

**U3A Wakatipu**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Held on Monday 14 November 2016 at 9.30 a.m.**

**At St Margaret's Church, Frankton**

**PRESENT:** Athol Dixon (Chairperson), Jon Bitcheno, Marion Borrell, Justine Cranfield, Mary Stammers-Smith, Bob Cranfield, Alan Townsend, Janie Murdoch, Anne Humphries, Bronwyn Young, and 60 -70 others.

**APOLOGIES:** Sir Eion Edgar, Barbara and Wesley Kerr, Pam and Patrick Beehan, Elaine Wells, Diana and Dick Hubbard, Kay Greenslade, Tom Murdoch.

The Chairperson, Athol Dixon, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

As the minutes of the 2015 AGM , held on 16 November , had been emailed to members, they were taken as read. Diane Hart moved, and Jon Bitcheno seconded, that they be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Athol Dixon gave a brief summary of his Report, a copy of which was also circulated to members prior to the AGM.

He mentioned the very healthy membership and financial position compared to last year, the continuing excellent calibre of our speakers, the valuable work done by the committee, particularly by Marion Borrell as programme co-ordinator, and the high quality of our equipment.

He thanked the three retiring committee members, Mary Stammers-Smith ( the original founder of U3A Wakatipu and its first Chairperson), and Bob and Justine Cranfield ( Bob being a past Chairperson, and Justine the Treasurer, then Secretary).

Justine Cranfield moved, and Joan Allan seconded, that the Chairperson's Report be accepted. Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jon Bitcheno spoke briefly to highlight the main points of the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Accounts, both of which had also been emailed to members..

As mentioned by the Chairperson, he said that thanks to the increase in membership subscriptions last year and increased attendances, the annual income showed a substantial increase of \$6,702 on the previous year.

Expenses had remained very similar, despite an increase in the rent charge.

Net profit for the year was \$1,174, and the total equity stands at \$5,802.

He noted that for a "not for profit" organisation of our size, U3A Wakatipu's financial situation is very healthy.

There being no questions, Ron Stewart moved, and Marion Borrell seconded, that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Accounts be accepted. Carried.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

The Secretary, Justine Cranfield, announced that as there had been no other nominations for Chairperson, Athol Dixon – nominated by John Stewart, seconded by Joan Allan - was duly elected as Chairperson.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

The following people were nominated and seconded for the formal officer positions :

Vice Chairperson: Jon Bitcheno - Isabel Smith/Diane Hart

Secretary: Bronwyn Young – Jon Bitcheno/Justine Cranfield

Treasurer: Jon Bitcheno - Isabel Smith/Diane Hart

For the other committee members, the following were nominated and seconded:

Marion Borrell ( Programme Co-ordinator): Helen Bye/Patrick Beehan

Alan Townsend ( Technical): Ron Carter/Martin Barrett

Janie Murdoch: Diane Hart/Anne Humphries

Anne Humphries: Janie Murdoch/Justine Cranfield

Robyn Stenning: Anne Humphries/Janie Murdoch

Pauline Dunbar: Jon Bitcheno/Justine Cranfield

Diana Hubbard: Marion Borrell/Justine Cranfield

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These committee members variously deal with the purchasing and providing of morning teas, finding introducers and thankers for the speakers, writing thank you cards for them, sending information to members not on email, setting out and clearing chairs etc etc.

### **RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Bob Cranfield passed a vote of thanks to Mary Stammers- Smith for her outstanding contribution to U3A Wakatipu, having been its founder and first Chairperson ( with her husband Simon drafting a legal Constitution ). Bob announced that she has been made an Honorary member , as Life Membership is not in the U3A Wakatipu Constitution. He presented her with a gift as a token of members' appreciation for her original initiative and ensuing service to U3A Wakatipu.

In Mary's reply, she explained that on her retirement seven years ago she had found a large gap in stimulating opportunities for informal on-going education in the Wakatipu area, and set about doing something about it by advertising a meeting of people interested in starting a U3A. She expected maybe 20 people to turn up, but was amazed when there were nearer 100 !

There are presently 233 financial members, and she is delighted that it has been such a success.

Marion Borrell then passed a vote of thanks to retiring committee members Bob and Justine Cranfield, who between them have held all formal Officer positions over the last seven years, and have been able to suggest quite a few speakers from among their contacts.

Justine had explained earlier that as she and Bob plan to be away from Queenstown for a large part of 2017 it wouldn't have been possible for them to continue holding their present posts, and in fact they felt it was healthy to introduce fresh faces and ideas to the committee.

Marion presented Bob and Justine with a gift of appreciation for their contribution to U3A Wakatipu.

As there were no matters of General Business, the Chairperson Athol Dixon declared the meeting closed at 10 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Justine Cranfield

