



# Minutes AGM IGWSD

## March 25th 2018

**Present:**

Cathy Mc Fadden  
Diane Murphy  
Helen Gaughan  
Marilyn Lesh  
Nadia Seaver  
Ailbhe Cullen  
Máire Ní Neachtain  
Orla O' Grady

Sandra King  
Grace O' Neil  
Liz O'Connor  
Trish Kerr  
Mary Shiels  
Ina Igoe  
Peter Hoare  
Lindy Taylour  
Breda Mooney

Veronica Mc Hugh  
Jaclyn Allen

**Regrets:**

Rebecca Stephenson  
Yvonne Mc Swiney  
Dearbhla Mc Clean  
Kathleen Mc Cormick

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were agreed.

Matters Arising: nil

The Secretary's Report was read and accepted

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It was noted by those that attended Dublin Maker that the event was very well run. All enjoyed themselves and it was agreed that the Guild should participate again in the coming year.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The accounts were agreed and the Honorary Treasurer Appointed.

## **Rental Scheme:**

Our Rental scheme has had a very successful year with the addition of the folding spinning wheel and 6 Sample-it Rigid Heddle Looms. These have facilitated two workshops with same. It was suggested that more could be done to promote the rental scheme, that many members were unaware of it despite notices in the newsletter. This will be a project for the PRO. The rental scheme is often promoted at events also.

It was agreed that we should purchase additional reeds for the looms and other items such as hand carders and niddy noddy(s) to complete the existing rental packages and make them more versatile. The matter of whether to make smaller accessories such as the Warping board etc available for separate rental was discussed. It was decided that the benefits were not worthwhile in general (that they would be offset by the logistics and administration involved). However it was proposed that a set of basic accessories be purchased for each regional group, as part of affiliation, comprising niddy noddy, hand carders, etc.

The two large tapestry looms bequeathed to the Guild were discussed. The committee will follow up on ideas for the use of same and the urgent rehoming of the loom being housed by Cathy Mc Fadden. The storage of all items, when not out on rental, remains an issue.

It was proposed that a set of small tapestry looms be acquired for rental, in particular for workshops. Peter Hoare to be considered as a source for same.

It was mentioned that members are renting wheels in particular to 'try before they buy' and therefore it would be a good idea to have a range of wheels available in terms of: make, scotch/Irish tension, Single/double drive etc. The Louet S10 and the Bliss wheel were both put forward for the next wheel purchase.

The transport of equipment to and from renters remains an issue. It was agreed that, while collection and return of the equipment remains the responsibility of the renter, there are actions the Guild could take to facilitate. It was suggested that the current location of equipment be posted on the website, to encourage local persons to rent same while it's in the area. Also notices online of the whereabouts when items become available for rental. Liz suggested a 'railroad' idea whereby it could be posted on the relevant groups online when equipment needs a 'lift' from one place to another.

## **Committee Appointments for 2018**

Chair & Events Coordinator: One nomination, Orla O'Grady Amet. Nominated by Cathy Mc Fadden and seconded by Diane Murphy, elected by unanimous vote.

Public Relations Officer: One nomination, Grace O'Neil. Nominated by Cathy Mc Fadden and seconded by Nadia Seaver, elected by unanimous vote.

Treasurer: One nomination, Marilyn Lesh. Nominated by Peter Hoare and seconded by Máire Ní Neachtain, elected by unanimous vote.

Secretary: One nomination, Ailbhe Cullen. Nominated by Nadia Seaver and seconded by Mary Shiels, elected by unanimous vote.

Rental Co-ordinator: One nomination, Sandra King. Nominated by Liz O'Connor and seconded by Orla O'Grady Amet, elected by unanimous vote.

The following were also elected to the committee by unanimous vote as ordinary committee members: Liz O'Connor, Nadia Seaver, Helen Gaughan.

## **Events 2018**

April 22nd National Show of the Alpaca Association of Ireland, Mullingar.

May 6th & 7th Woolapalooza - Open Day!

May 25th - 27th Woollinn Dublin

July 21st Dublin Maker

Outreach: Dublin Zoo, Bloom, Tullamore Show (Agri Aware)

Tour de Fleece, Heritage Week, Culture Night, Spinning in Public Day, Knitting & Stitching Show

It was agreed that the Guild would take a stand at the National Show of the Alpaca Association, as well as at Woollinn Dublin, to demonstrate spinning and weaving as well as promote the activities of the Guild. It is the first year of both events.

The Guild has been offered a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Woolapalooza festival at Airfield estate in Dundrum. The membership agreed that it would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the various crafts practised by our members, similar to an open day. The incoming committee will collaborate with Genevieve to coordinate this event. The main hurdle will be attaining sufficient volunteers to maximise the potential of the event. Maire has offered to bring her small floor loom. Those willing to help out were asked to email the Secretary at [hello@weavespindye.ie](mailto:hello@weavespindye.ie) to express interest in making this a great event.

## **Design and Craft Council of Ireland**

It was agreed that member(s) of the new committee will attend the information day on April 26th. The new committee to make every effort to apply for funding under the Network Support Scheme, with very short notice, the deadline is April 5th. We were promised some funding for the recent Amanda Hannaford Workshops.

## **Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers**

The Secretary has been in contact with the AGWSD in relation to setting up a study group for the Foundation Certificate in Spinning run by the AGWSD. The membership present decided this was a very good idea and should be investigated further and supported by the Guild. The incoming Chair, Orla O' Grady, and OCM Liz O' Connor to look into setting this up. It is hoped that those who complete the certificate will help those studying for it in future years and perhaps continue on to do the Certificate of Achievement.

The publication of the AGWSD, the Journal, is not available to purchase digitally in Ireland due to the new EU VAT laws. As the VAT would be different the AGWSD have decided not to sell the digital Journal outside of the UK. The secretary was in contact with them and the options for members are to purchase hard copies of the Journal either directly or at the Guild rate through the Guild. The only way to access a digital copy is to join the Online Guild. Peter mentioned that this was actually a reasonably cost-effective way to access the Journal, as postage to Ireland could be expensive. Alternatively we may be able to arrange an agreement regards 'Honorary membership' of the Ulster Guild which would provide a UK address for the digital copy, in much the same way as the Online Guild. Those interested in either option should contact the secretary.