

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER AT 10am
AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD

PRESENT:-	Jeremy Lloyd Chairman, Jenny Greaves Support Officer, Rita Foulkes Treasurer, Margaret Taylor Secretary, Peter Edge Web Master & Jane Pavier, Regional Trustee. Representatives from Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Burton Joyce, Eastwood & District, Forest Town & District, Hucknall, Mansfield, Mapperley & District, Nottingham & District, Rainworth, Retford, Sherwood, Soar Valley, Sutton in Ashfield, West Bridgford and Worksop U3As.
ITEM 1	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> JL welcomed everyone and accepted apologies from Carlton & Gedling, Newark, Ravenshead, Southwell and Stapleford U3As.
ITEM 2	<u>AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 14th OCTOBER 2015</u> All members agreed the last minutes which were then signed by the chairman.
ITEM 3	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> JL said 2016 had been an interesting year trying to re-establish the Network as a true forum for all of the 29 U3As in Nottinghamshire which represented well over 7,500 members. He felt it was vital that all U3As use the opportunity to meet together to discuss ideas, problems and good practice of our individual U3As. Doing this stops us from becoming isolated and losing the U3A ideals. Following consultation three new U3As have been successfully launched within our Network this year at Forest Town & District, Mapperley & District and very recently The Park, who we welcome to our Network. The Network had now established a Support Group who will consult with Nottinghamshire U3As to establish the needs for further growth of the U3A experience and develop further U3As in the County. They will also be organising workshops. JL reminded all representatives that this was their forum and the impetus for the Network in line with U3A traditions should come from "bottom up" leadership. He stressed that individual U3As in Nottinghamshire should not wait to be led but take responsibility that all U3A voices are heard, ideas discussed and implemented.
ITEM 4	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> RF previously circulated her report prior to the meeting which included thanks to the Branches who had paid their 2015-2016 fees including the extra £11.00 which was voted on by a majority at the April Meeting. She reported that Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A was the only U3A to leave the Network due to the extra £11 payment. Unfortunately the circulated figures did not show the actual breakdown from August 2015 to July 2016 and members asked if they could have a copy of these accounts circulated as soon as possible after the AGM. RF confirmed that this would be actioned. RF explained that the 2016-2017 fees were due from the 1 st August 2016 but she had not sent the invoices out until after the AGM Meeting when the annual subscription would be proposed and approved. RF went through the fore-cast budget for 2016 to 2017 and proposed that the Subscriptions did not increase but remain at £21. The Network asked her to confirm that the forecast was for the year 2016 to 2017 as this was shown incorrect on the paperwork. RF confirmed and the Network representatives approved the proposal that the annual subscription for 2016/2017 to each U3A would be £21. RF will send out invoices to all U3As remaining in the Nottinghamshire Network.
ITEM 5	<u>PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NOTTS. NETWORK CONSTITUTION</u> MT had previously circulated to all U3As giving the required 30 days' notice of changes. MT proposed that the Network accept the changes which were seconded by Peter Hickling of Soar Valley. All Network representatives agreed. MT thanked the members of the Sub-Committee who had helped with the changes and will ask the Officers to sign the amended Constitution at their next meeting.
ITEM 6	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u> <u>Chairman</u> Jeremy Lloyd of Sherwood U3A confirmed that he was willing to continue as Chairman but only until October 2017 . The Network acknowledged this and thanked JL. <u>Vice-Chairman</u> Rosie Allen of Arnold U3A agreed to stand as Vice-Chairman but only until October 2017 . She was proposed by Peter Edge of Keyworth U3A and seconded by Barrie Saunders of Hucknall U3A. However JL said that if some other person was willing to take over as Chairman next year and wanted to gain experience RA was willing to step down. Network thanked RA for stepping in as the Vice Chairman and approved JL's comments.

	<p><u>Treasurer</u> Rita Foulkes of Sherwood U3A agreed to stand as Treasurer. She was proposed by Judy Openshaw of Sherwood U3A and seconded by Michael Allen of Mansfield U3A. Her term of office is to October 2019.</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Margaret Taylor of Sherwood U3A agreed to continue as Secretary until her term of office expires in October 2018</p> <p><u>Support Officer</u> Jenny Greaves of Keyworth & District U3A agreed to stand as Support Officer. She was proposed by Jacqueline Mullins of Keyworth and seconded by Rita Foulkes of Sherwood U3A. Her term of office is to October 2019.</p>
ITEM 7	<p>OTHER VACANT ROLE</p> <p><u>County Contact</u> Margot Gale agreed to act as County Contact. Margaret Taylor agreed to cover for holidays and sickness. Network thanked Margot for volunteering.</p>
ITEM 8	There was no ANY OTHER BUSINESS
ITEM 9	DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2017 AT 10AM AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD

Chair..... Secretary.....

Dated 25th October 2017

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