

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST MIDLANDS REGION U3As.**

**held at The Charter Suite, The Link Hotel, 555 New Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics.LE11 4EX
on 10th July 2012**

At 3pm, The Chairman, Alan Morris, welcomed the 110 U3A members present who were representing 38 U3As.

APOLOGIES

An apology was accepted from Saxilby U3A.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 3rd Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2011 at Sir Dennis Rooke Building, Loughborough University, were approved as a true record.

Proposed John Crowhurst (Spilsby U3A), Seconded Margaret Potter (Leicester U3A).

The Chair signed the Minutes.

TO RECEIVE & CONSIDER OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR 2011/2012

Alan Morris confirmed that the reports had been provided at Registration.

Chair's Report

Alan Morris confirmed that during the past year the Region had on the whole been very successful in achieving their aims and goals.

The membership accepted the Report.

Treasurer's Report/Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.12.

David Kyle presented his Report and accounts which had been circulated earlier. He stated that the accounts were very straightforward but due to funding restrictions from the Third Age Trust, the Regional Committee had re-visited the subject of an Affiliation Fee. Following lengthy discussions the Council had agreed to bring a proposal to the AGM to re-establish the Affiliation Fee to safeguard any future shortfalls. This would be based on two membership bands, a) up to 250 members to pay £10 per U3A and b) over 250 members to pay £20 per U3A.

After a discussion by the membership this proposal was put to a vote. 1 U3A abstained from the vote but the other 37 U3As approved the Proposal.

The Membership also approved the Proposal that Geoff Moth continue as the Independent Examiner of the Annual Accounts.

Regional Trustee's Report

Further to her report circulated earlier, Liz Wilson thanked all the U3As for their support throughout the last three years. She had had some amazing experiences and met a variety of exceptional characters and felt that it had been a privilege to serve the Region as their Trustee.

Alan Morris formally thanked Liz for all her hard work and was pleased that she will be remaining on the Regional Council.

Education & Development Officer's Report

Confirming his report, Joe White said that the search for an alternative venue to hold workshops was still on-going and if any of the members present knew of any central venue which would be cost effective to contact him or his successor.

Alan Morris thanked Joe for the smashing job he had done during the past year stating he would be sadly missed.

As there were no further comments on the Reports, Alan Morris thanked the Representatives for receiving their reports. He confirmed that the Officers and Committee remain committed and were keen to put suggestions already received into practise.

TO RECEIVE & CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Alan Morris explained the reason for a review of the structure and a copy of an RRC report had been sent to all U3As in May. A working party had been chaired by Helen Davison with Representatives from all five counties in the East Midlands Region and had made recommendations. He confirmed that the Networks were found to be fundamentally sound, and the Sub-Committee had made recommendations on further improvements. After discussion the delegates agreed to accept this report with Alan Morris confirming that any recommendations would be followed up by the Regional Council.

TO APPROVE THE REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE EAST MIDLANDS U3As

After discussion Barry Hillyard of Countesthorpe U3A proposed that the Constitution be accepted which was seconded by Roger Bennett of Southwell U3A. The vote to accept was carried unanimously.

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE NOMINATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR REGIONAL TRUSTEE

It was confirmed that only one nomination had been received and that was from Michael Benthall, whose profile had been circulated earlier in the day. He did a short presentation to the delegates, outlining his proposals which he would like to carry out as Regional Trustee. There were several questions and expressions of opinion from the floor following which the Chair indicated that Mike’s candidature would go forward to the Third Age Trust’s Annual General Meeting in September.

TO NOTE REPRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL 2012/2013 AND TO CONFIRM NEW OFFICERS

The approved Constitution now states that Officers, Network Representatives and Alternates serve a period of three years. Therefore the following were accepted:-

Chairman	Alan Morris	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2011-2013/14)
Treasurer	David Kyle	has agreed to continue
Secretary	Gill Childs	Nominated by Ann Pearce of Leicester U3A & seconded by Jeremy Lloyd of Sherwood U3A
Assistant Secretary	Annabelle Meek	has agreed to continue
Education & Development Officer	Liz Wilson	Nominated by Jeremy Lloyd of Sherwood U3A & seconded by Jean Hogg of Southwell U3A
Derbyshire		
Representative	Vacant	(Term of Office 2012-2015)
Representative	Carol Lockwood	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2011-2014)
Alternate 2012-2015	Vacant	
Leicestershire & Rutland		
Representative	Lynne Cox	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2012-2015)
Representative	Barry Hillyard	has agreed to continue: (Term of Office 2011-2014)
Alternate	Richard Burden	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2012-2013)
Lincolnshire		
Representative	Penny Forsdyke	(Term of Office 2012-2015)
Representative	Vacant	(Term of Office 2011-2014)
Alternate	Elaine Lovell	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2012-2015)
Northamptonshire		
Representative	Pat Reeve	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2012-2015)
Representative	Cyril Young	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2011-2014)
Alternate	Maggie McGuire	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2012-2015)
Nottinghamshire		
Representative	Hilary Lucas	(Term of Office 2012-2015)
Representative	Christine Baxter	has agreed to continue (Term of Office 2011-2014)
Alternate	Karen Taylor	(Term of Office 2012-2015)

Alan Morris again thanked Liz Wilson and although it was sad that she would no longer be the Regional Trustee it was with great delight that she would now be the Education & Development Officer.

Alan also thanked Margaret Taylor fulsomely for serving as the Secretary over the past year and wished Gill well in her new role.

After thanking the members for attending, the Third Age Trust for their financial help to fund the Conference, and to all the members who had helped with the event, Alan Morris declared that the Annual General Meeting was closed at 4.05pm.

Approved as a true record on

Proposed by and Seconded by

Signature of Chair.....Dated