

Glossop Guild

Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting and members evening held on 29th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Glossop Cricket and Bowling Club

Present: 45 members, committee members and guests.

Apologies: 15 members, noted in the file,

Chairman's introduction: Mike Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Copies of these were available and **agreed** as a correct record. Proposed: Malcolm Thompson; seconded Margaret Sanders.

Matters arising: A member asked if the trial advertisement in the Glossop Chronicle had produced results. Mike responded that the Guild asks on the booking and feedback forms where information on the courses was found. There was no clear evidence of increased enrolments from the advert, rather than personal contact. It was therefore unlikely that the experiment would be repeated. There were no other matters arising that were not included in the agenda.

Chairman's report: Mike pointed out that it was 10 years since the Glossop Guild was founded at an inaugural meeting in Bradbury House on 25 March 2009. Several members present had been at that meeting and helped the Steering Committee to organise events over the summer and some even joined the first committee. It was very pleasing to see them at the 2019 AGM. 2018/2019 was a good year for the Guild with a high number of enrolments and a wide range of quality courses in a good mix of formats. Thanks were given to Graham Lee, who devised the programme, before ill health forced him to take a break. Other committee members completed the arrangements. Graham has now stepped down from the committee and Mike thanked him for his contribution to the Guild over many years. Maggie Mooney was co-opted to the committee and agreed to take on the role of Course Organiser. She has already started work on the 2019/2020 programme.

The Guild is in a good financial position. This has enabled us to keep the course fees unchanged and offer the 2 social evenings in April and December free of charge. We have also made a slight increase to the fees offered to tutors. Accommodation availability is still tight, and we have the majority of courses at Bradbury House, with day schools at the Masonic Hall. Thanks to John's expertise, we now have head microphones, which are less liable to interference from clothing and movement. We also now have safe storage for all our equipment in a custom-built cupboard.

Treasurer's report: Jane confirmed that the 2017/2018 accounts had been audited and approved. She then provided copies of her report for 2018/2019 showing that the Guild's financial position was good and had allowed for the purchase of the new microphones, and for the new storage. The formal accounts showed a net surplus for the year of £677 (compared with £1595 in 2017/2018). The surplus to be carried forward is £5952.

Jane pointed out that our membership year begins on May 1st and that fees are now due for the new year. She thanked all who pay by Standing Order and encouraged others to do so.

It was **agreed** that the accounts should be accepted. Proposed: Bob Callow, seconded: Mark Adlard.

Committee roles and nominations:

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the hard work carried out by committee members, all of whom are volunteers. He outlined the various committee roles and encouraged other members to join the committee. He also pointed out that, with the increasing number and type of courses, help from members with the course arrangements would be very welcome, even if they did not want to be involved in the committee.

Nominations were received as follows:

Name:	Nominated by:	Seconded by:
Diana Cavanagh	Mark Adlard	John Friend
John Coupe	Val Noble	Pat Coupe
Rose Kendrick	Bob Callow	Joyce Watson
Maggie Mooney	Graham Lee	Mike Cavanagh
Jane Murray	Monica Powell	Joan Slattery
Bill Murray	Christine Cook	Les Cook
Chriss Webb	Judi Friend	John Friend
Mike Webb	John Friend	Judi Friend
Richard Leyshon	Joan Rutherford	Phil Lalley

The nominations were read out. They were proposed by Ailsa Thompson and seconded by Glenis Lee and **agreed unanimously** by members.

Any Other Business: A member drew attention to the situation of Gamesley and Hadfield libraries. Unless a community group takes on their running, they will become 'card only'. She provided documents for anyone who was interested.

A member emphasised the need for tutors to provide course outlines and reading lists and asked that tutors be reminded of this.

There were also comments on course accommodation, mentioning Hadfield Hall and Victoria Hall as additional venues, and pointing out access difficulties at the Masonic Hall.

The AGM concluded at 8.00pm

Members evening:

There was a break for refreshments and then a Question and Answer session with Debbie Horsfield, a distinguished scriptwriter who has written and scripted many successful dramas for the BBC, including the Poldark series. The session was very well received.

Finally there was a presentation by Mike on the summer programme and Maggie Mooney gave a preview of the autumn and spring programme.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.