



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **GWENT GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND** **DYERS**

Saturday 4th November 2023

1. Apologies – Jan Smith, Claire Harris, Libby Webber, Karen Wozencroft, Jenny Garrod, Paula Howel, Jenny Valentine, Corinne Jones, Annie Churchill, Hugh Malleson, Danielle Fry.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM - The minutes from 2022 were agreed (proposed Elaine Richardson and seconded Marianne Larcombe)

3. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

4. Chair's report – was given by Marilyn Rowlatt and was accepted. Key points were the move from Greenmeadow Farm and major events during the year including the All Wales event. Marilyn thanked all the committee members for their efforts this year.

5. Secretary's report – was given by Christine Waite and was accepted.

6. Treasurer's report – this was given by Marilyn Bevan. Key points were; the increase in fees for renting a room (see more detail below), the adoption of Paypal, moving the bank account to Metro bank and the purchase of a "Sum Up" card machine. Gillian Thomas was thanked for auditing the accounts. The report was accepted.

7. Diary secretary's report – Christine Waite read out Claire Harris' report. The report summarized the events held this year as well as highlighting some of the events planned for the coming year.

8. Election of Officers – The following officers were elected:

Role	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Miranda Clarke	Elaine Richardson	Mandy Smith
Vice Chairman	Hugh Malleson	Diana Le Cornu	Helen Mitchell
Secretary	Christine Waite	Linda Russell	Dunja Roberts
Treasurer	Marilyn Bevan	Sue Cromack	Gillian Thomas
New members secretary	Sue Cromack	Elaine Richardson	Miranda Clarke
Diary Secretary	Dunja Roberts	Jo Glenn	Marianne Larcombe
Web Site Mgr	Debbie Russell	Helen Mitchell	Elaine Richardson
Librarian/Shop	Linda Russell and Diana Le Cornu	Helen Mitchell	Elaine Richardson
Housekeeper	Marilyn Bevan	Linda Russell	Diana Le Cornu
All Wales Event	Christine Waite	Marilyn Rowlatt	Helen Mitchell
Other co-opted members			

9. Matters for Discussion –

a) Diary of events of next year: Chris read out the diary of events for the next year. Paper copies of the diary will be available at the next Guild meeting and all events will be put on the Guild website.

b) Increased costs: the chair was asked what level of membership is needed to cover the increased costs of room rental. Exact numbers were not known but members were asked to look out for opportunities for the Guild to raise money. Ideas suggested at the meeting were as follows:

- charging for talks and demonstrations (the filming this year raised £400),
- monthly sales table,
- promoting membership at events to increase numbers – look for new events to attend e.g. Panteg Summer Festival
- joining fee or £5 charge for new members to come along to their first meeting
- running a public weaving and/or spinning course,
- holding two open days a year where people are invited to come along and try spinning and/or weaving (with a charge to attend).
- Applying for a grant

- Tombola or raffle at events e.g. at Wonderwool, Usk Show
- Ask members to donate items for sale at events.

Chris has ordered flyers that can be handed out at events.

It was agreed at the meeting that the committee would review membership fees against costs and reserved the right to increase fees if that was necessary to cover the increased cost.

c) New password for the web site: the password on the members area of the web site has been changed for 23/24. Members will be told the new password on re-joining.

10. Date of next AGM – 2nd November 2024

Members Present:

Marilyn Rowlatt
Chris Waite
Marilyn Bevan
Sue Cromack
Linda Russell
Diana Le Cornu
Miranda Clarke
Debbie Russell
Elaine Richardson
Gillian Thomas
Ros Edwards
Danielle Jeremiah
Lorna Ferguson
Jo Glenn
Mandy Smith
Andrea Hennessey
Helen Mitchell
Marianne Larcombe
Rosetta Lawrence
Sue McAtee
Dunja Roberts