



# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

30 JANUARY 2023

There were initially 22 people in attendance, with two members arriving a little later bringing the total in attendance to 24.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Jose Van den Berg; John Harley; Patsy Wilmott; Jill McKinnon

## 1. Welcome

The President, Alan Bretman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained where the emergency exits were in the building.

## 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 04 FEB 2022

The President read through the notes of the last meeting and asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the notes of the meeting.

Proposed: Steve Fox; Seconded: Margaret Fox

Passed: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

## 3. President's Report for the period ending December 2022

This was the first face-to-face meeting since 2020 owing to the Covid crisis. Previously AGM's were held in October but they were now being held in January so that the Association Year was in line with the Accounting Year.

Virtual AGMs were held in 2021 & 2022.

The President thanked the teachers, Celine and Jill, for holding virtual lessons during the Covid crisis.

They had kept in touch with many students but it was difficult for some students who had poor internet connections at home. When classes were able to take place in the classroom, the teachers had the additional responsibility of cleaning/disinfecting the room after every lesson.

At the end of 2019, there were 13 language classes running.

There are currently 8 classes running: 28 people attend French classes and 8 people attend English classes. Some classes are unprofitable but we are able to continue to offer Beginners Classes to people coming into the area.

We've continued to benefit from the free use of the teaching rooms.

Last year, a course in French History and Culture was offered but it was poorly attended. It is intended to re-launch a new culture course at the Forum des Associations, which will be held in September.

Barbara, the social secretary, had managed to regroup and relaunch lunches and film visits and she even managed to arrange activities between the two confinement periods.

Lisa continues to act as our Treasurer, who has kept finances under control when our membership dropped dramatically during Covid from 82 (household) members to 29 (household) members. This represented a 65% drop in membership owing to no activities taking place. As activities have recommenced, the membership has increased and we now have 60 (household) members, including more French members.

Téléthon – It has not been possible to hold the Salon de Thé to raise funds for the Téléthon owing to Covid restrictions, therefore the association gave a donation.

We will need to consider how we can contribute to the Téléthon in the future and this will be undertaken by the Committee.

Some members of the Committee have been in post for 10 years or more and we need new members on the Committee. This will be discussed under item 7 on the Agenda and it is hoped that the meeting will approve all the current members and the proposed two new members.

Approval of the President's Report:

Proposed: Vicky Foley; Seconded: Margaret Myer

Accepted: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

#### 4. Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ending 31 DEC 2022

Lisa thanked everyone for keeping things running smoothly. Last year we were financially viable despite all the problems relating to Covid.

More funds came into the accounts than went out.

We received a Subvention from The Mairie for 400 euros.

We are 500 euros better off this year than previously.

We made a contribution of 120 euros to the Téléthon.

Questions: 0

Proposed acceptance of the accounts: Steve Fox; Seconded: Vicky Foley

Accepted: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

#### 5. Teaching Report for the period ending December 2022

Celine and Jill moved students to a class according to their needs as far as possible.

Classes take place in different areas.

Current enrolment as at 31 DEC 2022 is as follows :

<b>French</b>			
Absolute Beginners	3	Improvers	5
Beginners A	6	Intermediate	5
Beginners B	4	Advanced	5
<b>English</b>			
	Beginners		5
	Advanced		3
<b>Total Students</b>			
	French		28
	English		8

Our thanks to Céline and Jill for their hard work in preparation and assessment of students' work. Additionally, Jill has been able to deal with approaches from potential students enquiring about the

suitability of the different levels of classes and, as she teaches both French and English, to arrange occasional “Franglais” social gatherings for practical conversation.

Proposed acceptance of the Teaching Report:

Proposed: Norma Logan; Seconded: Barbara Downing

Accepted: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 6. Social Secretary’s Report for the period ending December 2022

Despite Covid restrictions, 7 social events were held in 2021.

This was doubled to 14 events held in 2022: 10 lunches; 3 cinema visits and 1 picnic held in the garden of Steve and Margaret Fox; Barbara thanked them for their hospitality.

It is hoped that there will be more events in the future and Barbara welcomes any suggestions for further activities.

Proposed acceptance of the Social Secretary’s Report:

Proposed: Denise Lee

Seconded: Roger Owen

Accepted: 24

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 7. Election of Committee Members for 2023

*The current members of the Committee have volunteered to continue for the year 2023*

**Alan Bretman**

**Teresa Bretman**

**Lisa Austin**

**Barbara Downing**

**Jose Van den Berg- unable to attend today - on holiday**

**Patsy Wilmott – unable to attend today as she is in hospital**

**Jill McKinnon – unable to attend today - teaching**

*The following members have volunteered to join the Committee for the year 2023*

**Chanon deValois**

**Norma Logan**

Proposed acceptance of Committee members:

Proposed: Steve Fox; Seconded: Margaret Myers

Accepted: 24

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 8. Any Other Business

Norma Logan proposed that we hold Games Nights.

Details to follow.

## 9. Close of Meeting – Buffet Lunch