

BRIGHT U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Bright Senior Citizens Centre
Friday 19 January 2024

Meeting opened at 10:20am.

Present: 43, as per signed sheets.

Apologies: Kim & Joe Robinson, Dennis Lambert, Leonie Katekar, Irene & Peter Lukey, Mike McGurgan, Jan Bird, Penny White, Ann Borschman, Steve McCall.

Minutes of last AGM: Available for perusal.

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Ron Milne. Seconded: Helen Carlson.

Motion to amend Constitution:

The following motion was circulated prior to the meeting for discussion;

U3A Bright District Inc.

Notice to amend article 18.3 (b) of our CONSTITUTION as follows: -

From "The Committee shall consist of (a) Office bearers
(b) Six Ordinary members
Each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Election of the Association each year "

To "The Committee shall consist of (a) Office bearers
(b) **MINIMUM** Six ordinary members & **MAXIMUM**
ELEVEN ordinary members
Each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year"

This motion was put to all the members present and the motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

President:

- The past year has seen a good working relationship with the Bright Seniors Citizen Club. The Citizen's Club has decided to cancel and will be leaving the premises at the end of February, after their last meeting. All former members are welcome to join U3A.
- Membership numbers have increased from 180 to 288 active members at the end of 2023. There were 5 inactive members.
- Marianne thanked the volunteers - the 9 Committee Members for their outstanding commitment and the 41 Conveners for their incredible job during the year. There were 27 courses running through the year, including 8 new courses.
- The Alpine Shire council were thanked for their great support during 2023. From their ongoing maintenance, such as gardening and cleaning of the gutters to their quarterly money donation to the CAC to allow routine maintenance to be conducted on the building i.e. Window Cleaning. The sound proofing of the hall was a major contribution from them during the year and U3A really need to acknowledge their commitment.
- Marianne also made positive mention to the following organisations.
 - Bright Community Bank – the ongoing supply and maintenance of the U3A Defibrillator at the U3A HQ.

- Bright Brewery – Offered the Community Keg Night to U3A which allowed us to purchase furniture for the building, which has been well utilised and added a new appeal to the building.
- Bright Senior Citizens Club – Thanks were made to the Club, which made the U3A group feel welcome. There was a positive relationship between the two groups last year and Marianne wished them well for the future.
- Marianne finished by wishing everyone a happy and exciting 2024.
- A general meeting will follow after the conclusion of the AGM.

Treasurer:

The balance of the U3A bank account at 31 December 2023 was \$16,464 and looking very healthy. Income for the year was \$20,889 whilst expenditure totalled \$25,945.

- Major item for the year was the sound proofing of the building. The total cost was \$12,980 and paid for by the Alpine Shire Council, with contributions of \$1,622 from both U3A and Bright Senior Citizens Club.
- A TYRO card reader was purchased during the year, which will allow EFTPOS transactions to be processed at U3A functions wherever internet access is available.
- The membership fee for the year was kept at \$30, however, an extra \$3 levy was charged to the cycling and bushwalking groups to cover the purchase of portable defibrillator machine. A \$30 levy was charged to the Woodworking group to cover medical insurance.

Moved Robyn Cirulis that the treasurer’s report be accepted.

Seconded: Ron Milne.

Membership:

The number of members as of 31 December was 288. There was a total of 41 Conveners for the year; Robyn thanked them for volunteering their time. As of yesterday, there were 204 financial members.

Convenor Coordinator:

All items Linda was to mention, were covered in the previous reports.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

Marianne acknowledged the work of Peter Lukey, who has been the Returning Officer for a number of years and who was unable to commit this year for personal reasons. Marianne took the opportunity to wish his wife Irene well.

Marianne than vacated the chair and asked Malcolm Millar to chair the meeting.

Returning Officer: Malcolm Millar. Nominations were read as follows;

President:	Marianne Dredge	nominated by M Roberts	seconded R Milne.	Accepted.
Vice Pres:	Michael Roberts	nominated by M Dredge	seconded L Hayes.	Accepted.
Treasurer:	Robyn Cirulis	nominated by M Dredge	seconded K Hancock.	Accepted.
Secretary:	Andrew Bird	nominated by M Dredge	seconded L Hayes.	Accepted.
Committee:	Linda Hayes	nominated by H Brecknell	seconded A Bird.	Accepted.
	Helen Brecknell	nominated L Hayes	seconded R Milne.	Accepted.
	Roy Ward	nominated M Dredge	seconded R Cirulis.	Accepted.
	Ron Milne	nominated M Roberts	seconded H Brecknell.	Accepted.
	Penny White	nominated M Dredge	seconded H Brecknell.	Accepted.
	Annie Reardon	nominated L Katekar	seconded M Omodei.	Accepted.
	Rob Riedy	nominated M Dredge	seconded R Milne.	Accepted.
	Monica Omodei	nominated B Lidbury	seconded K Ashfold.	Accepted.
	Leonie Katekar	nominated B Lidbury	seconded M Omodei.	Accepted.

Meeting closed at 10.40 am.

General meeting:

- Marianne congratulated the successful nominating candidates and welcomed them to the U3A Committee of Management.
- Memberships to be paid by 16 February 2024.
- U3A Welcome Dinner will take place on Saturday 10 February. There will be a 3-course meal for \$25, however, U3A members will only need to pay \$15, as U3A will subsidise the cost by \$10. Non-members are most welcome and are not required to pay the \$30 membership to attend. They will need to pay the full \$25 and details of the dinner for non-members can be accessed on the U3A website under Courses/Activities. The Closing date for registration to the dinner is Wednesday 31 January.
- The U3A Committee has approved the purchase of an Interactive White Board for \$4,497. Roy Kennedy did a lot of research on the types available before settling on this particular brand. Six of the Course groups indicated that they would use this on a regular basis, which works out to be about \$750 per group. It is expected that other groups will find a use for it.
- New Oven and Induction Cooktop to be installed in the Kitchen, hopefully in early February.
- Porepunkah Op Shop. Helen Carlson saw an advert on Facebook regarding the disbursement of excess funds from the Op Shop, which was closing. Application was made for part of this money and this was successful. This will allow U3A to purchase Induction Cookware costing \$687. This will be a useful addition for the new kitchen oven and cooktop and allow the possibility of cooking classes in the future. Thanks to Katarina Hughes, the Treasurer, for her assistance with this.
- There were 8 new courses last year. If anyone has an idea for a new Course or activity, please run it pass Linda Hayes, the Course Convener. Her contact details are on the website.
- Newsletter Roster. Helen Brecknell wants articles of interest to be included in the Newsletter. A Roster will be drawn up for groups to contribute to the quarterly newsletter with articles on what they have been doing, some photos and maybe even puzzles (i.e. Scrabble words). All Conveners will be notified in due course about the Roster. Helen will welcome any item of interest, even if not on the Roster.
- Coffee Roster for Friday coffee mornings. Conveners will be notified and a coffee roster will be drawn up.
- Door Code. The code will be changing at the start of each year. Conveners will be notified of the new code.
- Newsletter. The quarterly Newsletter and any special notices and yearly program are available in print at U3A HQ and also the Bright Library. The U3A yearly program is also displayed on the IGA Supermarket Noticeboard.

Marianne asked if there were any questions from the floor.

Arno Van Winden responded by thanking Marianne and the U3A Committee for all their hard work and commitment for the year.

Meeting closed 10:45 am