

Montgomeryshire Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers

Minutes: AGM

Date: 8/12/2018

1. *Apologies:* Lynne Geldart

2. *Minutes of last AGM* - Proposed that they were accepted by Amanda Laing , and Seconded by Debbie Francis. Accepted by members present via a show of hands.

Matters Arising-

GDPR measures have been put in place. Members are reminded to check their junk mail folder as emails sent by the guild mailing list may be filtered.

Members were happy with the new name badges.

Better food storage and general food hygiene measures are now being implemented.

3. *Reports*

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

Treasurer - Report of accounts made available at the meetings. Lesley Tittensor proposed acceptance, Heather Fairgreaves seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

4. *Election of officers and committee members:*

Proposed that existing role holders stayed in post.

Chair- Dawn Cleaver

Treasurer: Elaine James

Secretary: Katie Weston

Existing Committee Members consisting of Jill Shepherd, Marion Rowlands, Heather Fairgreaves and Marion Rowlands are all happy to remain in place. No new members stood for election.

The following organisational structure was proposed by Amanda Laing, seconded by Jane Brooks and was passed by unanimous vote.

6. *Website:*

Katie will continue to maintain this. It was noted that the website registration fees had increased this year.

The guild Facebook presence is working well and is a useful point of contact between members to share information informally between meetings.

Proposed by Jill Shepherd and seconded by Heather Fairgreaves. Passed by unanimous vote.

7. *Demonstrations for next year.*

We will be continuing to demonstrate at Caersws Vintage Machinery Rally, but no further concrete plans for demonstrations were made for the rest of the year. If members have an event happening locally that would like our attendance, members are requested to pass on the guild contact details and the secretary will try to arrange our presence, providing enough notice is given.

8. *Programme for 2019 -*

The programme for 2019 features workshops that cover all of our general skills, alongside open meetings.

Some discussion was had about the various external speakers, and the August garden party.

Members were asked for suggestions for the 2020 programme. Sarah Stacey is going to do her spinning workshop in 2020, as it was felt that we had too many external speakers in the 2019 programme. There was also a suggestion on doing rush basketry. Members asked for a skill

sharing session on using a warping frame and warping board. To aid with the weaving of cloth for the November meeting this was added as a short skill share session to the January 2019 programme.

The suggestion was made that the 2020 dyeing day be one that focused on colour mixing.

If members have any more suggestions on skills they'd like to learn, or a skill they can pass on please speak to Jill Shepherd.

9. Membership cost

Membership cost remains at £30 for a full year.

This gives members access to the library and equipment, and also means that they are on the mailing list to get reminders and notifications about upcoming meetings.

This has now switched to a rolling membership, instead of our previous rental month of January.

This allows new members to join immediately and access all the perks of being a member and means we can collect their personal information and store their email address on the guild mailing list. This has removed the need for half-year memberships.

Day visitors will now pay £5 per meeting. If someone decides to join as a member after their first meeting this charge will be deducted from their annual membership fee and their renewal date listed as the first meeting they attended.

This was proposed by Marion Rowlands, and second by Chris Lane, and accepted by the members present with unanimous vote.

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

10. Propositions and Voting at the National AGM

The recent letter from the GPC chair was read out to members.

In light of this members suggested that a national database of members would be a worthwhile thing and solve many of the communication issues that currently seem to blight the association.

Jill Shepherd to go the national AGM.

11. AOB

Forden Hall- Menna has now retired as cleaner and caretaker, presenting issues surrounding the unlocking of the hall for our use. (ETA March 2019, this looks to have been resolved satisfactorily with the provision of a key box with a code). Cleaning is now our responsibility, or we would have to pay for a cleaner to come.

The Journal- The guild no longer orders enough copies to benefit from the bulk ordering offer. Members will need to order their copies directly.

All Wales- Guild Challenge is Patterns of Wales. This idea to be discussed at the March meeting, and a volunteer will be required to co-ordinate the challenge, and also the display of guild work.

Thanks were given to Amanda Laing and Debbie Francis for their work on the guild open day in November.

12. Date of next AGM - 14th December 2019