

Slimbridge Parish WI

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 9th November 2016
at Slimbridge Village Hall

1. Welcome and Notices

The meeting was opened by Sarah Davis who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our President Alison Hunt sent her apologies.

2. Minutes of the AGM 11th November 2015

The minutes of 2015 were accepted unanimously and signed by Tonia Cowley acting Vice President as correct.

Proposed – Moira Garner Seconded – Roma Airth

3. Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth read her report to the members. A copy of which is attached.

Proposed – Anne Lacy Seconded – Mary Sealey. Accepted unanimously.

4. Annual Report

Carole read the annual report of everything our WI had done over the past 12 months. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

5. Nominations for Committee

All the current members of the committee are willing to stand for re-election.

Alison Hunt (President) **Carole Jeffes** (Secretary) **Elizabeth Adams** (Treasurer), **Tonia Cowley**, **Alison Smith**, **Tina Lees**, **Sarah Davis** and **Sue Harris**. **Cathy Lane** and **Danielle Ellis** would like to join the committee

Proposed – Kim Webb Seconded – Di Ceaser. Accepted unanimously

6. President's Address

In Alison absence Elizabeth read the President's Address

The Annual Report and The President's Address were accepted unanimously

Proposed – Jane News Seconded – Jane Hawkins

Signed as a true record..... Dated.....

Treasurers Report for AGM 9th November 2016

I will keep this brief as I'm sure you don't want to be bored by numbers!

We have 39 members this year.

You will hear from Alison how the membership fees have been increased this year & how they are allocated.

From our total income we have to pay for the hall hire, speakers, public liability insurance, other nominal fees to GFWI & NFWI, and any other miscellaneous expenses we might have such as top up money for craft evenings. It is important that we do fundraising events to keep us viable, unfortunately this year we have had to cancel a food festival & fish & chip bingo evening, and have had two profitable fundraising events in this financial year which was the Slimbridge Horse Show, and the Slimbridge Fete/Fun day, from which we made a total of £270.00, and we are awaiting a donation from the horse show, last year it was £150.00. Please try and support us in as many fundraising events as you can, we as a committee are very open to suggestions for fundraisers.

The total income for 2016 was £2414.92.

The total expenditure for 2016 was £2154.84

Profit for 2016 £260.06

Added to bal b/fwd for 2015 £988.52

Leaves a balance for 2016 of £1248.58

We received £96 from a total of 24 guests this year.

The fees will not be banked until after the December meeting to give everybody a chance to pay.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other two officers on the committee Alison & Carole for their hard work and commitment to this WI throughout the year, as without their efforts and the rest of the committee all beavering away in the background none of this would be possible

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2016 Annual Report

2016 has been another good year for Slimbridge Parish WI, our membership has steadily increased to nearly 40 and our meetings normally attract several visitors giving a nice boost to our funds.

We aim to create a good mix of practical and informative activities at our meetings.

A Felting Workshop in February with Pauline Chidlaw certainly brought out our creative side and one of our most successful evenings this year was with Mandy from Paintpotts in Thornbury. At very short notice Mandy put together a great evening. She provided everything we needed to create our own personally decorated pottery and some of the results were truly stunning.

On a lovely evening in June we went foraging in Rosies Wood with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, ending the day by toasting marshmallows over an open fire.

We were entertained by Ann Blagdon in her fabulous Belly Dancing costumes. Learnt how to perform ourselves as Burlesque Showgirls and a make-up workshop with May Kay taught us how to look our best at any occasion.

Paul Walters inspired us with his life coaching tips and we were charmed by Lorraine Parsloe as she told stories about her life as a TV extra. Steve Knibbs captivated us in October when he talked about his job as a TV reporter and then performed some clever magic tricks.

Our three successful fund raising events this year have been the Village Fete in June, where our cakes really went down a storm raising over £176. Our Judges's lunches at the Horse Show in August were again very much appreciated and on top of receiving our usual donation we also earned £62.20 from sales of cakes and cream teas and lastly our wine tasting evening was great fun and a very sociable event.

We hope you will enjoy the exciting new programme we have planned for 2017.

President's Address 2016

My first year in office – sounds awfully formal – but it's certainly flown past.

The Annual Report from Carol has indicated just what a busy and varied year we have had and Elizabeth's Treasurer's report shows what a fine balancing act our finances are.

I'm sure some of you are groaning about the WI subs going up again this year, so I thought you might appreciate an idea of what happens to them –

Gone up to £39.00

Broken down in to 3 parts – Slimbridge received £19.00

GFWI - £8.80

NFWI - £11.20

So to give you an indication in simple terms how things work, our average meeting cost each month is £88.00 (hall hire/speaker). Let's assume we continue to have 38 members this next year, so we have an income of £722 from our membership fee and the cost of 11 meetings (not including the AGM) is £968 – it's pretty obvious we can't carry on like that for long!

So now you see why our fundraisers are so important to us and how much it is appreciated when you support them.

Over and above our normal meetings for 2017, we're delighted to see the return of the Quiz & Pud evening in May and we're hoping to hold another social event in the Autumn. Over and above this we also have the opportunity to visit Cheltenham Ladies College, we're planning a tour of the 6 o'Clock Gin Distillery in Thornbury, and hopefully an afternoon tea event during the summer.

We try to put on a varied programme for each year and we know that we can't please all of you for every meeting, but hopefully you will all find something to interest you during the year. I would even say, come along to the ones that don't inspire you – you might be surprised! I've been proved wrong on several occasions when I thought something was going to be boring!

The ladies on the committee are a fantastic team who have done sterling work this year and without them, we wouldn't have the successful group we have – and I can't thank them enough for their hard work and efforts during the year.

We were sorry to see Roma stand down during the year, due to her husband's ill health, and Penny has also stepped down from the committee as well as resigning as our representative for the Coaley Vale WI Group. Thanks goes to both of them for their help and assistance over the time.

**So finally, I just need to propose the adoption of the Annual Report with a show of hands
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