

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18TH October 2019

At Denstone College

1. Welcome and introduction

John Shaw welcomed members to the meeting which commenced at 8.40pm, and thanked them for coming.

Present were 50 attendees including 6 committee members. There were 3 proxy voters. Apologies were received from Ian Hatwell, Christine Smith and Janet Maughan. There were three non members, attending as guests.

2. **Minutes of 2018 AGM** These were approved as a true record by all present

3. **Matters arising** There were no matters arising.

4. **Approval of accounts to year ending 31st December 2018**

Proposed by Sally Whytehead, seconded by Hilary Davies. Unanimously passed.

5. PROPOSAL

This meeting notes the registration of the CIO 'Nonsuch Dulcimer Club' by the Charities Commission on 3rd July 2019 with a CIO Association constitution unchanged from that put forward and agreed at the Nonsuch Club AGM held on 20th October 2018.

The Nonsuch Dulcimer Club as previously constituted as an unincorporated association, formally approves this CIO Association and agrees to the merger with the new CIO.

Proposer: Sally Whytehead

Seconder Hilary Davies

Unanimously passed.

6. **Any other business**

None

Regular General meeting of the Nonsuch Dulcimer Club as registered as a CIO by the Charities Commission.

AGENDA

The purpose of the meeting is to give an interim update to members. It cannot be an AGM at this time because we do not have the first set of accounts and annual report to present. The first financial year of the Nonsuch Dulcimer Club as a charity will end on the 31st March 2020, and the first AGM will be held at the annual weekend in October 2020 and then submitted to the Charity Commission after the meeting, in accordance with charity law.

The current trustees (Sally Whytehead, John Shaw and Hilary Davies) will continue until the 2020 AGM where a full election of trustees will take place. These may be the same or new trustees may be elected. Committee places will be filled by volunteers under their trusteeship.

2. Informal Interim Reports to September 2019

a) **Trustees report**- John said that although there were at present three trustees, it would be good to have one or two more which would give greater flexibility, and would be invaluable if something was to happen to one of the trustees.

Safeguarding, finances, and money handling are two examples of the policy areas which the current trustees are at present revising or developing.

b) **Chairman's report**- there was nothing to add to John's report.

c) **Membership secretary** – there was nothing to add to the report

d) **Website and library** – Sally added to her report that when the new website goes live, we will get emails to set up our passwords.

e) **Financial report** – there was nothing to add to Steve's report.

f) **Loan instruments** – In addition to the report, Christine has been reviewing and photographing the dulcimers.

g) **Events – Annual Weekend** -In addition to the report, Hilary explained why we could not return to Malvern, saying that it had been the decision of the Headmistress.

Spring Fling -nothing to add to the report, other than that there will be a mail shot in the near future.

All reports were approved.

Update on Committee vacancies

John is stepping down as Chair. Janet is stepping down as membership secretary. Christine is stepping down as Admin. Secretary. The Trustees asked for people to consider if they could take on all, or part of any of these roles. Sally said that she was willing to deal with the technical side of the membership secretary's job during the website transition, but we need someone to deal with people and queries. The admin. Secretary's job could be split into separate units, e.g. minutes, and loan instruments. We still need a publicity co-ordinator.

Margaret Arton, who had been a committee member, fulfilling many roles over the years, was finally stepping down from the committee. Special thanks were given to her for all of the work that she had done.

John Freeman said that there should be a job description for each post. Preparation should be made to tell people what would be involved as regards time needed to be given and the necessary work for each position. Sally commented that there was a job description on the website, and the vacancies had already been publicised in the newsletter.

A.O.B.

Hilary said that Liz Conway, a professional book binder had bound copies of the Newsletter, dating from 1995, which she proposed to give to the Dulcimer Club. Hilary thanked her on behalf of the Club.

Margaret said that she had done every job except being Chair. It had given her an insight into how the Club works and it gave her the chance to get to know many people.

Steve Herron Thompson gave thanks to John for his work as Chairman.

Liz Conway gave thanks to the Committee for their hard work.

John Shaw gave thanks to Hilary for organising the Annual Dulcimer Weekend at Denstone.

He also thanked Liz Conway and Steve Gray for organising the Spring Fling.

Hilary thanked Judith for her work in dealing with the bookings for Denstone

Outreach It was reported that Geoff Reeve Black, Damien Clarke and Lisa Warburton had taken instruments out to Festivals.

Sue Harris asked if anything could be done to help young people on their dulcimer journey. Sally said that there had not been any requests for financial support from the Matt Fox Bursary Fund.

Hilary asked for help from other members in promoting this fund. Marion Seaman has offered to get in touch with the PRS to ask them to help to publicise the Fox Bursary.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.