

Poole Bobbin Lace Circle

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020, 2 pm
in the grounds of Upton Country Park & House, Poole, BH17 7BJ.

Due to the global pandemic of Coronavirus and the requirements by the Government for self-isolation and social distancing the meeting was held by email and postal voting, with members able to make comments in the relevant boxes. Then on Mon 6th July 2020 five members of the committee held a quorum in the grounds of Upton Country Park & House. Present were Sue Baker, Pam Brown, Linda Burn, Ruth Oldridge & Penny Stevenson.

There was no trophy presentation as the competition had been cancelled for 2020 and it was agreed that the 2019 competition winners would receive their bobbins at the first meeting after lockdown, likewise Linda Burn agreed to have her commemorative bobbins presented to her at the same time. The 2020 competition of 'Twenties' will be held in 2021.

The AGM started at 14.15 pm

18 voting forms were received by email and postal routes. No Juniors

1. Minutes of the AGM 2019

These had been previously circulated with the September 2019 Newsletter. These minutes were accepted as a true record of the PBLC AGM 2019.

2. Signing of the Minutes of the PBLC AGM 2019

The PBLC Chairman, Penny Stevenson, signed the minutes of the 2019 AGM then they were scanned and emailed to the Secretary, Jean Organ.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

The matter of the Tuesday Group's request for subsidising of meetings was resolved at the November 2019 meeting. Jenny Lewis announced that the group would operate a variable fee depending on the number of attendees each week to ensure the fee would be covered.

4. PBLC Chairman's Report

There were two corrections noted (i) Paragraph 7, The Dolphin Project was wrongly attributed to Eve Morton which has now been corrected to incorporate Jane Atkinson. (ii) Paragraph 9, 'complementary' was misspelt, this has now been corrected. The updated version will be sent out with the September Newsletter.

Proposer: Pam Brown

Secunder: Ruth Oldridge

5. Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet for the year 2019/2020 was sent to all members and the Treasurer, Lucie Meersseman, attached a set of explanatory notes to be sent with it. The annual balance sheet recorded a deficit of £257.64. There was a query regarding the deficit so it was agreed the Treasurer would be contacted after the meeting. Lucie confirmed that the deficit was twofold, firstly the charity Forest Holme was paid early and would normally be in next years accounts and secondly there was no additional income from the Tuesday Group.

Proposer: Ruth Oldridge

Secunder: Penny Stevenson

6. Reappointment of Verifier for Accounts

Rachel Binnington was reappointed as the Independent Verifier.

7. PBLC Committee

No volunteers came forward to join the committee

8. Charity for 2021/22

Due to the loss of donations for Forest Holme it was proposed that we carry them over to 2020/21 and DORSAR will be moved to 21/22. All forms received concurred with this action so Forest Holme will continue to be PBLC’s charity for 2020/21 with DORSAR in 21/22. An interim payment of £500 has been paid to Forest Holme to help them with their finances. The Quorum also agreed that due to popular demand Kirsty should be requested to give another talk in January (if meetings have returned) and hopefully bring her laptop.

9. Membership Renewal

It was proposed that under present circumstances the membership fee be waived for 2020/21. This was warmly received by all members who responded.

Proposer: Pam Brown

Seconder: Ruth Oldridge

10. Any Other Business

- (i) December Pillow party - the change of venue to Sandford Community hall was accepted.
- (ii) Restarting of PBLC meetings was discussed and several actions that would need to be taken nearer the time were identified, such as canvassing of members as to likely numbers returning, creating a ‘waiting list’ to comply with the ‘no more than 30 at a meeting’ rule, etc. This will be added to the next committee meeting to be discussed further.
- (iii) All efforts were made to contact every member, either by email, telephone or postal methods, and various options were given for members to reply and take part in the AGM that did not limit it to being purely computer based.
- (iv) There were several acknowledgements received from members thanking the Committee for their time and effort during these trying times. We would like to thank all members for their patience and understanding for all that we have tried to achieve, not always successfully but always with good intentions. We would also like to thank the members who have kindly and generously donated their ticket and subscription monies to both PBLC and Forest Holme.

Penny and Ruth thanked all the committee for their work this year and in particular Linda Burn as she was stepping down from the committee.

The meeting closed at 3.41pm

Signed by the Chairman