

## **Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of U3A Tawa Incorporated held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 1pm in the Tawa Bowling Club, Davies Street, Tawa.**

### **1. Welcome:**

Chair Alison Bayly opened the meeting and outlined information regarding registration for courses advising it was most efficient to do this at home through the Tawa U3A website. She also noted the importance of scanning in and producing vaccine certificates for courses held in larger venues, although this was not currently necessary in private homes

### **2. Present:** Sixty-seven attendees (details of those present and apologies are listed in appendix).

### **3. Apologies:**

There were six apologies which were accepted.

Discussion: There was a query as to why apologies were listed in the AGM minutes while not listing those who were present. It was agreed that in future apologies should only be listed in the appendix along with those listed as attending.

### **4. Consideration and Confirmation of the minutes of the 24th AGM held on Monday 17th January 2021 (Helen Thompson)**

The minutes of the 24th AGM held on 18 January 2021 were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Moved:** John Burke **Seconded:** Valerie Saxton

### **5. Adoption of Chairperson's Annual report for 2021 (Alison Bayly)**

Noted that this had been included in November with newsletter.

Alison Bayly outlined her report and thanked those resigning from the committee, John Baldwin, John Burke, Helen Thompson, and Helen Roper, for the work they had done while on the committee.

**New Members Encouraged:** Current members of Tawa U3A were encouraged to bring along new members to join the many and varied courses currently available.

**Compulsory Vaccine Passes and Face Masks:** The request that vaccine passes be displayed to attend the AGM was commended by Kerry Malloy, but he also felt that everyone should be wearing face masks.

Carol Naylor brought up that the Tawa U3A choir had for several months used social distancing and worn masks. She noted however, that when singing at Aged Care homes etc, choir were no longer required to wear masks. Alison Bayly asked that this topic be covered further under General Business.

**It was moved that Chair Annual Report for 2021 be accepted**

**Moved: Alison Bayly Seconded: Valerie Saxton**

**6. Financial Report and adoption of the Annual Statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November 2021 (Marie Prescott)**

Marie gave an outline of the financial report and noted that this year Tawa U3A had run at a loss as some courses had not run owing to cancellations because of Covid lockdowns. She especially thanked Tony Ross for helping with the balance sheet.

There was a query re income. It was noted that the book published by the Writer's group had been paid for by members, so loss is closer to \$800 this year.

**Moved: Marie Prescott Seconded Pat Hammond 'That annual accounts be accepted' Carried**

- **Election of Office Bearers (Brian Wilson)**  
Brian noted this was the 10th time that he had taken on this role, and this was met with applause from those present. The Chairperson and Treasurer were re-elected to office:
- **Chairperson:** Alison Bayly Moved: Pat Hammond Seconded: John Burke  
**Carried**
- **Treasurer:** Marie Prescott Moved: Valerie Saxton Seconded: Alison Bayly  
**Carried**
- **Secretary:** Lynne King was nominated Moved: Alison Bayly Seconded Maureen Ross  
**Carried**
- **Committee:** Available for re-election are, Pat Hammond, Pauline Gallagher, Digby Gudsell and Aileen Wood.  
**The existing committee were accepted for re-election with applause.**

**Committee Vacancies:**

Alison advised that the committee wanted three new nominations. Nominations for all positions were welcomed from the floor.

Alison Bayly nominated **Tim Davin** seconded Marie Prescott  
Alison Bayly nominated **Rosemary Smith** seconded Valerie Saxton

**The nominated committee members were accepted with acclaim.**

Alison Bayly advised that anyone else was most welcome to become a committee member to support Tawa U3A management and that there were only five set committee meetings per year.

## **7. Setting the Annual Subscription for 2022**

It was noted that the annual subscription will remain the same. It was hoped that there would be regular activities throughout the year without Covid interruptions and therefore a regular income.

## **8. Appointment of suitably qualified person to review the financial records**

It was hoped that Tony will continue to do this, but Marie Prescott will verify his availability at the next committee meeting in early February 2022.

## **9. General Business**

- a. Carol Naylor promoted further discussion regarding the wearing of masks, noting the following:
- That she is not anti-mask or anti vax.
  - That some members in U3A have exemptions from wearing masks.
  - That not wearing masks puts the non-wearer and others at risk.

She then asked for comment from those present and it was noted as follows:

- That when in a large crowd and with covid in the area, it was a particularly good reason for wearing a mask.
- Lorraine Williams then read out from the Ministry of Health Website all the places legally requiring the wearing of facemasks and felt that this would be classified as a closed meeting, however that was disputed.
- Kerry Malloy noted that in churches where there are over 50 people attendees must be double vaccinated and wear a facemask. He also noted that as this was a semi-public meeting the government would set that those attending should be double vaccinated and be wearing a facemask.
- Aileen Wood noted that she was qualified in laboratory work and advised that outside it would be safer but in an indoor group setting it was better to wear a facemask. She also noted that there were no symptoms in initial stages of covid but with incubation of only 3 or 4 days we should err on the side of caution.
- There was discussion on whether everyone going to a U3a activity should wear a mask or whether it should be decided within each group. Valerie Saxton suggested that each group should decide amongst themselves, and this was met with some acclaim. However, Kerry Malloy noted that this was not a government recommendation and strongly disagreed with this proposal. He was concerned that the next thing would be that each group would decide whether to be vaccinated or not, to be able attend.

- Jancis Potter advised that she had consulted the Ministry of Health website and found that small groups in the home such as book group should be treated as private gatherings.
  - David Wratt noted the difference between indoor and outdoor activities, saying that masks were definitely not necessary for groups such a hikers.
  - Carol Naylor noted that as there isn't covid in the community yet, this has changed everyone's outlook.
  - Marina Fabris commented that masks do not last very long and are not particularly effective.
  - Digby Gudsell felt that as government has mandated that in public buildings you should wear masks, then Tawa U3A should follow these rules. He also noted that the logical viewpoint was that some were prepared to go without masks until there was covid detected in the community.
- b. John Burke asked membership secretary to advise how many members had enrolled in courses for 2022 as he wanted to establish what has been the effect on membership re going from booklets to website only. It was agreed that the membership secretary would be asked to follow this up and advise at next committee meeting.
- c. David Wratt noted an error in the printed course list regarding Indoor Games and Pat Hammond noted that this had been corrected on the website.

**Meeting closed: 1.40pm.**

**This was followed by an interesting and thought-provoking talk on Climate Change from a youth perspective, by Elizabeth Werner.**

**Pat Hammond then outlined the courses for 2022 with an entertaining PowerPoint presentation.**