U3A GOLDEN BAY MOHUA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held in Senior Citizens Hall, Takaka

10.30 am Friday 22 February 2019

Welcome: 49 people, including members, new members and non-members were welcomed by the Chair, Keith Ballard.

Apologies: Apologies were received from L Lee, G Rennison, P Griffith, F Burgers, C Mead, A Mather, S Climpson, B & J Harrison, H Kingston. R English. Moved K Ballard / R Jorgenson: "That the apologies be accepted." Carried.

Minutes of previous AGM: Moved J Tracey / L Thomas: "That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record." Carried.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Chairperson's Report: Keith Ballard, chairperson, presented his report. Membership stands at 109 people, and expressed his view that the collegial atmosphere of the 11 study groups made our U3a special. He thanked study group convenors for their valued efforts, and also the assistance given to setting up the hall for meetings. He wished to record thanks to the Golden Bay Friendship Group for allowing us to use their projection system for our meetings. Keith expressed disappointment that the closure of the Takaka hill road through storm damage prevented an address to U3a from Sir Geoffrey Palmer on his most recent book "Towards Democratic Renewal".However Keith gave a review of presentations that did happen. These were:

1. In May, DOC Fauna Ranger Mike Ogle telling us about the three years of research on Blue Whales around the Golden Bay region.

2. In June the president of the Nelson Science Society, Jenny Pollock, spoke to us about plastic pollution of the oceans, and

3. In August,U3a members Christine and Erhardt Wingels spoke on "Behind the Canvas, from Da Vinci to Warhol". They have both exhibited their art in Europe, USA and New Zealand, and gave an in-depth insight behind the formation of art.

4. In October, international mining engineer and historian, John Taylor; explored the history of the Golden Blocks Taitapu area and mining heritage.

5. In November, our last meeting for the year An UnRoyal Variety Show, led by U3a committee members Margaret Maloney, Liz Lee and Jocelyn Tracey. A morning of fun and laughter followed by a shared lunch

Keith ended his report by thanking all members for their contributions and help during the year.

Moved K Ballard / J Maclaren: "That the chairperson's report be accepted." Carried

Financial Report: The financial report was tabled by Jocelyn Tracey. The annual accounts were circulated to members and copies were also available at the meeting. Jocelyn explained that the majority of transactions were now done electronically. She wished to thank the honorary auditor, John Lee, for his work auditing the accounts.

The opening balance at 1/1/18 was $3426.40, and closing balance $3167.20.

Moved J Tracey / M Delceg: "That the Financial Report be accepted." Carried

Jocelyn then discussed the situation which had hitherto prevailed, in which the annual subscription was set for the year following that in which the AGM was being held. It was seen to be more logical for the fee to be set for the year in which the AGM is held. Moved J Tracey / K Ballard: That a subscription fee be set for the financial year in which the AGM is held. Carried

Mov J Tracey / B Kennedy: "That the subscription for the current year be $15.00." Carried

Jocelyn was congratulated by Keith (the Chairperson) for her astute management of the financial affairs, supported by acclamation for members. A Maloney proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for their work done during the year, also approved by acclamation from members.

Election of Officers: Liz Lee and Robin Riley indicated their intention to leave the committee. Their contribution was commended by Keith, supported by acclamation by members.

The following committee members indicated their willingness to stand again for the committee - Jenny Maclaren, Margaret Maloney, Geoff Aitken, Tim Harrington, Jocelyn Tracey and Keith Ballard. In addition Geoff Rennison, Marian Vlaar and Paul Taylor indicated a willingness to stand. Moved J Morgan / M Delceg: "That those members be elected to the committee." Carried.

General Business:

1. **New member** Jane Teasdale, who doesn't use a computer, expressed concern that she received no information during the year as to which groups had vacancies. On behalf of the committee, Keith apologised and reassured Jane that this would be rectified, and she will be added to the list of those who need communications by mail.

2. **Current Study Group Reports:**

Jenny Maclaren spoke about the History group which she has convened for 3 years. She is no longer wishing to be convenor, but has said that anybody else is welcome to take over. Jan Morgan emphasised that anyone who is interested in starting a new group is not obliged to be convenor. In addition it was reemphasised that there are a number of committee members who are happy to mentor a new convenor.

Charles Naylor spoke on behalf of Shiela Climpson, convenor of Music Appreciation. The next meeting is 10am, 21 March, and the subject is development of the symphony, in particular, Haydn. There is room for more members.

Film group meets on the second Monday of the month, 16 on email list, but more space available.

Democracy group. John Lee standing down as convenor, but group is full.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life has ceased.

Ted Talks next meeting at St John rooms (A&P Showgrounds) 10am 26 March open to all U3a members.

Art History is to be split into 2 groups, Group 1 mediaeval to pre-renaissance art, Group 2 the evolution of painting and sculpture.

Book Discussion groups There are 2 groups at present, both full. Members are encouraged to form a new book appreciation group.

Saints & Sinners - group is currently full.

Prosperity Without Growth. Group likely to cease after another 2 meetings. If there is interest a follow-on group could be formed.

3. **New Study Groups**

Angela Pack is planning to convene a group on "What can we do for Prevention and Control of Dementia". This will consist of an online video course presented by Angela. The first meeting will be in August and numbers limited to around 18.

Piers Maclaren is planning a group to study Prehistoric Mysteries.

Marian Vlaar proposes a group to study the Iliad and the Odyssey and perhaps other classics.

The Chairperson thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 11.40am