



Minutes of Cairns U3A General Meeting on 31 March 2017

Welcome: The President Denise Collyer opened the meeting at 2pm with a welcome to all attending members.

Present: See Attendance Book – 20 attendees.

Apologies: See Attendance Book – 4 apologies.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 August 2016 formed part of the attachments given to all attending members.

Peta Herbert moved, Rosalind Baker seconded that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Guest Speaker: Phil Ackman gave a very informative and entertaining talk on "Body Language" which was well received by members.

Phil is a very accomplished speaker and has recently run a series of sessions on Public Speaking for U3A.

At the conclusion of his talk Rosalind Baker presented Phil with a small token of appreciation which was followed by enthusiastic applause.

Afternoon Tea: Members enjoyed a short break before returning to the meeting agenda.

President's Report: Denise Collyer reported that U3A Cairns was thriving with over 40 courses on offer.

She thanked the individual members of the Committee but reminded members that August brings a brand new committee, so now would be a good time for prospective committee members to align themselves with the present incumbents to learn the ropes.

Denise also thanked the receptionists, conveners and tutors and listed several other members who willingly provide that little bit of extra help.

At this point Denise acknowledged the sad and untimely loss of Margaret Scammell who had fulfilled multiple roles including Present.

As Cairns would be hosting the World Symposium of Hand Bells and Chimes next year, a new course of U3A is in the pipeline.

A special calendar featuring our members was also planned, and it had been suggested we have a float for Festival Cairns.

Rosalind Baker moved, seconded by Peta Herbert that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Report by Bronwyn Pedler was included in the attachments (copy attached) Bronwyn sent her apologies as she was unable to attend.

Denise Collyer moved, Peta Herbert seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Any Other Business: Nominations from the floor were called for the role of Secretary. As no nominations were received Merrill Molloy agreed to continue as Acting Secretary until the Annual General Meeting but could not continue as a Committee Member after the AGM.

Kay Steinert spoke to the motion that any new member who joins between January and June of the financial year should pay half the yearly membership fee. This does not apply to existing or previous members. Chris Payze seconded the motion. Carried.

Peta Herbert moved that it will be U3A policy that no member will have their image or photograph posted on U3A website without the express written permission of that member. Elaine Waters seconded the motion. Carried.

The idea of bi-monthly bulletins was discussed but it was decided the monthly bulletins should continue.

Webmaster: Peta Herbert gave a brief talk on the website and informed the members that it was receiving one thousand hits each month.

The Model rules would be published on the website.

Vice President: Rosalind Baker informed the members she and husband Tom were representing Cairns U3A as the official delegates to the State Conference in May. Rosalind also suggested starting a new course "Tropical Topics" where volunteers could pick a subject and speak about it. Max Harker volunteered to be a speaker.

Vice President: Max Harker informed the members that Cairns U3A operates under the Model Rules Mark 6.

He mentioned new seals were being fitted to the refrigerator and he had checked that all the keys would open the front door.

Publicity Officer: Chris Payze spoke about the Cairns Council's future plans not including very much for Senior Citizens.

Jac Waters and Kay Steinert volunteered to accompany Chris to a future meeting with the Council to discuss this problem.

Closure: The meeting closed at 3.48 pm.