

## The Open University Club

Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Open University Club held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 12.30 p.m. via TEAMS.

**Present:** Natalie Gaffey (Chair), Louise Thomas (Minutes in lieu of Deb Shann, Secretary), Aqueel Wahga, Page Munro and Stephen Cafferty (Committee Members), and Affiliated Club, Nations, Manchester, and Nottingham members.

**In Attendance:** Noel Fernandes (Business Services & Planning Manager Estates representing Director of Estates)

**Apologies:** Susan Scimè (Club Coordinator), Deb Shann – (secretary), Tracey Bean-Williams (Treasurer).

### 1.0 WELCOME

1.1 Noted: The Chair welcomed all present.

### 2.0 MINUTES

2.1 Confirmed: That the minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Open University Club held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, were approved.

### 3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Noted: There were no Matters arising.

### 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT (NG)

4.1 Noted: Chairs report attached.

4.2 Noted: NG thanked everyone for their time for supporting their clubs and members of the committee.

4.3 Noted: NG thanked Health & Safety for their hard work for the Clubs in particular with the Risk Assessments.

4.4 Noted: NG thanked Estates and Events for all they do to support the clubs.

4.5 Noted: NG thanked Susan and Noel for all of their support.

### 5. TREASURERS REPORT (TBW)- NF spoke to the report

5.1 Noted: Treasurers report attached.

5.2 Noted: NF noted a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of bidding has recently closed and bids have been approved.

5.3 Noted: Currently there is a £17k underspend on the subvention funds as many of the clubs have covid-19 underspends.

5.4 Noted: NF thanked Tracey for her hard work looking after the finances and installing a new more rigorous system to look at the bids and finances.

5.5 Noted: Budget for 2023/24 will be similar to this year (£64k) plus inflation.

6. **SPORTS REPORT** No Sports Chair but reports were compiled with Affiliated Club reports.

7. **AFFILLATED CLUB REPORTS**

- 7.1 Noted: NG noted lots of clubs are still restarting following covid and encouraged everyone to read the compilation of highlights provided from many affiliated and sports clubs. It's great to see they are thriving.
- 7.2 Noted: Choir and Orchestra are back on campus
- 7.3 Noted: Core fitness still working online.
- 7.4 Noted: Zumba has folded but Pound fitness have started.
- 7.5 Noted: Film club are still going well.
- 7.6 Noted: Sports clubs are keeping busy
- 7.7 Noted: Gardening club are having new members and keeping busy
- 7.8 Noted: OU Trips have some amazing trips, so please make sure you go and joining their mail list and see what they are doing.
- 7.9 Noted: All OU affiliated and sports clubs are linked from the OU Club website.

8. **Business Services & Planning Manager Estates (NF) on behalf of Director of Estates**

- 8.1 Noted: Report attached.
- 8.2 Noted: NF thanked the committee for all of their hard work supporting clubs, implementing fair controls over resources.
- 8.2 Noted: NF: Thanked Susan Scimè for her work in updating the website and ensuring that all goes to plan supporting new infrastructure and all the students on campus.
- 8.3 Noted: GDPR controls are being released, and the Clubs need to be aware of them.
- 8.4 Noted: Resource-wise there is a reduction in staff in Estates so SS doesn't always have additional support so please be aware this may cause delays.
- 8.5 Noted: Club Fayre took place as part of CIO day.

9. **ELECTIONS**

9.1 Reported: That at the closing date, nominations for Officers and Committee Members, to serve on the Club Committee for the year 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 had been received as follows, and that all those nominated were elected unopposed:

Club Role	Name	Proposer	Seconder
CLUB CHAIR	Natalie Gaffey	Page Munro	Aqueel Wahga
TREASURER	Vacancy		
SECRETARY	Deb Shann	Victoria Stead	Sara Flemons
SPORTS CHAIR	Vacancy		
Committee Member	Louise Thomas	Joy Cook	Natalie Pollard
Committee Member	Paige Munro	Joy Cook	Sue Hodgson
Committee Member	Susan Hodgson	Natalie Pollard	Aqueel Wahga

10. **RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS**

10.1 The Chair advised that there are committee spaces available, plus the role of

Treasurer and Sports Chair, so please do get in touch and talk to current members if you are interested in joining.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Julie Hope noted Vivup discount scheme [\*\*12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING\*\*](https://openuniversity>Login (vivup.co.uk)</a></li><li>11.2 Kevin Church picked up issues with Comms and not being allowed to advertise Club events on OU Intranet. Jo Dyer agreed this needed to be fed to MarComms.</li></ul></div><div data-bbox=)

- 12.1 As per the constitution, next AGM will be held on 1st Thursday in July 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> July 2024).

Louise Thomas  
OU Club Committee Member 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023