

The Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting of the Boundless Leeds Group

Held on 24th April 2024

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. **Attendance:** Alan Swift (Chair), Hazel Giles (Secretary), and Ian Baxter (Committee). In total 17 members attended.
2. **Apologies:** Sheilagh Dickinson (Treasurer), Beryl Lee and Jocelyn Brooks.
3. **Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 65th AGM were signed and agreed to be a true record. The minutes were proposed by Pauline Johnson and seconded by Jean Slack.

4. **Chair's report**

The year 2023 began with an enjoyable talk at the Brown Cow PH by Barry Simmons of 'Egg Heads' fame entitled "My Life as a Quizzer". In February we had our annual Ten Pin Bowling event at The Hollywood Bowl on Kirkstall Road. March saw a talk at the Brown Cow given by John Gilleghan on The Yorkshire Dales. There was then the AGM at the Brown Cow in April followed by guest speaker Jane Ellis on the subject of "How well do you know Leeds". In May we had a Treasure Hunt around the centre of Selby where myself and my friend Kathleen eventually solved the clues but arrived back after everybody had gone!

2023 saw the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CSMA (now branded as Boundless) and to mark this in June we had a celebration lunch at Hazlewood Castle nr Tadcaster. This was a well-attended event on a pleasant day and was deemed a great success. In July we visited York Gate Gardens in Adel. As usual there was no event in August.

September saw a return to our preferred venue The Holiday Inn at Garforth to listen to Matt Walker a retired detective giving a useful talk on Cyber crime and how to avoid it. We had a national Boundless event at the end of September at Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate which was attended by some of us. In October there was a fascinating talk by Mike Turpin on "Sayings of the Sea".

In November there was supposed to be a talk by Andre Thwaite on "The History of Chocolate" but he forgot about it! Many thanks to Hazel, our Secretary, for substituting a quiz at short notice! December saw a return to Hazlewood Castle for our annual Xmas lunch which again was well attended and deemed a success.

I am standing down as Chair after a number of years. It has been a pleasure to serve you as Chair and wish my successor all the best.

The Chair's report was proposed by Maria Townsley and seconded by Susan Ogley.

The Secretary thanked Alan for his support on the committee as Chair over the past six years.

5. Treasurer's report

Financial statement 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Brought Forward	230.61		
Imprests	3250.00	Zoom	143.88
Event Income	3598.00	Premises	1221.24
Raffle	117.00	Speakers	250.00
		Travel	212.40
		Events	3876.43
		Raffle	42.49
		Volunteer/Misc	600.00
Totals	<u>7195.61</u>		<u>6346.44</u>
Balance at Santander	543.55		
Cash in Hand	305.62		
Total C/Fwd to 1.1.24	849.17		

A large part of our expenditure is room hire and speakers and refreshments as well as administration costs. The imprests we receive from Boundless cover these along with committee meetings, travel to those meetings and miscellaneous other expenses involved in reconnoitring events such as the walking treasure hunt for example. Outside events such as Ten Pin Bowling, York Gate and Hazlewood Castle are based on being self-funded. The Budget request for 2023 was £2600 but in addition we also received an additional £300 towards the 100th year celebration lunch and an additional sum of £600 to recognise those who volunteer to run the Leeds Group, making a total of £3500. As you will see we actually needed only £3250 making an underspend of £250.00 which in these challenging times is commendable.

I have balanced these accounts for approval by Boundless and ask that they be formally accepted by the members.

6. Election of Officers

Chairperson – Michael Johnson – proposed by Sheilagh Dickinson (by proxy) and seconded by Hazel Giles.

Secretary – Hazel Giles – proposed by Jean Slack and seconded by Maria Townsley.

Treasurer - Sheilagh Dickinson – proposed by Hazel Giles and seconded by Alan Swift.

Committee - Ian Baxter and Pauline Johnson – proposed by Maria Townsley and seconded by Margaret Read.

Any other business

- Group Charter
The Group Charter was signed by the Chair.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.

Signed

Dated