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| 1. | Welcome to members (42), Judith Pugh (WI Advisor), Jane Jackson and Anna Neale (Observers) After a few points of housekeeping regarding Zoom the meeting began. |
| 2. | The members sang Jerusalem. |
| 3. | The minutes from Members’ meeting on 3rd February 2021 approved by members. |
| 4. | **CORRESPONDENCE**  **Constitutional Changes** - A meeting was held on Monday 1st March to discuss and vote on the Constitutional changes required regarding virtual meetings. 666 members attended and the results of the vote will be released soon.  **LFWI** – The members were informed of the Annual Meeting on 29th March and that Observer tickets are now on sale at £3. Apply directly to LFWI  **Resolutions** – Cathy Wilde informed the members that the WI received over 30,000 votes for No 1. ‘A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer’. We will decide on this choice and discuss (in April or May) whether to give our vote to this cause or choose one of our own, the deadline for our vote is 9th July 2021. More information on this in this month’s WI Life magazine. |
| 5. | **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**  **WETS**  Christine Burbidge – Informed the group of events that are in the diary now. She explained that WETS feels confident that some sort of “getting together” maybe allowed towards the latter part of the year. They have an Autumn Fair on Saturday 16th October, a Fashion Show on 18th November, Mathew Bourne’s Nutcracker with a pre-show lunch on 27th November, the Country Living Xmas Fair on 25th or 26th November and the Xmas party on 10th December. We also hope to take part in the Santa Dash.  **Speakers** – Lesley Winrow outlined the plans for speakers in the coming months. We still have to dual book until restrictions are eased so currently two speakers are appearing until August on our programme. Next month’s speaker is Lisa Jones, the Knicker Lady, who will explain the history of underwear. Lesley pointed the members to the website for full information on the ‘Programme of Speakers’. |
| 6. | **SUB -GROUPS**  **Book Group** – February’s book, ‘The Beekeeper of Aleppo”, proved to be a winner and scored an extremely high of 4.2. Next month’s read is ‘Dreams from My Father’ by Barack Obama, the Book Group will meet on 24th March at 7 pm to review this book.  **Cakes & Craft** – Now meeting via Zoom with on going projects through the month.  **Photo Group** – This group is always exceedingly popular and changes its subjects each month, this month is Marches, Turquoise and First Signs of Spring.  **Walking Group** – Now that we have a roadmap out of lockdown a date of Sunday 11th April has been put forward for the first walk in groups of 6. Alison Blackman will lead the walk, which is ‘In Search of the Winter Hare’, this walk had to be cancelled earlier this year because of COVID restrictions. A WhatsApp message will be sent to the group with arrangements. There is also a Halloween Walk in the diary for October 31st – details to follow. A Zoom meeting will take place for this group on Tuesday 16th March at 7.30 with the usual Zoom code.  **Publicity** – Christine Burbidge reported that Facebook and our Website are exceptionally good sources of information on SWI and asked the members to use them both. |

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|  | **ANNUAL MEETING** |
| 7. | **Review of Byelaws (outlined Below)**   1. Review of Byelaw 1: Length of term of office 2. Review of Byelaw 2: Maximum number of elected committee members.   Both voted for and passed by the members. |
| 8. | **Treasurer’s Report. Financial Statement** – proposed, seconded and accepted. |
| 9. | **Appointment of Financial Advisor** – SWI members voted to continue to appoint the WI’s Independent Financial Examiner. |
| 10. | **The Committee’s Annual Report** – Voted, seconded and accepted. |
| 11. | **President’s Address** – the President went through 2020 using a slide show. It was quite surprising how much SWI packed into a very limiting year. She also gave thanks to our Advisors, helpers, existing and retiring committee members and all SWI members. |
| 12. | **Adoption of Committee’s Annual Report** – Voted for and accepted. |
| 13. | **Presentation of Budget 2021** – Voted for and accepted. No questions. |
| 14. | **Discussion about subscriptions** – after a brief discussion and a vote the members voted for Option ‘B’ £34 for 2021 membership. If any member wishes to pay the full amount of £44 this extra £10 will be treated as a donation.  **Bursary/Charity Donations** – these will both be put on hold this year. |
| 15. | **Announcement of results of the election for committee and President:** After the formal announcement, the newly appointed committee retired to a breakout room and voted on the officers, below are the results.  **President**: Pam Armstrong **Vice President**: Lesley Winrow  **Secretary**: Christine Burbidge **Treasurer**: Deborah Thompson  **Committee Members**: Alison Blackman, Hilary Boon, Susan Bridgestock,  Sue Harding, Sue Hibbert and Pam Lever.  Pam Armstrong indicated that this will be her final year and encouraged the members to get involved in the committee. |
| 16. | **Close of Annual Meeting** – 8.05 pm |
| 17. | **Introduction of Quizmaster – Tony Boon** |
| 18. | **Close of meeting** – 9.35 pm |

***Byelaw 1: TERM OF OFFICE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

* *There should be a maximum term of office for the president of three years.*
* *There should be a maximum term of office for a committee member of four years unless elected president.*
* *Thereafter one year should elapse before being eligible for re-election to the committee, unless there is no-one willing to stand for election to fill the required three officers’ positions.*
* *This byelaw will be reviewed at subsequent Annual Meetings.*

***Byelaw 2: MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

* *The maximum number of elected committee members should be eleven (11).*
* *The elected Committee Members may co-opt up to three additional Committee Members to serve until the next Annual Meeting provided there is always a majority of elected Committee Members.*
* *This byelaw will be reviewed at subsequent Annual Meetings.*