

## Ironmen and Severn Gilders AGM 16-10-23

At Langley School, Dawley

### PRESENT

Sue Eynon, Clive Grainger, Judy Gardner, Terry Carr, Andy Davis, Ed Gillams, Linda Atkinson, Dan Aberley, Dave Baxter, Anne Ward, Sue Apted, Dave Aberley, Pam Sheldon, Jenny Baker, Chris Lomzik, Bob Foxall-Colley, Martyn Goodwin, Fiona Sperryn, Beryl Taylor, Alistair Gillies, Jill Spanner, Mark Fletcher, Victoria Iremonger, Anne Ketchen, Zoe Reynolds, Bev Jones, Ivor Phillips, Gordon Rowe, Mary Eluned.

### APOLOGIES

Vernon Larcombe, Sheena Jenkins, Mark Harris, Sarah Adler, Paul Fundak, Liew Teh, Alison Clare, Ciaran Baxter, Shona Baxter, Helena Minton, Greg Sterling, Sarah Reynolds, Ed Higgins, Lisa Foxall-Colley, Nicola Fisher.

### CHAIR

Dave Baxter (seconded) and Scribe Judy Gardner

MINUTES of AGM 2022 accepted. (Martin and Pam)

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS ( please see Attachments)

Martyn Goodwin (Mens' Squire), Linda Atkinson (Ladies' Foreman), Anne Ketchen (Ladies' Squire), Bob Foxall-Colley (Mens' Foreman), Alistair Gillies (Bandleader), Beryl Taylor and Fiona Sperryn (Publicity), Ivor Phillips (Secretary) and Dave Baxter (Treasurer).

ACCEPTANCE OF ACCOUNTS - Ivor and Ed. With thanks to Vernon Larcombe for verification. And thanks to the School for keeping our fees the same for 30 yrs!

### APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS

Gilders - suspension of rule re unopposed roles for the gilders confirmed for this year by the meeting, therefore

- Squire - Anne Ketchen
- Foreman - Linda Atkinson

Ironmen - Foreman - re-elected Bob Foxall-Colley  
Squire - re-elected Martyn Goodwin

Bandleader - elected Terry Carr

Secretary- re-elected Ivor Phillips

Treasurer - re-elected Dave Baxter

Publicity - re-elected Beryl Taylor and Fiona Sperryn

VOTE OF THANKS - for retiring Bandleader Alistair Gillies - all in favour.

### AOB

*Terry Carr* asking, fill out the dance-out sheets ASAP.

*Martyn Goodwin* commenting, Festivals want dance teams willing to dance all weekend. When he asked Bromyard re IMSG being invited he was rebuffed due to their limited time capacity. Our reputation suffers. Consider putting on a Day of Dance in Ironbridge but would require teams' commitments and good numbers. Invite several other teams.

*Dave Aberley* asks can the Ladies' teams and the Mens' teams dance-out without each other?  
Yes.

*Terry Carr* suggests more dancing in local pubs. This would aid recruitment. Comments to Committee.

*Ed Gilliams* mentioned the large size of the Band, suggested some dance. And suggested use of a WhatsApp group for recruitment purposes.

*Jenny Baker* spoke of the difficulties for learners getting enough practice at Mon dance practices when the emphasis is on preparing for the next dance-out.

*Linda Atkinson* responded that she's happy to do workshops for learning.

*Anne Ketchen* mooted separate practices for new dancers. Which *Clive Grainger* suggested could be protected practice time.

*Martyn Goodwin and Linda Atkinson* stressed the importance of attendance. Every week.

*Ed Gillams* asks to practice mixed dances. Maybe at a 2nd practice night.

CHAIR - Asked Squires to arrange the above ideas together.

*Secretary* - mentioned the recent death of Gerald Hannon, a founding member. And suggested a chosen **charity** for the coming year be The Stroke Association, gifted in his name.

*Jill Spanner* suggested the other charity we fundraise for be the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

All in favour.

*Martyn Goodwin* encouraged all to fill out booking sheets ASAP.

AGM completed in time for dance practice.