

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of U3A Tawa Incorporated to be held on Monday 16 January 2023 at 12.45 pm in the Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa.

1. Welcome: Alison Bayly
2. Consideration and confirmation of the minutes of the 25th AGM held on Monday 17 January 2022 (Lynne King) Moved report be accepted Trish Malloy / seconded Carol Naylor carried
3. Adoption of Chairperson's annual report for 2022 (Alison Bayly) moved report be accepted Alison / seconded John Burke carried
4. Financial Report and adoption of the Annual Statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November 2022 (Marie Prescott). Other expenses a little higher, paying the rugby club for delivering advertising material, buying ink cartridges, Covid. Moved report be accepted Marie / seconded Pauline carried
5. Election of Office Bearers (Graham Ellett)

Graham Ellett nominated Dave Smith as chairperson, seconded John Burke

Alison Bayly won a majority in a show of hands

Secretary Lynne King and Treasurer Marie Prescott were re-elected

Current committee members all re-elected: Pat Hammond, Pauline Gallagher, Digby Gudsell, Tim Davin and Rosemary Smith.

Alison Bayly nominated Louise Bray-Burns as a committee member, seconded Barbara Russell carried

6. Setting the annual subscription for 2023. No need to increase.
7. Appointment of suitably qualified person to review the financial records. Tony Cross happy to continue.
8. General Business

Revitalisation of Tawa U3A, presented by Dave Smith

U3A started in France 50 years ago. It had a learner / tutor concept, not just social but study. Learning towards meeting people and having fun.

We need to get new members. Many people have moved to retirement villages that have their own activity programmes. We should consider being North Wellington - Johnsonville and Churton Park. There is plenty of space in Johnsonville and other suburbs.

We need a strategic plan. U3A is currently running at about half strength. We need to take an aggressive stance, target younger people, have a recruiting stand at supermarkets and GPs.

The website needs to talk to the people, be a shop front, show things that are happening now. There is a community out there waiting to help us and to make courses more interesting.

The committee should be doing more to promote educational activities, such as literature, languages, political science, history, music, mental exercises, art appreciation, Maori, astronomy.

We should have a committee to recruit members.

David Wratt agreed we should increase the number of learning activities especially science. We could do a survey to find out what people are interested in.

Lorraine Williams asked if she could put her ideas on the website.

John Burke supported the recruitment of new members.

Marina Fabris suggested we have an almoner who could send cards and visit the ill and the bereaved.

Alan Johnson said we need a survey to find out what people want.

Carol Naylor said all senior groups operate differently. There is less support for the elderly and the postal system operates infrequently. Communication for older people who don't have email is difficult. There are housing areas for over 50s.

Pat Hammond said there approximately 170 members and 40 courses. She can only organise courses if people want them, and they can tell her where to find people to run them.

Kay Luck said she gets so much information from the internet.

Dave Smith said people want to share their information and learning experience with other people.

Courses - Pat ran through courses and start dates as listed in the booklet and website.
New courses - investment, law and our legal system, philosophical issues, taking better photographs, emergency management workshop, driving skills.
Mana U3A have a booklet of their activities and interest groups that we can attend.

Thanks from Lorraine Williams to committee for all they do.

Tue 7 Feb committee meeting 10.00 – 12.00 Tawa Community Centre