**West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild**

**41st Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 9th February 2022 7.30pm Leigh Park Hotel, B-on-A**

**Present:**

Jon Jonik, Roger Henderson, Andy Greatwood, Gerry Barnes, Tim Pullen, Simon Steel, Neil Soni, Jonathan Owens, Paul Marchant, David Little, Peter Marshall-Bailey, Richard Arney, James Moore, Paul Runyard-Hunt, Colin Burbedge, Andy Greatwood, Ron Jones (Guest).

**Part 1**

1. **Apologies:**

John De Cesare, Malcolm Bond, Robert Eadie, Brian Hussey, David Edwards, David Griffiths, Mick Marchant, Tom Marchant, Russell Bond,

**Charles Fremantle:**

Jon opened the meeting with a reflection on the very sad news that Charles Fremantle had passed away recently. Charles was a devoted member and supporter of the Guild since 2008. There is to be a memorial service at St Peter's Church, Langley Burrell at 2.00pm on Friday 25th February.

Jon also informed the meeting that the wife (Clare) of ex-member Chris Winsor had recently passed away following a short illness.

Members stood for a period of silent reflection.

1. **Approval of minutes of the 2021 AGM**

Approved unanimously. No amendments.

1. **President & Treasurer’s Report**

See copy of Report, Accounts Balance sheet and Payments & Receipts for 2021 attached.

Copies of the Accounts Balance sheet and Payments & Receipts were distributed at the meeting and a full copy of the Audited Accounts was available for inspection. Jon invited questions but none were raised.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the Report and the 2021 Accounts.

1. **Elections:**

No formal nominations had been received to fill the vacant Committee positions, but several members have offered to take on the Membership Secretary role and help with the website. Jon thanked those members and will discuss with them the best way to proceed.

Officers Nominee

Chairman - Jon Jonik during the interregnum

Treasurer - Jon Jonik

Secretary - Roger Henderson

Membership Secretary - vacancy

Ad hoc Member - vacancy

President - Jon Jonik

Vice Presidents - John DeCesare

Malcolm Bond

Auditor - Annette Bond

The meeting unanimously voted to re-elect the committee and Officers ‘en bloc’.

**Close of AGM:** There being no other business the AGM closed at 8.15pm.

**Presentation of Trophies –** theawards list was circulated again with the Agenda and will be on our website.

Jon was presented with the Vic Willcox Trophy in thanks and recognition of the outstanding work he has done for us all in effectively taking on the roles of Chairman, membership secretary, treasurer and social secretary until we are able to get the Committee back up to full strength.

**AOB**

1. Agreed we should consider holding a TACKLE AUCTION at an autumn meeting
2. Members were asked for contributions for the News Roundups’ which Robert and Colin produce such as photos of catches, descriptions of fishing trips, fly-fishing tips etc. etc.
3. The Guild photo competition for 2022 is underway – the theme is ‘The Countryside’.

Email entries to Roger at [rogerhenderson@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerhenderson@hotmail.com)

Judging will take place at our Annual Dinner in November.

1. Sunday 20th February is our first bank management day at Tellisford. 9am till 1pm but come when you can and leave when you need to - all help appreciated.

Roger asked members to make sure they have read The Guild’s Risk Assessment for bank work which he has emailed to members, and which is also on our website.

Long and short loppers and bowsaws will do the job. Chainsaws only to be used by Guild members who have passed recognized and certificated training and have all the requisite PPE.

1. We now have speakers confirmed for our next three meetings:
   * 1. March – Bill Blumsden – British Spiders
     2. April – Malcolm Hunt (manager Manningford Fishery) – Fishing Techniques & Tackle
     3. May – John Osborne – Woodland Management

Jon thanked members for suggesting these speakers and asked for further suggestions and contact details.

**Part 2**

Andy Greatwood started the second of our sessions demonstrating a ‘palmer hackled fly’ with hands-on for members to try to replicate Andy’s work. Again, one or two were completely new to fly-tying. One thing that was very apparent is that these sessions have reignited interest in tying our flies rather than just buying them.

We are very grateful to Andy for leading these sessions and sharing so many hints & tips as well as generously providing the materials for members to use.

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm**