

## **GLOSSOP GUILD**

**Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting and members evening held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm at the Partington Theatre, Glossop**

**Present:** 35 members, committee members and guests.

**Apologies:** 8 members, noted in the file,

**Chair's introduction:** Mike Webb welcomed everyone to the meeting. Given the need to hold the AGM remotely for the last two years, it was particularly pleasing to be able to welcome everyone in person.

**Minutes of the 2021 AGM:** Copies of these were available and **agreed** as a correct record, with the following correction: Resolution 3 should read 'that the members nominated for the committee for the **2021/2022** year be elected.

Proposed: Jane Murray; seconded: John Friend.

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

**Chair's report:** Introducing his report, Mike reflected on the impact of the Covid restrictions on the Guild's programmes since March 2020. The introduction of courses on Zoom had opened up new possibilities both for tutors and for participants, particularly those who live a distance from Glossop or find it difficult to travel. Many of us had acquired a greater level of technical expertise in using Zoom more rapidly than we would have anticipated and now there is a strong desire among members that Zoom courses should continue alongside venue-based courses. This was reflected in the mix of Zoom and venue courses provided over the last year and also in a greater number of one-off courses. He thanked our Course Organiser, Maggie Mooney for devising such an interesting and popular programme. The Zoom/venue mix had however put considerable strain on the committee (all volunteers) who supported the delivery of the courses. For the next season it was proposed to reduce the overall number of courses and to re-introduce some slightly longer (3-5 week courses) to balance the one-offs. Unfortunately we are losing, for the time being, Alan Sennett, a very popular and well-respected tutor, as he is now working full-time for the Open University. He will however still co-present the Film Day with Creina Mansfield. The Guild is in a sound financial position and we would wish to extend support to participants who might have difficulty accessing courses. The committee will pursue options.

Mike paid tribute to the professionalism and hard work of our Treasurer, Jane Murray, who is retiring from the committee. She contributed not just to our sound financial arrangements but also to the overall work of the committee. Jane received a gift in recognition. Bill Murray will replace her as Treasurer.

The report was noted.

**Treasurer's report:** Jane provided the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31/3/2022, detailing the figures for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. She confirmed that the 2020/2021 accounts had been audited and approved. The 2021/2022 accounts have just been completed and will be submitted to the auditor. The Guild's financial position is good, even though members' course fees have been reduced slightly. The net surplus for the year ended March 2022 is £876 (compared with a net loss of £456 in 2020/2021). The surplus to be carried forward is £6811. The number of members has stayed steady at 125 but

we have 200 supporters attending courses in the last year or two. It was **agreed** that the accounts should be accepted. Proposed: Les Cook, seconded Mark Henderson.

Jane thanked the Chair for his remarks and said she had enjoyed being part of the Guild: its fantastic success in a difficult period was very heartening.

**Committee roles and nominations:**

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the hard work carried out by committee members'. He outlined the various committee roles and encouraged other members to join the committee. Nominations were received as follows:

Name:	Nominated by:	Seconded by
Diana Cavanagh:	Monica Powell;	Pat Babbage
John Coupe:	Michael Cavanagh,	Margaret Sanders
Rose Kendrick	Kath Gawthrop,	Joyce Watson
Annie Leach	Rose Kendrick,	Diana Cavanagh
Richard Leyshon	Joan Rutherford,	Roger Blunt
Margaret Littlejohn	Angela Dale,	Jane Murray
Maggie Mooney	Heather Vaughan,	Steve Yorke
Bill Murray	Les Cook,	Christine Cook
Chriss Webb	Judi Friend,	John Friend
Mike Webb	John Friend,	Judi Friend

The nominations were proposed by Anthony Brocklebank and seconded by Joan Rutherford and **agreed unanimously** by members.

**Any Other Business:** members expressed support for attempts to widen access to courses.

The AGM concluded at 8.00pm

**Members evening:** Instead of a visiting speaker, the evening allowed more time for refreshments and social time for members to catch up after few opportunities during the pandemic.

**Summer outings and Autumn Season preview**

Maggie presented highlights of the autumn programme, which will start with a Film Day on 17 September. Venue courses are planned on High Peak history, on Music and Film, on Truman Capote, the Whitworth Art Gallery, the rise of social media and many more. The Zoom programme will include Frank and Creina on difficult people in literature and politics, a course on Charles Halle of the Halle Orchestra and British music hall.

Mike gave details of the summer outings

Wed May 11, 10.00am Walk round Compstall Village with Judith Wilshaw

Wed June 1, 10.15: Wildflower walk with Mike Webb: car share

Thu June 16, 9.15: Yorkshire Sculpture Park talk and tour, car share

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.