

West Lothian Writers
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday the 14th April 2015
Carmondean Community Centre, Livingston
7pm

Attending:

Anne E, Elizabeth, Eric, Ian, Jenifer, John, Margaret, Stephen, Susi

Apologies:

Jordan, Sally

Minutes and Matters from Last AGM

Stephen presented the minutes from the last AGM. After everyone had read them they were accepted as a fair reflection of the previous year's meeting. Elizabeth asked how Stephen had got on contacting Louise Welsh. Stephen said Louise was positive about coming to West Lothian Writers but is struggling to find time in her schedule.

What We Did Last Year – including finances

Over the past twelve months we have recruited six new members – Alison, Bill, Ian, Margaret, Mitra, Valerie – and also saw the return of old members Susi and John. We had less visiting author's this year due to the introduction of our day workshops. The first one took place in Linlithgow in June with Janis Mackay with a second happening at the Craigs in Tprphichen hosted by Alistair Paterson. Our final author visit was David McVey from SAW who did a workshop on dialogue. Everyone agreed that the day workshops had been a great success and would be continued.

This section of the meeting concluded with Eric presenting the accounts for the year. He said that WLW had a good bank balance and could continue to operate in a similar manner for the upcoming year even through finance support from West Lothian Council may cease due to budget cuts on their part.

Election of Office Bearers

As stated in the constitution all the committee – Stephen, Eric and Anne - stood down as chair, treasurer and secretary respectively. All three re-stood unopposed and were vote back in with the full support of the members who attend the AGM.

Following the election there was a short discussion about the role of the secretary with agreement that Anne should research and propose social events for WLW. A similar discussion was held about ways of support the Chair who also looks after the website. It was agreed that all members who support the website by sending Stephen suggests on posts for the website or interesting articles for him to post.

Membership Fees for the Next Year

It was felt with the finances in such good condition that there was no need to increase the membership fee of £5 for the year or meeting fees of £2/£1. The only area that may see an increase is day workshop fees but this has yet to be discussed by the committee.

Upcoming events/project for 2014/2015.

The first event of the new year will be the visit of David Bishop on the 28th of April to deliver a workshop on Worldbuilding.

Following this will be our first day workshop of the summer which will be a performance skills workshop led by Polly Philips at the Regal Theatre in Bathgate. Places are limited so book your place as soon as possible. The committee are already looking at a second workshop with Ellie Stewart.

Finally, we are looking to do a second anthology with the submission window being from July 1st to August 31st. We plan to have it launched by the last WLW of the year in November.

Any Other Business

There was no other business so Stephen brought the meeting to a close

