**SURREY FEDERATION OF WIs**

Minutes of the **105th Annual Council Meeting** held at the Dorking Halls, Dorking on **Monday 20 March 2023 at 10.15am**.

**Chairman: Carol Gartrell**

1. **WELCOME TO GUEST AND SPEAKERS**

The meeting opened with the March of the Women with Gina Eason on the piano, the Trustees, Federation Secretary and Advisers walking into the hall and taking their seats. All were warmly welcomed to the meeting, and all invited to join in the singing of Jerusalem.

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

The chairman introduced the Board of Trustees Hilary Brooks, Chris Butterfield, Jan Jenner, Sheena Landgraf, Angie Leach, Jill Mulryan, Debbie Playle, Ann Robertson, Ann Thomas, Ruth Williams and Shirley Wood, and Advisers Carole Hurlestone-Clarke, Helen Mayne King, Anne Van Vliet, and Chris Wilson.

1. **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

These were proposed by Carol Gartrell, seconded by Jill Mulryan of Old Coulsdon WI. The meeting agreed their adoption.

1. **REPORT OF THE 104th ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 21 MARCH 2022**

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 at Dorking Halls. The report was proposed by Carol Gartrell and seconded by Debbie Playle of Old Coulsdon Cupcakes WI, 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 2021 to 31st October 2022. In her address she highlighted the decline of the Covid-19 pandemic and the return of the Federation to a relative normality and what anticipated would be a bold step into a bright new future with face-to-face meetings and a varied programme of events both live and video-conferenced, and a return of the staff team.

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sheena Landgraf presented her financial report for the period 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022.

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 Jan Jenner of Maple Village 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 Ann Robertson of Sanderstead Village WI and 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 2022. This was seconded by Jan Jenner of Maple Village WI and was adopted by the meeting.

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

Debbie Playle highlighted some of the events that the Federation have planned for 2023.

1. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ann Jones, NFWI Chair gave a very inspiring talk named ‘*Behind the Badge’.* This was followed by an interesting talk from Janet Hughes entitled ‘*Clandon Park: Fire and the Future’* .

1. **ANNOUCEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023-24**

Carol Gartrell announced the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Surrey Federation of WIs for the period 2023-24 as follows:

Chairmen: Angie Leach and Jill Mulryan

Sheena Landgraf – Treasurer

Hilary Brooks, Ann Thomas and Debbie Playle as Vice-Chairs

Jan Jenner, Ann Robertson, Ruth Williams and Shirley Wood as Trustees

1. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Ann Jones, NFWI Chair presented:

Farewell gifts to the departing Trustee Chris Butterfield after Carol Gartrell gave a valedictory address.

NFWI Birthday Certificates to

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| Stoneleigh  | 25 | Pyrford | 75 |
| Ashtead | 50 | Bagshot | 100 |
| Lingfield Evening  | 50 | Capel  | 100 |
| Ockford-Godalming | 75 | Hale  | 100 |

List of Award Winners

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| Southey Cup | Bake, Natter & Roll |  |
| NFWI IFE Trainer | Sheena Landgraf | Caterham Hill |
| NFWI Judge Staging & Interpretation | Sue Woodward | Cheam & Stoneleigh WI |

1. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Esme Young gave a very inspiring talk entitled ‘Behind the Seams’.

1. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Carol Gartrell thanked all the Board of Trustees for their work throughout the year and everyone that had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting which closed at 3.30pm following a rendition of Jerusalem and the National Anthem. Pat Whiffin gave a very interesting and enlightening tribute to Carol Gartrell.