HAMPSHIRE GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

**News & Views Meeting**

Saturday 19th May 2018, 10.00am, Shawford Village Hall

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Della Storr; Ruth Holzer; Veronica Biddlecombe; Beverley Dowdell; Joy Stevens; Sally Mitchell; Grace Truslove; Alex McArdle; Richard Grapes; Gill Walker; Janette Lloyd; Kim Walsh; Jo Finlow; Louisa Saunders; Karen Parkin; Ann Lovick; Ella Doney; Victoria Russell; Amanda Trigg; Mary Drake; Sue …; Ruth Snook; Mariana Perry-Zoupanou; Sylvia May, Denis May; Jenny Crawford; Shobna Philips; Martine Woodvine (visitor).

Apologies:

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| **Topic** |  | **Action** |
| 1. | **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** |  |
|  | No actions |  |
| 2. | **Matters Arising from February N&V** |  |
| 2.1 | Action to find a new Chairperson. Richard Grapes has agreed and has been co-opted onto the committee. |  |
| 2.2 | Demonstrators pack – Jo has made information available on the website. |  |
| 2.3 | Caroline has taken on the Events role – would be good if people would demonstrate. |  |
| 2.4 | Action for Della to produce Chairs report for the AGM. This will be completed. | Della |
| 2.5 | Maya has produced a list of books which have not been taken out of the library ever or not for a long time. This list to be looked at by the committee. | Committee |
| 2.6 | Coral has opened a savings account paying some interest. £4000 deposited. |  |
| 3. | **Chairs Report** |  |
| 3.1 | Karen has had to step down from being membership secretary. Beverley and Gill will take this on. |  |
| 3.2 | GDPR rules are changing this month. New form for data protection. |  |
| 3.3 | New committee members needed for July. Della and Karen are stepping down. Jenny would like to handover programme planner for 2020. Ruth will be stepping down in 2019. | Everyone |
| 3.4 | Caroline has been doing the lunches for a long time and this is her last month. See AOB. |  |
| 3.5 | Jewellery for Open Exhibition. The Association needs to know how many will submit. 4 people, Alex, Karen, Della, Patricia |  |
| 4. | **Treasurers Report** |  |
| 4.1 | Treasurer unable to attend. |  |
| 5. | **Correspondence** |  |
|  | * 4 Alpaca fleeces available * Private viewing for the Association Exhibition in Glasgow 5-7pm 20th July * Organiser of Fibre East has a British Spinning Event to coincide with British Wool week. Team fundraising event. See www.britspin.org.uk |  |
| 6 | **Website** |  |
| 6.1 | Demonstrators pack available in the members area of the website. Will be updated with details of each event. |  |
| 7. | **Events** |  |
| 7.1 | Bishops Waltham Carnival – 9th June – Volunteers required. Chairs table and gazebo provided. |  |
| 7.2 | **Southdowns show** – 18-19th August |  |
| 7.3 | **Romsey Show** – 8th September |  |
| 7.4 | **Hilliers** – first four Wednesdays in August See AOB |  |
| 8. | **Youth Guild** |  |
| 8.1 | Next meeting 30th May with folded secrets book and maradai braiding. |  |
| 9. | **Programme planner** |  |
| 9.1 | Programme for next year is coming together. Isabelle Whitworth spoke at the national AGM and she is coming to us. Other talks - Nettles – Nepal, Activity in Feb about ergonomics, Braiding, History of textiles in Stroud, Skill sharing day. |  |
| 10. | National AGM |  |
| 10.1 | Conference and AGM a good event with chances to network and meet people form last years summer school. Next AGM 6th April 2019, Conway Hall, London. |  |
| 10.2 | Budget – still a large surplus, bursaries are available to attend summer school. |  |
| 10.3 | New website to be launched. Guilds can have their own page. |  |
| 10.4 | New designer coming on board for the Journal. Autumn issue is specially about colour. |  |
| 10.5 | New blog – needs content |  |
| 10.6 | Certificate of achievement – reviewing syllabus. Foundation in spinning – good, dyeing to be piloted. |  |
| 10.7 | 2017 Summer school didn’t make a loss. |  |
| 10.8 | Social media – updated every month (note – HGWSD didn’t know about this and hadn’t seen it) |  |
| 10.9 | Auditors – Should change the auditors every 5-6 years to avoid complacency. |  |
| 10.10 | There was a discussion about whether there should be a conference and AGM. The National committee to look at this. |  |
| 10.11 | Detailed discussion about fixing the summer school venues as some venues now don’t allow you to do messy crafts. This limits where we can go. |  |
| 11. | Any other business |  |
| 10.1 | Lists for Hilliers volunteers. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August 1:30-4pm. Next month Suzanne and Veronica will put a table together of what we do. 2 weeks are weaving based and two felting. This is the last year that Mary can do. | Everyone |
| 10.2 | There are some thin yarns that need sorting for the activities. These will be brought in June to make into thicker yarns. | Everyone |
| 10.3 | Advertising materials – Ella had made some postcard designs which we can get printed. On the back they just have our web address and links. Cost to get printed approx. £31 per 1000. |  |
| 10.4 | Meon Alpacas have some fleeces available and they could bring them in June. £12 per kilo. |  |
| 10.5 | Discussion about best way to carry on the lunches. Louisa has offered to do the shopping. |  |
| 10.6 | Richard has made some kits (braiding, drop spindle) which we could sell / give away when we demonstrate. Richard would like feedback. We need to add suggested age range and warning labels to the packs. Jo and Ella can help Richard | Everyone |
| 10.7 | Next month – Weaving in colour workshop in the morning. Participants need to bring a picture frame approx. 10” x 8” or A4 size |  |

Minute secretary for the meeting:

Ruth Holzer

AGM July 21st