

Montgomeryshire Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers

Minutes: AGM

Date: 10/12/2016

1. *Apologies:* Mary Houlton, Jill Shepherd, Jane Brookes, Margaret Hay-Campbell, Joanna Brown, Sue Collett

2. *Minutes of last AGM* - Accepted

3. *Reports*

General Activities - Separate report read out and put onto website. Accepted.

Treasurer - Report read out. Note the hall rent will be going up next year. Lyne Geldart proposed acceptance, Ann Lawrence seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

Query was made over larger figure in income for workshops, than had been spent on workshops in this financial year. This is due to the timing of our end-of financial year at the end of October.

Members have paid for the Amanda Hanford workshops in March next year, so that shows up as income, but not yet in expenditure.

Workshop costs are calculated by working out the total amount the tutor needs to be paid (fee plus travel expenses), and dividing it by the number of members who can take part. It's then rounded to the nearest £5 to make it easier for the Treasurer. This also provides a small lee-way in case we don't fill a workshop. Guild workshops are always charged at as low a price as possible, and usually offer excellent value, at £10-£20 for a full day, with an expert tutor, this is much lower than many similar groups charge for workshop sessions.

4. *Election of officers*

Proposed that existing role holders stayed in post.

Proposed by: Ann Lawrence

Seconded by: Debbie Francis

Voted and unanimously accepted.

President/chairman: Dawn Cealver

Treasurer: Elaine James

Secretary: Katie Weston

5. *Committee members:* Discussed role and if other people would like to join. Heather and other volunteers may come and sit in to observe. May then feel up to joining committee next year.

H & S Rep: Ann gave report - attended Community Hall Meeting.

Community centre losing lots of funding from Powys CC. Therefore, hire charges may increase.

Some groups closing down so less groups hiring.

Defibrillator - Heather is trained,

Kitchen flat roof leaks, wont refurbish kitchen until roof fixed.

Powys Catering complained that food left, take away our own rubbish, also equipment being used and not left in clean and correctly turned off state.

Discussed that caretaker should perhaps remove filled rubbish bags if we have paid for the hire of the hall. OK about taking away recycling as these are emptied at home weekly.

2 timers have gone missing from the hot tray.

Last person leaving is to make sure kitchen is neat and tidy (we do this anyway, suspect we are not the group causing any issues!)

Ann will attend next meeting in March.

6. *Website*: Asked if anyone else could do the website as it needs redesigning to make more user friendly. Heather's son may be able to, she will ask over New Year. If not Katie will do this.

7. *Programme for 2017* -

discussion of draft meeting schedule -

items explained and discussed. Going to prepare items for the Guild Display to make it more coherent.

suggestions for 2018 - If anyone has suggestions please let the committee know so specialist tutors can be contacted. Also, if anyone has skills they wish to share. Suggestion - cobweb felting. There are extra costs for visiting speakers at individual workshops.

8. *All Wales* -

Guild Challenge theme is Sea & Sky

Perhaps look at Sky section of this challenge. Perhaps so a communal weaving project. All take photo of sky where they live on a chosen day. September Meeting. Bring bits of yarn if wish or make something on the day! All happy with this idea.

9. *Guid equipment*

- is there anything that anyone wishes the Guild to buy?

Discussed what the Guild already has and people can borrow.

Suggest bring large donated Inkle Loom in January with warp on to demonstrate use.

Proposed a skill sharing day on Braiding led by Ann & Jill in 2018

A wheel has been donated. Needs some work being done to it. Suggest selling it and using money for something else as we have 2 wheels in the Guild.

Purchasing a Peg Loom was suggested.

10. *Bring a plate of food to share* -

It was suggest using end of the room rather than hiring the extra room for skill sharing sessions, and require less space. But we will book extra room when have an external trainer. Bookings for 2017 have already been made, but we can do this for 2018 onwards.

11. *Membership cost*

Room hire has gone up and will go up more.

We haven't put up membership costs for about 8 years.

At the moment pay £25 for a year including tea & coffee.

It was suggested that subscriptions were put up to £30

Currently have 22 members, 25 last year. Had 3 new members this year. Usually have low 20's in last few years. Expect 25 next year. We do have half year membership for people who come half way through the year or if anyone finds it easier to pay.

Lyn Geldot proposed the motion that membership fees were increased to £30

Debbie Francis seconded.

Unanimous accepted increase to £30.

Thanks to the cake providers, who provide cake for us to eat free of charge.

12. *A.O.B*

Purpose of demonstrating at things like Monty Street Fair.

Do we just demonstrate or do we encourage people to try things out. Especially children.

In Newtown museum there is a loom set up for children to use.

Spinning can take too long to teach in the short time that people have available.

Not attending Monty Street Fair again because problems with booking, charged to go, difficult to dim outside, weather is a problem either wet or sunburnt, gazebo insurance problem with it blowing away. Do not like being charged to provide an attraction as not selling anything. Now Textile Museum is open it would be better to see that for demonstration purposes where it is inside and people can choose when to go.

It was suggested that if anyone wants to go to Monty they are welcome to organise it themselves as long as no cost to the Guild.

Suggested Trefeglwys as have asked, demonstrating as suggested they may make a donation to us to attend. Need space in a marquee. Debbie Francis to follow up on this.

Advantage of shows is that are showing members of the public. Not people who already know about it.

We will do Vintage Machinery Show because they donate £60

There is a list up to volunteer for Newtown Textiles Museum. Can also 'drop-in'.

13. Date of next AGM - 9th December 2017

Meeting ended at 12:20