**SURREY FEDERATION OF WIs**

Minutes of the **104th Annual Council Meeting** held at Dorking Halls, Dorking on **Monday 21 March 2022 at 10.15am**.

**Chairman: Dr Carol Gartrell**

1. **WELCOME TO GUEST AND SPEAKERS**

The meeting opened with the Trustees, Federation Secretary and Advisers processing into the hall and taking their seats accompanied by the March of the Women by Dame Ethel Smyth played on the piano by Gina Eason. All were warmly welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman and were invited to join in the singing of Jerusalem.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WI ADVISERS**

The chairman introduced the Board of Trustees Hilary Brooks, Betty Dominy, Toto James, Sheena Landgraf, Angie Leach, Marion Mitchell, Jill Mulryan, Debbie Playle, Becky Warburton and Ruth Williams, and WI Advisers Chris Butterfield, Ann Heward, Carole Hurlston-Clarke, Ann Lillywhite, Helen Mayne-King, Anne Van Vliet and Christine Wilson.

1. **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

These were proposed by Carol Gartrell and seconded by Debbie Playle of Old Coulsdon Cupcakes WI. The meeting agreed their adoption.

1. **REPORT OF THE 103rd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2021**

The minutes were issued prior to the meeting. Delegates were asked if they agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting held by video-conferencing. The report, proposed by Carol Gartrell and seconded by Toto James of Fulham and Chelsea, and Streatham WIs was adopted unanimously by the delegates. The minutes were signed by Carol Gartrell.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Carol Gartrell presented a review of the year from 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021. In her address she highlighted the challenges and restrictions that the COVID-19 pandemic had inflicted on the UK for a second year and reported that the Federation had weathered the storm and enjoyed a successful year both in what it had been able to deliver to its members and in the management of its finances.

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sheena Landgraf presented her financial report for the period 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Sheena Landgraf, Federation Treasurer, proposed that A.J. Bennewith be appointed to carry out the independent examination of the federation accounts. This was seconded by Jill Mulryan of Old Coulsdon WI and was adopted.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Sheena Landgraf proposed that the Federation appoint Quilter Cheviot as the Federation Investment Adviser. This was seconded by Angie Leach of Streatham, and Virtual Vixens WIs. The proposal was adopted.

1. **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Carol Gartrell proposed the adoption of the Annual Report including Financial Review 2021. This was seconded by Marion Mitchell of Churt WI and was adopted by the meeting.

1. **WHAT’S ON IN THE FEDERATION 2022**

Angie Leach highlighted some of the events that the Federation have planned for 2022.

1. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Sally Varah MBE gave an inspiring talk named *'A hand up not a handout'*. This was followed by an equally fascinating presentation by Professor Patricia Wiltshire entitled ‘*Forensic Ecology: Thinking outside the box.’* Both talks were very positively received by the members.

1. **ANNOUCEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-24**

Carol Gartrell announced the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Surrey Federation of WIs for the period 2022-24 as follows:

Carol Gartrell – Chairman;

Sheena Landgraf – Treasurer;

Angie Leach, Debbie Playle and Jill Mulryan as Vice- Chairmen;

Hilary Brookes, Chris Butterfield, Marion Mitchell, Ann Thomas and Ruth Williams as trustees.

1. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Sabrina Cohen-Hatton presented:

Farewell gifts to departing trustees Becky Warburton, Toto James and in absentia, Betty Dominy after a valedictory address given by Carol Gartrell.

 NFWI Birthday Certificates to:

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| Windlesham WI | 50th birthday |
| Englefield Green Bishopsgate | 100 birthday |

Prizes for the Eileen Bowler Competition to Winners:

Anne Malcolm from Purley Cross WI for the winning essay - 'Queen for a Day';

Mary Louise Kirk from Felbridge WI for her winning entry – 'Design a Card for the Queen'.

1. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. Sabrina Cohen-Hatton gave a very inspiring talk entitled 'The Heat of the Moment'

1. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

 Carol Gartrell thanked the Board of Trustees for their work throughout the year and everyone that had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting Annual Council Meeting closed at 3.30pm following a rendition of Jerusalem and the National Anthem.