

Minutes of Galloway Woodturners AGM 14th October 25

1. 30 members present
2. Apologies: Sarah Burns
3. Minutes of previous meeting were read. There were no questions regarding them, and they were approved.
4. Chairperson's report – read to club.
5. Treasurer's report – read to club:

There was a discussion about the approximately £1000 loss on demonstrations this year. The following points were raised:

 - a. The need to ask members which demonstrators they would like to see.
 - b. Possible future difficulty of getting professional demonstrators as some are retiring due to ill health.
 - c. Why are tickets not priced at a level that covers the cost of an event.
 - d. The timing of demonstrations: both seasonal (e.g., should we avoid summer) and weekday. Should we move demonstrations to Saturday if more people might be available on Sundays.
 - e. Could some of our members do a modestly priced demonstration instead of getting professional demonstrators.
6. Subscriptions. It was agreed that the annual membership would be raised to £50 per annum and that members would pay £1 each time they came to a turning afternoon or evening, in addition to the £1 usually charged for tea/coffee/biscuits.
7. AOB
 - a. A question about the publication of the competition results on the website was raised as no results have been published since April.
 - b. The point was made that the website was not being kept updated in general.
 - c. A request was made for a volunteer to manage the taking of photographs of competition items and uploading those and competition results to the website. Ken Powers volunteered. Phil Jones will show him how to use the website for this purpose. Christine Carson also volunteered to learn how to upload things to the website. It was suggested that club notices be put on the website, especially if no hard copies are shared at monthly club meetings.
 - d. There was a discussion on whether to continue to use the website or to rely on facebook. It was generally agreed that the website should be our main channel of public communication.
 - e. Jimmy reminded everyone about the Harrogate trip; there are still 4 tickets available at £40 each.

- f. Phil Jones suggested that we get a 'SumUp' or similar device for processing card payments to facilitate shop sales and payment of subscriptions. Jimmy and Christine will look into this.
- g. Phil Jones asked if any progress had been made in rehoming the Wadkin lathe. There seems to be some interest but nothing concrete as yet.
- h. Phil Howard has made a list of suggestions about demonstrations on club nights. Could all members please look at the suggestions, and make any comments / further suggestions. Phil's list will be shared/ made available at club nights.