



TWIG MINUTES AGM WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

E Dixte, S Maxwell, E Highley, R Dambrine, K Burroughs, D Bray, S Boudignon, J Booth, S Bassibe, N Adie, C Cole, C Edwards, H Davey, T Knight, F Richards, D Miller, M Slater, J Malika, H Lemetayer, G Humphrey, K Chandler, M T Endersby, J Boncey, A Holden, A Ramsay, C Male, M Budgen, N Morgan-Price, N Hunt, F Walker, H Bowden, S Wilson, J King, E Flynn

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

N Greenland, A Razimbud, M Carfantan, T Nightingale, H Williams, J Edsall, K Davies, B Kiteley, F Tezok, W Talbot, G Radcliffe

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Mary Budgen, the President, welcomed all members to the AGM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM (VIRTUAL), HELD ON THE 14th

April 2021.

The minutes of the last AGM were approved and accepted. Proposed by C Edwards and seconded by S Maxwell . Passed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

No matters raised.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported the following Balances as of the April 2022:-

Current Account €969,45 Savings €8002,88 Christmas Fair €4966,96

The audited accounts were emailed to all members ahead of this meeting. The Treasurer thanked Chris Ramsay for completing the audit.

The Treasurer distributed the Christmas Fair 2021 accounts to members present.

The proceeds from the Christmas Fair 2021 have already been sent to the charities, by bank transfer.

Thanks also to Mary Budgen for her support as the President of the association.

NO QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTS.

PROPOSAL: TO APPROVE THE ACCREDITED ACCOOUNTS FOR 2021.

The accredited accounts were approved. Proposed by F Walker and seconded by H Lemetayer & K Chandler . The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHRIS RAMSAY AS AUDITOR FOR 2022.

Proposed by Nelly Hunt. Seconded by M Budgen. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Thank you all for being here today. As of today membership stands at 73.

The Covid situation and the rules and regulations seem to be lightening up and as we return to a more normal life I sincerely hope that TWIG activities and events will be able to continue as usual.

I'd like to again thank all the volunteers who helped make the Xmas fair such a success despite the restrictions and the atrocious weather. It was especially nice to see so many familiar faces after such a long time and the enthusiasm that our members put into our most important annual event is always heartwarming, as is the amount raised for the chosen charities.

Many thanks to our activity leaders for carrying on in such difficult circumstances, these groups are an important part of TWIG's social network in bringing together members and for forging new friendships.

We are looking for a new leader for the Cinema club previously run by Maggie Castaing which took place at the Utopia cinema in Tournefeuille and often included a sociable lunch at the bistrot before watching an English language film.

Heidi Worswick, currently running the Franglais group, would like to hand over the leadership. This would entail organizing a coffee morning once or twice a month at a member 's home where every informal Conversations in French are encouraged, (whatever your level may be) and in English for our French members.

Ane Klassen has kindly offered to take on the cookery group and we wish her every success.

The committee would very much like for the annual garden party to take place again this year and If you would like to host please let us know. The committee will of course be on hand to help out with the organization.

One other subject which has been brought up this year is the question of accepting male partners and husbands as TWIG members and we will be having this discussion later in the meeting.

Last but not least, I'd especially like to thank all our committee members for their dedication and hard work in the general running of TWIG and to Fiona Richards for her hard work in producing 'The Grapevine.'

We are looking for members to join us to bring their energy and dynamic to the table, so let us know if you are interested in joining us.

H Davey thanked the president for all her hard work.

THANKS GIVEN ON BEHALF OF THE CHARITIES THAT RECEIVED MONIES FROM THE 2021 CHRISTMAS FAIR

E Dixte thanked TWIG on behalf of Olympe de Gouges and the money is being used to provide a communal area, including a library, media area and a play area.

E Highley read a message of thanks from Street Child to the members. Eileen will send this and the photo to Fiona Richards to include in The Grapevine magazine.

M Budgen thanked TWIG on behalf of Passerelle de L' Amite. Mary said that some of the members of the charity were at the Christmas Fair.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PROPOSERS OF THE CHARITIES TO BENEFIT FROM THE 2022 CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Avon Centre Proposed by: Tara Knight

Les Amis des Animaux Proposed by: Nelly Hunt-Deschamps

Lovely Solidarity Proposed by: Regine Dambrine

Autisme 31 Proposed by: Eileen Highley

EXCEPTIONAL DONATION TO UKRAINE

A Ramsay asked if the Committee had discussed TWIG's response to the Ukrainian situation either as a donation from funds or from fund raising activities. She proposed that the Christmas Fair 2022 proceeds be given to Ukraine. This was not supported.

H Davey proposed that the charities who were proposed and voted for this year should stand. This was unanimously supported.

N Morgan Price reported to the members, that after much research on donations, as an association, we are permitted to make a donation to another French association using existing funds from our account.

A discussion was had about which charity supporting the Ukrainian people should be sent a possible donation. A receipt for the donation is obviously required for audit purposes.

The discussion about an exceptional donation, although in principle was unanimously supported, was not concluded.

THE RESULTS OF THE VOTING FOR CHARITIES TO BENEFIT FROM THE 2022

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

The President announced the following results.

The proceeds from the 2022 Christmas fair will be divided equally between:-

Autisme 31 Proposed by: Eileen Highley

Lovely Solidarity Proposed by: Regine Dambrine

Les Amis des animaux Proposed by: N Hunt Deschamps

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

The following Committee members are willing to stand for re-election:-

	<u>Proposed:</u>	<u>Seconded:</u>
Mary Budgen	Nicola Morgan-Price	Emma Flynn
Nicola Morgan-Price	Fran Walker	Nelly Hunt-Deschamps
Fran Walker	Jane King	Hayley Bowden
Nelly Hunt-Deschamps	Emma Flynn	Fran Walker
Emma Flynn	Mary Budgen	Jane King
Jane King	Sue Wilson	Mary Budgen
Hayley Bowden	Nelly Hunt-Deschamps	Jane King

The vote to re-elect the current committee members was unanimous.

Nominations have been received from:

	<u>Proposed:</u>	<u>Seconded:</u>
Niki Adie	Tara Knight	Fran walker

The vote to elect new committee members was unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President - Mary Budgen

Vice president – Nicola Morgan -Price

Treasurer – Nelly Hunt

Secretary – Emma Flynn

The vote to elect the officers was unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

F Walker and J Edsall proposed giving members' partners opportunities to be more integrated in TWIG events and activities. After a discussion about what this would mean for membership, activity groups and insurance, the proposal was unanimously supported for this year.

DATE OF NEXT AGM (MARCH/APRIL 2023)