

Registered Charity No. 1101615

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

1. Welcome

Ian Mathews, Chair, opened the Meeting by welcoming everybody, especially our new members and introduced the Committee seated at the front.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Fiona Bertram-Smith, Dina Bigg, Janice Brett, Jane Forsey, Peter Whiteley, Kate Nott, Lizzie Scammell, John Middleton, Alison Hart and Julie McMonagle.

3. The Chair confirmed that there was a Quorum present.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th February 2024

There were no matters arising from the Minutes. It was proposed that the Minutes be adopted as a correct record of the Meeting. Proposed by Eileen Pearson; seconded by Allen Burbidge

5. Chair's Report.

Ian has found it an enjoyable year personally. 2024 was another successful year. This is down to three groups of people, the members, Group leaders and the Committee. He thanked everyone for this success. We have increased by 167 members. As of today we reached our 1000 member! Ian presented a membership refund to our 1000th member, Margaret Taylor. We now have 78 groups, 5 new ones since last year, including Powerlifting, Archaeological Opportunities, Otago exercises, A New Spanish Beginners group and Writing Life.

A huge thanks to all Group leaders and Lyn Gray as Group Co-ordinator.

A big thank you to RUG, (Janet and Dee and their support volunteers) who work behind the scenes in the background.

In March a New Members' workshop is planned.

At the Health Awareness Day, we recruited 2 new members and at the Annual U3A day we recruited 4 new members.

48 group leaders attended a Group Leaders' workshop.

Our monthly coffee mornings continue to thrive

Posters have been produced and posted around the town.

Bruce manages to fill 8 pages in Su3an each time!

In mentioning the website, Ian advised the meeting that we had 4500 visits during the past month.

Our monthly meetings average 150 members each time. Some of the more interesting talks were the Red Barn/Hi de Hi and the Folie Bergeres.

The use of Beacon has been very useful. We currently have 73 users.

Looking to the future, we have outgrown the Rugby Club venue. We will try out

Sudbury Arts Centre in August this year.

Ian then made 'retirement' presentations to Brian Hemmings and Tony Lee. Richard Thomas, a former membership secretary, was thanked for his commitment as former membership secretary.

In conclusion

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer offered his annual accounts and audited accounts. The accounts will be sent to the Trustees. Our reserves are 17,000. The Committee are trying to reduce these reserves by maintaining the membership fee at £12. This will be reviewed at the end of 2025. 70% are now signed up to Gift Aid. Tony encourages everyone to do this. 70% have renewed by the BACS system. Proposed by Rod Gray; seconded by Moira Orton. Tony thanked David Thompson for being our new Examiner of Accounts.

7. Election of Chair

Ian Mathews

Unopposed

8. Election of Officers

Vice Chair - Lyn Gray	Unopposed
Secretary - Dorothy Beal	Unopposed
Treasurer - Andrew Taylor	Unopposed
Membership Secretary - Mike Fitzmaurice	Unopposed
Groups Coordinator - Lyn Gray	Unopposed
Speaker's Secretary - Colette Bentely	Unopposed
Publicity/Su3aN Editor - Bruce Clegg	Unopposed
Beacon Admin - Ian Mathews	Unopposed

A point of order was raised by Janet Cruttenden that the nominations for Committee Members without roles were not read out.

Those elected as committee members were:-

Keith Hughes	Unopposed
Margaret Ogles	Unopposed
Robert Ogles	Unopposed
Sarah Tanswell	Unopposed

All the above members were voted on unanimously to take office as Officers and Committee members.

9. Any other Business

There was no other business.

10. Ian thanked the membership for attending and closed the meeting with a reminder that the next monthly meeting will be 25th March 2025 at Sudbury Rugby Club.

Signed: *Lyn Gray* vice *Lyn Gray* ~~Ian Mathews~~, Chair..... Date: *24-02-2026*