



North London U3A

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14 October 2024

at St Margaret's Church, Finchley

Present: 67 members, including from the committee:

Michael Johns – Chair

Edmond Cohen – Vice Chair

Roy Seger – Treasurer

Ruth Silver – Business and Acting Membership Secretary

Henrietta Cohen – Groups Organiser

Michael Lewin – Publicity

Susan Watt – Website Editor

– plus 7 proxy votes.

28 apologies for absence were received, including Marion Fitzpatrick, Events Organiser and Harjit Hart, New Members' Communicator.

1. **Talk by Stewart Maugham**

Because of a need to repair a technical fault with the audio-visual support for Stewart Maugham's talk, it was agreed to defer that item of the agenda to the end of the meeting.

2. **Minutes of previous AGM held on 9 October 2023**

The minutes were circulated to members prior to the meeting and no requests for amendments were received. A resolution to accept the minutes was put to the vote.

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Edmond Cohen

Result: The motion was carried by a show of hands with no votes against and with two abstentions.

3. **Chair's report**

The Chair's report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Michael Johns said that the number of members had increased to 618 since his report was written. He invited questions but none were received.

4. **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer's report and the accounts for the period to 31 December 2023 were circulated to members prior to the meeting. Roy Seger invited questions. David Lewis asked whether the members' advance subscriptions for 2024 more properly related to the following year. Roy explained that, like many other small charities, NLU3A had moved away from accounting on an accruals basis, and our accounts were now on an income and expenditure basis (so both income and expenditure are shown in relation to when they were received/incurred). So, subscriptions are shown in the accounts for the year they were received, rather than the year to which they relate.

A resolution to note the accounts was put to the vote.

Proposer: Roy Seger

Seconder: Michael Johns

Result: The motion was carried by a show of hands with no votes against and with two abstentions.

Roy Seger explained that although NLU3A's turnover had been below the amount at which accounts examination was required by the Charity Commission, Brian Solomons had conducted an examination. A resolution to re-elect Brian Solomons as Accounts Examiner was put to the vote.

Proposer: Roy Seger

Seconder: Michael Johns

Result: The motion was carried by a show of hands with no votes against and with no abstentions.

5. Elections of committee members and officers for 2023-24

Michael Johns explained that Roy Seger was standing down from the committee and it was proposed that Stewart Maugham should take his place as Treasurer, though with Roy assisting until the end of the current calendar year. Harjit (Huj) Hart had been co-opted onto the committee during the year and she and all the other existing committee members and officers had agreed to stand again for election. The constitution puts limits on the length of time people can stay as committee members and officers, and during the next 12 months, Ruth Silver and Edmond Cohen would come to the end of their permitted terms as committee members and he (Michael Johns) would come to the end of his permitted term as Chair. While it would be possible for Ruth and Edmond to continue their present roles without being members of the committee, it was necessary to find new committee members. He was delighted to welcome Stewart and Huj to the committee, but more people were needed to fill the emerging gaps.

He invited the meeting to save time by taking a single vote on all the committee members and officers and this was accepted by the meeting with no disagreement.

A resolution to elect the following members as committee members and officers was put to the vote.

Committee members

Michael Johns

Proposer: Edmond Cohen

Seconder: Ruth Silver

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Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Stewart Maugham

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Ruth Silver

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Edmond Cohen

Henrietta Cohen

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Marion Fitzpatrick

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Michael Lewin

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Susan Watt

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Harjit Hart

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Officers

Chair – Michael Johns

Proposer: Edmond Cohen

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Vice Chair – Edmond Cohen

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Treasurer – Stewart Maugham

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Ruth Silver

Business Secretary – Ruth Silver

Proposer: Michael Johns

Seconder: Edmond Cohen

Result: All the above committee members and officers were elected by a show of hands with no votes against and no abstentions.

6. Proposal that membership fees for 2024 should be £40

Michael Johns said that the financial situation was now strong enough to keep subscriptions at their existing level. A resolution to set membership fees for 2024 at £40 was put to the vote.

Result: The motion was passed by a show of hands with no votes against and one abstention.

7. AOB – no further business

Stuart Maugham then gave a talk about the life and music of George Gershwin, illustrated by slides and music.