



U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC

MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WELLINGTON CITY INC. HELD AT 10.00 – 10.30am 27 OCTOBER 2020 AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON

1. Present

The President, Barbara Crump, welcomed 133 members, who had scanned their attendance, and visitors.

2. Apologies

Received from Geoff Atkinson, Jean Bretherton, Jan Cranston/Cranston Family, Mary Cull, Tom Farrar, Heather Gray, Teenah and John Handiside, Judith and Gordon Heeley, Bridget Hodgkinson, Neil and Dorothy Roulston, Colin Sarten, Margaret Trodahl, Jill and Malcolm Wheeler, Diana Winn, Alan Wright.

Moved Tony Thomson, seconded Judith Nathan that the apologies be accepted.

Carried

3. Minutes of 26th Annual General Meeting held 13 September 2019

Moved Gwen Levick, seconded Doug Helps, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 13 September 2019 and posted on the website be received and approved as a true record.

Carried

4. President's Annual Report

The President, Barbara Crump, noted her report was on the U3A website. She highlighted the following points in her report:

- The Embassy meetings had been greatly assisted by the Theatre staff and U3A members Ian Goodwin, Alan Wright, Anthony Fletcher. Zoom meetings were successfully held during the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions.
- She also acknowledged appreciation of the work done by the following U3A Committee members during the year – Tony Thomson (Treasurer); Robin Halliday, Rae Julian and Doug Helps (lecture programme coordination and the significance of this work as a cornerstone of U3A's programme); Dougal Congalton (reception, and Zoom statistics); Gwen Levick (membership – 1085 members at 26 October 2020, and website development with Aidan Kay); Heather Nelson (newsletter); Aidan Kay (events and visits); Alan Wright (special interest groups); Alison Dixie (further development of the new website); and Tricia Walbridge (secretary) whose energy, initiative and efficiency is highly valued; as well as Roger Chapman for his legal advice during the year.
- Victoria University Award – research by a subcommittee of the effectiveness of this Award and any alternatives to it, resulting in a Committee decision to discontinue the Award.

- Archiving of material prior to 2013 of U3A Wellington City, and its predecessor U3A Ohariu, with Wellington City Archive, and the contract signed with WCA providing ongoing access to the material.

Moved Barbara Crump, seconded Jill Goodwin, that the report of President Barbara Crump be accepted. **Carried**

5. Finance

The U3A accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020 had been posted on the website. Tony Thomson, Treasurer, reported that there was a healthy surplus of \$8,873.90 at YE 30 June 2020, in part due to no venue charges being made by the Embassy Theatre during the Covid-19 lockdown. He noted the sizeable increase in IT services costs due to the website upgrade.

Tony noted that the sizeable surplus meant that there was no need to implement the decision made at the 2019 AGM to increase the subscription, although some increase would likely be necessary at a future date.

The annual accounts had been approved and signed off by the Reviewer Debbie Mickell, a qualified accountant.

Moved Tony Thomson, seconded Joy McNicol, that the report of Treasurer Tony Thomson be accepted.

Carried

6. Amendment of U3A Rules

Barbara reported that, on the advice of U3A member and lawyer Roger Chapman, it was proposed to amend U3A Wellington City Rules by adding after Rule 6.8 new Rules 6.9.1, 6.9.2, and 6.9.3 providing for future AGMs being held by audio, audio and visual, or electronic communications, as alternatives, when necessary, to AGMs being held physically in person.

Moved Roger Chapman, seconded Rae Julian the amendment be accepted.

Carried

7. Committee Nominations

Barbara presented the names of the existing Committee members who were willing to be nominated to serve again, and the new names of the following who had also been nominated to the Committee – John Rutherford (Treasurer), Linda Beckett (Significant Interest Groups Co-ordinator), and Judith Nathan (Newsletter Co-ordinator and Editor).

She also acknowledged with appreciation the contributions of the following retiring Committee members – Tony Thomson, Heather Nelson, and Alan Wright.

The nominations of existing and new Committee members were approved unanimously.

The 2020/21 Committee is:

President: Barbara Crump
Secretary: Tricia Walbridge
Treasurer: John Rutherford
Membership Secretary: Gwen Levick
Newsletter Editor: Judith Nathan
Programme Co-ordinators Robin Halliday, Rae Julian, and Doug Helps (also Vice President)
Volunteer Co-ordinator: Dougal Congalton
Special Interest Groups Co-ordinator: Linda Beckett
Events Co-ordinator: Aidan Kay
Website Co-ordinator: Alison Dixie

8. General Business

- (i) Special thanks given to President Barbara Crump by Val Fergusson for all her work especially during the Covid-19 lockdown which ensured that the lecture programme continued online.
- (ii) Suggestion by Richard Scales that U3A make an ex gratia payment to the Embassy Theatre as a gesture of goodwill and support as no venue charge had been made to U3A during the lockdown.

This suggestion to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 6 November 2020.

- (iii) Suggestion by John Maindonald that lectures be presented regularly by Zoom, alongside physical presentations, during normal times.

Barbara noted that the Committee had reviewed the Zoom lecture delivery and decided a return to the Embassy was best at this time due to contractual obligations with the Embassy Theatre, and also that a mix of Zoom and physical meetings could cause confusion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am.

President

Date