

Axminster Woodturners Club

Annual General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

10am at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster

Agenda

1. Apologies.

John Rendell, Bob Hughes, Dave Greenhalf, Russell Kingsbury.

2. Minutes of the last meeting, 3/11/2018 and matters arising.

No matters arising.

Proposed: George Webb

Seconded: Ray Woolacott.

3. Chairman's Report.

Barrie sent his report to all club members prior to the AGM.

As a summary, Barrie said that it has been a really good year for the club and outlined some of our achievements including booking all outside demonstrators for 2020 and 2021, increasing the number of masterclasses by outside demonstrators and increased number and variety of in house training sessions by club tutors.

Club meetings have had a good attendance throughout the year and we have increased the number of members during the year.

Finally, Barrie thanked everyone for their support during the year.

4. Treasurers report.

John distributed the final accounts for the year. The club has about £3000 in the bank so is in a healthy financial position. Annual subs remain unchanged at £35. This includes membership of the AWGB. As a club we get quite a lot from the AWGB including our insurance and a demonstration grant. There are also opportunities available that perhaps we don't make the most of at the moment.

Some of the cost of outside demonstrators has been offset by having masterclasses in the afternoon for which members pay a small fee for attending (four places on each one).

Thanks to Barrie for his hard work in making this a success.

We have upgraded one of our lathes this year.

Thanks to Reg for organising the raffle and to anyone who donates prizes. We have a good income from that.

Breakfasts have also provided a good income.

Postage and printing costs are low as printing is often done for free. Postage costs might go up next year.

Please pay your membership fees in good time so that a cheque can be sent off to the AWGB early in December to help the Membership Secretary of the AWGB at their busiest time of the year.

Thank you to Tony who will (hopefully) be taking over the role of Treasurer.

John completed his report by explaining how he came to have the Treasurer role (after previously being Secretary) and saying that his experience of being in this role having no

previous background of working with money has shown that you don't have to be completely versed in a role before taking it on.

Proposed by: Ray Woolacott

Seconded by: Keith Woolacott

5. New policy: Safeguarding and Proposed amendment to the Constitution (Sec).

Liz (Sec) outlined the new Safeguarding Policy and why it was necessary.

It was suggested that the space for signatures be removed so it doesn't have to be updated each year. However, John pointed out that it has to have a space for signatures in case it is requested by someone (e.g. the Insurance Company).

Liz outlined the proposed amendments to the Constitution and why they were needed. We needed to update the Constitution to make sure it complied with the safeguarding Policy. We took the opportunity to update a couple of other sections.

Motion to accept the amendments proposed by Charlie Watts, seconded by Peter Gradon. Voted and passed.

The Safeguarding policy and updated Constitution will be posted on the club website.

6. Review of ideas suggested at the 2018 AGM (Sec).

Request for ideas for the club for 2019 / 2020 (Sec).

Liz (Sec) sent by email before the meeting, a report on how far the club has achieved the suggestions received at the 2018 AGM. She pointed out some of the suggestions which have been achieved and expanded on some of them.

Topics for this year were introduced and club members were encouraged to use post it notes during the tea break to add their suggestions for 2019 / 2020.

Topics were: Training sessions, Club demonstrations, Club hands on meetings, What do we need to buy? Any other suggestions.

Tea Break

7. Election of Officers.

Barrie outlined the requirements for committee members for 2019 / 2020. He named those who were stepping down and the roles we needed to fill. A few club members had previously volunteered for Training Coordinator and Committee members.

After much discussion, the final committee was proposed as:

Chair: Liz Kent

Vice Chair: Martin English

Treasurer: Tony Chitty

Secretary (with reduced role): Martin English

Training Coordinator: Neil Grout

Committee Members:

George Webb, Suzanne Parsons, Reg Gardner, Ray Woolacott, Pam Munday, Dave Emmins, Guy Woodhouse.

Webmaster: Dave Greenhalf.

This committee was formally proposed by John Muncie and seconded by Eddie Summers. Voted in.

Liz thanked Barrie for the amount of hard work he has put into the club over the last few years, creating a thriving club with a lot of support from club members.

Liz also thanked those who are standing down from the committee for their hard work over the last few years. John M paid tribute to Keith who has done an awful lot of work for the club over a number of years regarding the equipment, demonstrations and tutoring.

8. Discussion on various club activities:

The post-it notes were taken down and a discussion was had regarding the content. Martin took all the posters away to produce a report based on the suggestions. This will be published to all club members and will be used in committee meetings to help when planning the next year's activities.

9. AOB.

Dave Emmins requested help to set up before club meetings in future. Ray Woolacott and Tim Holmes volunteered.

Dave Emmins has volunteered to fit a new light in the store cupboard. Peter Gradon will help.

Meeting ended at 12.30pm

Proposed date of the next AGM: 3rd October 2020

Liz Kent

Chair, Axminster Woodturners Club