

West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12th February 2020 8.00pm Shaw Hotel, Melksham

Present:

Jon Jonik (President & interim Treasurer), Roger Henderson (Secretary), Alan Kerr (Membership Secretary), Ged West, Gerry Barnes, Robert Eadie, Andy Greatwood, Russell Bond, Robin Sewell, Malcolm Bond, Tim Pullen, Peter Marshall-Bailey, Dave Edwards, Mike Brewin, Neil Soni, Richard Arney, Charles Freemantle.

1. Apologies: Colin Burbidge, John Sheppard

2. Approval of minutes of the 2019 AGM

Approved unanimously. No amendments.

3. Report from The President (copy attached)

Jon gave a summary of the year's activities which had made 2019 a very successful year and had seen the Guild continue to thrive. He thanked Committee members for their contributions and asked members to consider putting themselves forward to serve on the Committee - in particular to take on the role of Treasurer.

4. Report from The Treasurer (copy attached)

Jon presented The Treasurers report. A copy of the Balance Sheet and Receipts & Payments were circulated prior to the meeting and Jon reported that the Guild is financially sound. He informed members that the Committee had decided to keep subscriptions at the 2019 level. The Committee had also agreed to subsidise three Guild activities during the year - one bank and one boat outing by £15 per ticket and the Guild Dinner by £15 per member (guests not subsidised). Jon invited questions about Guild finances but none were raised. The meeting voted unanimously to approve the accounts.

Elections:

No nominations had been received to fill the vacant Committee positions.

Officers

Nominee

Chairman -	vacancy
Treasurer -	vacancy
Secretary -	Roger Henderson
Membership Secretary -	Alan Kerr
Ad hoc Member -	vacancy
President -	Jon Jonik
Vice Presidents -	John DeCesare Malcolm Bond
Auditor -	Annette Bond

Re-election of the above Guild Officers was proposed by Robert Eadie, seconded by Andy Greatwood and the meeting voted unanimously to elect them.

Close of AGM: There being no other business the AGM closed at 8.30pm.

Presentation of Trophies – see website for the full list of presentations made.

Part 2

Business meeting and Fly-tying

i) 2020 Programme

Roger went through updates to the Programme - available on the website. Roger asked members if they have suggestions for possible guest speakers to give contact details to a member of the Committee.

Malcolm was thanked for his list of suggestions.

Members suggestion for a Tackle Auction will be discussed by The Committee.

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- ii) Alan Kerr thanked members for their subscription payments and asked members to pick-up their membership cards during the evening.
- iii) Roger informed members that the planned River Frome Bank Work session scheduled for Sunday 16th February had been cancelled due to the extreme weather forecast. Roger will email all members ASAP.

Part 3

Fly-tying

This was the second of our fly-tying sessions led by Andy Greatwood. Among other Patterns Andy demonstrated a mayfly nymph and a mayfly dry. We are very grateful to Andy for his demonstrations over the past two meetings and his generosity in providing members with fly-tying materials.

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CHAIRMAN & TREASURER'S REPORT

We have had a busy calendar which included river, bank and boat fishing outings and four interesting speakers. Ian Mock of BART, Malcolm Hunt of Manningford, Maurice Avery of Wiltshire Butterfly Conservation and our own member Alistair Logan who gave a fascinating presentation on Wildfowling. Andy Greatwood and Ray Buckley-Humphries fly tying demonstrations as part of the January and February meetings were very well received and is now a permanent part of the calendar. The skittles (organised by Malcolm Bond) will remain part of the calendar if it is supported. The Guild Dinner was the best attended for many years with 30 settings and it was a great evening. The Guild website and the members area is easy to access and use and is the best way to find out what is happening and what we are planning. Please use it.

Now to financial matters – Membership numbers were slightly up at 41 which included 24 river and 4 coarse fishermen. We budgeted for a loss of £226 but finished the year with a surplus of £63.38 mainly due to not spending money on speakers and a £250 contribution generated by Gerry on the raffles. Well done Gerry. We continue to subsidise a bank and boat fishing outing and the cost of the Dinner.

Our finances are in excellent shape and we have a very healthy accumulated fund. Your committee recommends that for 2020 Guild membership remains at £40 and the cost of fishing the River Frome also remains the same at £40 per member. The coarse fishing ticket remains unchanged at £60. Next year we propose to subsidise one bank and one boat outing by £15 per ticket and a similar amount will be allocated per member and partner for the Dinner. With these subsidies and mindful that we have accumulated a large surplus we propose to budget for a loss of £317 for 2020. I would like thank Annette Bond for the help she gives me in finalising the accounts and for auditing them.

I thank the membership for their continued support and make special mention that the activities of the Guild are made possible by the commitment and diligence of our Secretary and River Keeper Roger Henderson, Alan Kerr our Membership secretary who also manages and looks after our website. Both carry out other task and we are very fortunate to have their support. We do need your help on the committee if we are to continue to provide the sort of Club we all enjoy.

I would also like to thank our Vice Presidents Malcolm Bond and John DeCesare whose support of the Guild and advice I value.

Are there any questions regarding my report or about the accounts?

Jon Jonik

Chairman & Treasurer

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