

Apologies: Allison, Ian

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and approved. (Rona/ David W.)

Matters arising: John Kirkland- Massey – Gordon reported that stage one of the project was under way. There is nothing we can do at this stage and await any further response or request.

Reports:

Correspondence not covered below: Nil

Financial: To 30 June

Receipts –

Subscriptions -April	4660.00
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Payments -

Gifts	25.98
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Quiz & Expo expenses	56.00
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Sub refunds	40.00
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Interest	0.69
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Balances –

Current Account – 6841.58

Savings Account – 6649.34

(Financial report -Accepted and approved)

Following earlier discussion on the protocol and timing for subscription increases, Bill prepared a wording change to the constitution to clarify setting subscriptions.

Amendment to the constitution Clause 6 -Replace the words ***'The committee will recommend the annual subscription fee to the AGM'*** with the following words ***'The Committee will set the annual subscription fee by the last committee meeting of each calendar year for the calendar year ahead'***

Bill will add to this some wording to clarify and provide flexibility for people wishing to join near year's end, and circulate to committee for comment.

The final agreed changes will be presented to the next AGM.

Bill now has all the information to update U3A returns with Internal Affairs -Charities Services, in order to renew our registration.

New Members –

Anne reported that some members do not have badges and gave a list to Paul to implement.

Groups –

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

Alec Waugh requested flyers for Oakwoods.

Bill advised another Successful Gardening group for the 8 session course (fortnightly) starting Sept 4.

Publicity –

Bill to send a copy of the Age Connect Award presented to U3A to Heather for inclusion in the newsletter.

Age Connect are working on a 20 year plan for positive aging. Rona & David T to send information.

Paul was brought up to date with the 'Green meadows' saga. Views were expressed that it was looking very unlikely it could be a home for U3A in the foreseeable future.

Newsletter –

Heather asked for information from the groups for inclusion in the Newsletter (with photos where possible)

Report on the last speaker is in hand.

Email & IT –

David Wright has set up the data base on his computer and is now working on copying the web site.

Other Business –

1. Speaker for next Meeting Aug 29 – Retired Judge Blaikie. Paul to check date with Nelson Golf Club and caterer.
2. Possible speakers mentioned were –
 - a. Stephen Eagar– Minerals used for Illumination.
 - b. Ruth Allison - Biennale Contemporary Art
 - c. Jim Ward – Heartland Bank – Reverse mortgages
 - d. A film on Appo by Keith Hawke was a suggestion for AGM meeting. Paul to investigate.
 - e. Peking to Paris talk by Jill Dickenson was another suggestion.
3. Les Cooke's book – A tribute to Judy Heiner received warm approval. Paul to add words on behalf of U3A.
4. The dates and detail of a U3A Christmas lunch pencilled in by Anne, Heather & Allison were agreed on by the Committee. November 28th at the Waimea Club, \$30 plus bar, 11.30 for 12.00. lunch.
4. Committee meeting dates – Sept 26; Nov 28.
5. General meetings – Aug 29; Oct 24.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon