



**MONTGOMERYSHIRE GUILD OF
WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 13/12/2014 AT
FORDEN**

Members present

Maggie Armstrong, Jane Brooks, Joanna Brown, Dawn Cleaver, Sue Collett, Margaret Hay-Campbell, Elaine James, Ann Lawrence, Caroline Martin, Glenys Roberts, Pam Seager, Katie Weston, Angela Williams, Jean Webster

Apologies

Lynne Geldart, Katharine Barber

Minutes of the last AGM

Pam Seager proposed that the meeting should accept the minutes of the 2013 AGM. Seconded by Jane Brooks and approved by the members present.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Guild equipment: Katie Weston reported that the Peter Teal combs, spinning wheels and books had been sold. A new drum carder had been purchased. There are plans to replace the Guild's rigid heddle loom. The rest of the Guild's equipment will be sorted at the meeting in January 2015. All equipment will, from now on, be stored at Katie's and will be brought to each meeting along with the Guild Library.

There is no charge for borrowing books. To borrow equipment, a deposit cheque will be requested, the amount guided by the replacement value of the item. This cheque will not be cashed unless equipment is not returned. There will also be a monthly charge, the amount of which has yet to be decided.

Officers' reports

Dawn Cleaver gave the President's report. In addition to information about Guild equipment, Dawn highlighted the success of the various workshops that had taken place during the year, with the exception of the Leno weaving workshop. Feedback had been given to the workshop leader in the latter case. Dawn also thanked all those who had participated in shows and demonstrations throughout the year.

The Treasurer, Elaine James, presented the annual accounts. She noted that it had been a good year culminating in a healthy and increased balance of funds. This has been helped by a donation from Katie's extra workshop and by one gift to the Guild. A second gift will not appear in the accounts until 2015.

Joanna Brown proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Margaret Hay-Campbell and approved by the members present.

Election of Officers and new Committee Members

Caroline Martin is stepping down from Committee and many thanks were expressed for her work on Committee over many years. Dawn Cleaver and Elaine James were willing to continue as President and Treasurer, respectively. They were proposed by Ann Lawrence, seconded by Maggie Armstrong, and approved by the members present. The remaining Committee members were happy to continue serving. Margaret Hay-Campbell and Jane Brooks were proposed as new Committee members by Dawn Cleaver, seconded by Katie Weston and approved by the members present. Katie Weston will replace Joanna Brown as the named contact for the Guild.

Guild Constitution

Sue Collett presented a revised draft Constitution to members. The only significant alteration made relates to the size of the Committee. It was proposed that this should be a minimum of six members (including Officers) and a maximum of eight. It was also agreed that the Constitution should be brought back to each AGM for consideration.

The issue of giving advance notice to the membership of officer and committee changes at the AGM was highlighted, and the Committee agreed to address this for 2015.

Website

Katie Weston will continue to manage the Website. Library and equipment lists will be included in 2015.

2015 Programme

Programme outlined and accepted.

2016 Programme

Three suggestions were made: fine spinning, crocheting, more weaving.

Guild challenge fibre for 2015

The meeting agreed on silk fibres. Samples will be made available for members to select from, and decisions will be made in March 2015 so that fibre can be ordered in time.

All Wales Event

Katie Weston attended the All Wales Committee meeting and was made very welcome. Our job as a Guild is to take a turn checking tickets at the door.

The theme for the All Wales Challenge is '60', to be interpreted in any way we wish, but the Committee would, once again, link the work we produce to a charity that could use the items made. One suggestion was a lap blanket for the Alzheimers Society to use with people suffering from dementia. Margaret Hay-Campbell to investigate and report back. Angela Williams agreed to co-ordinate the Guild display. Many thanks to her for this.

Guild Equipment

Item covered in Matters Arising.

Food

Members agreed to continue the practice of bringing a plate of food to share on occasions when workshops were taking place.

Membership Subscription

No change was proposed and members present were happy to accept this.

Any Other Business

Thanks to Lynne Geldart for storing the Guild equipment for many years. Members wished her well with her house move.

Elaine James agreed to update contact lists for February 2015.

Date of next AGM

12th December 2015