

GLOSSOP GUILD

Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting and members evening held on 22 April 2024 at the Labour Club Glossop

Present: 30 members, committee members and guests.

Apologies: 10 members noted in the file

Chairman's introduction: Mike Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the current members of the committee.

Annual General Meeting: agenda

The Secretary chaired the formal AGM

Draft minutes of the 2023 AGM: copies of these were available on the website and at the meeting. They were agreed as a correct record. Proposed: Brenda Smith; seconded: Joan Rutherford

Matters arising: There were no matters that were not included in the agenda.

Chairman's report: Copies had been circulated in advance and were available at the meeting. Mike highlighted particular courses which had been very successful and the overall range of what was on offer on Zoom and in venue. The Film Days had not been so successful and there were concerns about the Partington as a venue. He also reported a greater overall loss than planned and the possibility of a small rise in fees. In conclusion he thanked the committee for its hard work and Guild members for their interest and support. It was agreed that the Chairman's report be accepted. Proposed: Linda Otridge; seconded: John Friend

Treasurer's Report: Copies of this were available at the meeting. The report was presented by Maggie Mooney, in Bill Murray's absence. The Income and Expenditure Statement showed the figures for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024., including the purchase of a new laptop. March 2024 ended with a loss of £1740. Even so, the overall surplus carried forward to 2024/2025 is £4246- a reasonable balance between our members' interests and the viability of the Guild. However to keep the surplus stable in future it is proposed to increase the Zoom pass to £20 and to restore the venue fees to pre-pandemic level. A publicity drive is planned to increase attendance at both Zoom and venue courses. It was agreed that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Proposed: Lorraine Russell; seconded: Bob Callow.

Committee roles and elections: The following nominations had been received:

Name	nominated by	seconded by
Mike Webb	Pat Coupe	Paul Tong
Chriss Webb	John Friend	Judi Friend
Bill Murray	Les Cook	Christine Cook

Maggie Mooney	Stephen Yorke	Heather Vaughan
Margaret Littlejohn	Angela Dale	Sue Banks
Annie Leach	Glenis Lee	Graham Lee
Richard Leyshon	John Pasiiecznik	Roger Blunt
Rose Kendrick	Fran Dibble	Barry White
<u>John Coupe</u>	<u>Anna Taylor</u>	<u>Jane Murray</u>

All the nominees were elected to the committee. Proposed: Glenis Lee, seconded: Monica Powell

Diana Cavanagh announced her retirement from the committee and the role of Secretary. The Chairman thanked her for her 14 years of service, commenting that she would be a hard act to follow, and presented her with a gift.

As no other business was raised, the formal AGM was concluded at 7.50pm.

Members discussion:

The Chairman led a discussion on the issues raised by members. It was felt that the mix of longer and shorter course should continue, provided that the longer courses were given by experienced tutors. The proposal to move the film days out of the Partington produced a mixed response. Some members felt the Guild should support the Partington as a local asset: others were unhappy with the facilities and cost. The increasing number of daytime sessions, both Zoom and venue, could exclude working members. Perhaps evening Zoom sessions could be tried.

A sandwich supper was served.

Summer outings: Mike gave details of the summer outings:

Wednesday 15 May: visit to Jodrell Bank

Sat 1 June: wild flower walk with Mike Webb

Fri 21 June: visit to Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight with Frank Vigon

Sat 30 June: visit to Higher Plainsteads farm with Sally Hodgson

Autumn Programme 2024: Maggie presented highlights of the autumn programme, ranging from the Middle Eastern Mandates to Tolkien, Bach and Espionage UK.

Speaker: Culain Wood gave a poetry reading and amusing and touching account of his experiences with the NHS and other bodies. It was much appreciated by the audience and was thanked by Annie.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and participation.