

Montgomeryshire Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers

Minutes: AGM

Date: 14/12/19

1. *Apologies:* Bridget Neame, Laurel Roberts

2. *Minutes of last AGM* - Proposed that they were accepted by Marion Rowland , and Seconded by Jill Shepherd. Accepted by members present via a show of hands.

Matters Arising- None

3. *Reports*

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

Treasurer - Report of accounts was made available.

Jill Shepherd proposed acceptance, Debbie Francis 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 are all happy to remain in place.

Lesley Tittensor agreed to become a new committee member for 2020, Heather to continue as H&S representative.

The following organisational structure was proposed by Lynne Geldart, seconded by Heather Fairgreaves and was passed by unanimous vote.

Dawn Cleaver and Elaine James both indicated that they wished to retire from their current roles at the end of 2020, so next AGM the guild will require a new Chairman and Treasurer.

5. *Website:*

Katie will continue to maintain this.

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

Amanda Laing is the new moderator of the Facebook group and page.

6. *Demonstrations for next year.*

We will be continuing to demonstrate at Caersws Vintage Machinery Rally.

Dates for demonstrations at the Newtown Textile Museum will be passed on to members when we are told about them, this is usually the 3rd Saturday during the summer months.

Discussion also occurred around demonstrating at other historic venues locally, such as Powis Castle, Gregynog or Ty Mawr. **Action- Jill Shepherd to contact**

7. *Programme for 2020 -*

The programme for 2020 features workshops that cover all of our general skills, alongside open meetings.

During Open Meetings we would like to have short skill sharing sessions where members demonstrate, or lead small group sessions on specific areas. Volunteers are needed for the October meeting.

August will feature a lucky dip style swap with members bringing in a mystery parcel of ready to spin fibre, to challenge our spinning skills and step outside comfort zones!
February features a fine spinning workshop with Sarah Stacey, spaces will be advertised more widely after the January meeting.

Our Open Day is due to be held this year and it was felt that it might be nice to use a more public venues, possibly Oriel Davies, or maybe Newtown library. **Action- Jill Shepherd to find a venue.**

The National Exhibition is reasonably local this year (Leigh Mill Lancashire), so it was decided to use the Open Meetings in the spring for members to work on submissions for the open section, featuring a 6 inch ring on the theme of Still Waters.

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.

8. Suggestions for 2021 Programme

Alison Daykin has been contacted to come and lead a weekend on Advanced Weaving, specifically focusing on design skills. This will follow on from the more foundation building workshop with Jan Beadle in 2019.

Liz Beasley (Ananuca) had also been suggested to do something on a more tapestry weaving basis.

Members were also keen to have a repeat of a willow basketry workshop run by Mary Zammit in 2018.

We probably won't fit all these external workshops in to one calendar year!

Katie Weston offered to do some form of spinning workshop.

9. Guild Equipment

Nothing to report.

10. Propositions and Voting at the National AGM

It was decided that this would be discussed at a committee meeting in January 2021.

11. Any Other Business

Membership cost remains at £30 for a full year.

Day visitors still pay £5 per meeting.

This was proposed by Lynne Geldart, and seconded by Ann Lawrence, and accepted by the members present with unanimous vote.

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

The Guild had received the sad news of the death of Mary Holton, Mary was a former Chairman of the guild, and remembered with great fondness by many of long standing members.

The guild has sent a sympathy card to Mary's husband, who has also contacted the guild to help find new homes for her equipment. **Action- Elaine James to contact**

12. Date of next AGM - 12th December 2019