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SURREY FEDERATION OF WIs

Minutes of the **106th Annual Council Meeting** held at the Dorking Halls, Dorking on **Monday 18 March 2024 at 10.30am.**

Co-Chairs: Angie Leach and Jill Mulryan

1. WELCOME TO GUEST AND SPEAKERS

The meeting opened with Gina Eason on the piano. Co Chair Angie Leach welcomed everyone to the meeting, and all invited to join in the singing of Jerusalem.

2. INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WI ADVISERS

Co-Chair Angie Leach introduced the current Board of Trustees Jill Arthur, Hilary Brooks, Jan Jenner, Sheena Landgraf, Angie Leach, Jill Mulryan, Debbie Playle, Ann Robertson, Ann Thomas, Ruth Williams, Shirley Wood and the Advisers are Chris Butterfield, Carole Hurlstone-Clarke, Angie Leach, Anne Van Vliet and Chris Wilson. Sadly, Helen Mayne King passed away on Boxing Day.

3. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

These were proposed by Angie Leach, seconded by Jan Jenner of Maple Village WI. The meeting agreed their adoption.

4. REPORT OF THE 105th ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 20 MARCH 2023

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 Angie Leach and seconded by Ann Thomas of Warlingham Evening WI, was adopted unanimously by the delegates. The minutes were signed by Angie Leach and Jill Mulryan.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Co-Chair Jill Mulryan presented a review of the year from 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023. In the address she highlighted that members have preferred to participate with activities locally and within their WIs, which has led to a reduction of members attending events and activities organised by SFWI with some events being cancelled due to low numbers. However, the entries for the Edenbridge & Oxted Show were the highest ever and an extra coach was organised for the "Cruising into Christmas" event.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheena Landgraf, Federation Treasurer presented her Financial Report for the period 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Sheena Landgraf proposed that A.J. Bennewith be appointed to carry out the independent examination of the federation accounts. This was seconded by Hilary Brooks of Walton on Thames WI / Hersham WI and was adopted.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

Sheena Landgraf proposed that the Federation appoint Quilter Cheviot as the Federation investment Adviser. This was seconded by Debbie Playle of Old Coulsdon Cupcakes WI and the proposal was adopted.

9. ADOPTION OF THE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Sheena Landgraf proposed the adoption of the Additional Payment Structure and was seconded by Shirley Wood and the proposal was adopted.

10. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL REVIEW

Angie Leach proposed that the meeting adopt the Annual Report Including Financial Review 2023. This was seconded by Ruth Williams of Stoneleigh WI and was adopted at the meeting.

11. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Jane Manley and Dr Anica Zeyen gave a very inspiring talk named 'Guide Dogs, the nose to tail expose.

12. WHAT'S ON IN THE FEDERATION 2024

Debbie Playle highlighted some of the events that the Federation have planned for 2024.

13. WHAT'S NEW AT HQ

Angie Leach explained what's new at HQ.

14. GUEST SPEAKER

Judi James gave a very inspiring talk on Body Language

15. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

NFWI/SFWI Birthday Certificates to

Chiddingfold	105	Epsom & Ewell Afternoon	40
Churt	105	Surbiton	40
Merrow Afternoon	105	Walton on Thames	40
Felbridge	100	Bookham Butterflies	10
Nutfield	95	Great Bookham Belles	10
Bisley	85	Malden Manorettes	10
Dormans Evening	60	Old Coulsdon Cupcakes	10
West End Woking	60	Onslow Village	10

List of Award Winners

Richmond WI For increasing their membership by the largest percentage over the last year

Edenbridge & Oxted Show 2023 Won the Diana Barnato Walker Trophy for the Best Exhibit in non-Agricultural Displays and Stands

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2024-26

Angie Leach announced the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Surrey Federation of WIs for the period 2024-26 as follows:-

Chairmen: Angie Leach and Jill Mulryan

Treasurer: Sheena Landgraf

Vice Chairs: Jill Arthur, Jan Jenner and Ann Thomas

Other Trustees: Christine Grove, Dorinda Brittle, Debbie Playle, Ann Robertson, and Ruth Williams

17. GUEST SPEAKER

The Rhythm of Life Community Choir entertained us for the end of the meeting.

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

Angie Leach closed the meeting and thanked all the Trustees for their work throughout the year and everyone for attending. The Rhythm of Life Choir followed with a rendition of the National Anthem.