

Hampshire Federation of WIs

The Spring Council & AGM meeting was held virtually on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 2pm by Microsoft Teams Live Meeting

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Federation Chairman, Gina Ireland welcomed everyone to the delayed meeting Spring Council & AGM meeting.

AGM

The Adoption of Standing Orders and minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2019: proposed by the Chairman, were sent out to WIs to vote by proxy and unanimously accepted

Presentation of HCFWI Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2019: Gail Pussard, Federation Treasurer.

Gail Pussard introduced herself and presented a PowerPoint presentation of the HCFWI Annual Report and Accounts. Gail covered the Statutory Accounts to 30 September 2019, gave her best estimate for the forecast to 30 September 2020 and a draft budget for 2020 to 2021. She had hoped the deficit would be in the region of £21,000 but Covid-19 intervened, and all event income ceased. She is now forecasting a deficit in the region of £40,000 and much higher for 2020 – 2021.

Gail proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019 and that the Board of Trustees are empowered to negotiate the Independent Examination of the Accounts and fix a fee for that examination, agreed, unopposed by the delegates by proxy vote.

Using PowerPoint slides, Gina Ireland introduced the 2020 – 2022 Board of Trustees; she thanked all the Trustees for their hard work and patience during the unprecedented last months and welcomed Jacquie Carver, Barton Bees WI and Susie Cooper from Tilly Widgets WI elected to the Board in March 2020. Gina reminded members that they are all volunteers and the decision makers of the Federation. Gina gave her sincere thanks to Angela Brice and Julia Hender for their time and valuable contributions they made during their time as Board members.

Gina introduced the WI Advisers and acknowledged the hard work they all do behind the scenes and thanked them. She congratulated three new Advisers, Joan Kerr, Janet Reid, and Helen Tyson who have successfully completed their training this year.

Gina gave her congratulations to Hampshire WIs celebrating significant birthdays and hoped they would soon be able to celebrate in style.

HCFWI Chairman's Address: Gina Ireland, Federation Chairman.

Gina looked back at the past year events which were stopped in their tracks in March and every planned event was quickly cancelled or postponed. Staff were reluctantly furloughed, and events and committee meetings had to be held by using digital platforms on Zoom or TEAMS. Gina thanked all the Event Managers who had adapted and changed their ways of working to try and provide value to the WI membership. She mentioned events and competitions coming soon which will be circulated and shown on the HCFWI website and Facebook page, she encouraged WI members to join and support their Federation.

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HCFWI Calendar Competition 'Happy Hampshire' Winner of the Judges Cup selected by the Managing Director of Judge Sampson Ltd, Michelle Alldread, Sotonettes WI. Thank you to everyone who took part.

After a short time for a wiggle, Gina Ireland introduced the guest Speaker, Ben Fogle

Ben Fogle was an excellent, professional uplifting Speaker.

An English broadcaster, writer and adventurer, best known for his presenting roles with British television channels He told us that he is driven by wanting to come first and a sense of danger, but now owes his wife and children the peace of not worrying about his exploits.

After his talk he answered pre-sent questions from WI members and Helen Carter asked, 'reflecting on your life and experiences, what words of encouragement would you give to our members at this time?' He replied, 'I would empower you to work together. Abstain from watching too much news, be positive- read life affirming books, listen to music, and surround yourself with uplifting individuals. As the storm clouds gather, keep in contact with each other and be honest, share, we are all in this together. Remember WE not ME.'

Gina thanked Ben for his positive address and great words of encouragement, an inspiration to us all...

In closing Gina expressed her profound thanks to all those who contribute to the running of the meeting and ended asking everyone to keep safe.

415 members attended virtually.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm with one verse of the National Anthem, due to a technical issue the music Jerusalem and the National Anthem could not be heard.

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