



## Annual General Meeting (virtual) 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 2.30pm

This year our AGM will be on 7 November at 2:30pm as planned, but not at St. Columba's. We intend to hold a Zoom meeting instead. Please reply to say whether you will be able to attend. A Zoom link and ID will be sent out before the meeting. If you do not already have the Zoom app, it is free to download on a computer or mobile.

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Here is a note from our President, Sarah

Dear fellow alumnae,

Although this has been a very strange year for all of us and GUWC has had to cancel most of its activities, we still hope to continue our usual Club events when we can. I hesitate to say "when things are back to normal" because it is hard to say what "normal" is going to be. However, GUWC will carry on, either in face-to-face meetings and lunches, or else virtual meetings in some form. We can still have our convivial socialising one way or another. Now as many of us are getting more proficient with Zoom and WhatsApp, it should be possible to get together to chat or discuss books or other topics. A glance at the internet shows what may be possible for us.

But it isn't all gloom and trepidation. We can meet each other wherever we live in Greater London or even farther afield. Speakers can address us directly from Glasgow or any other spot on the earth. We don't have to get to Pont Street in the rain, we don't have to crowd into a Tube with Saturday shoppers and tourists. We don't have to devote a whole day to getting somewhere and back, even if the "somewhere" is a fascinating location with a commentary by Hilary Booth, our own Blue Badge Guide. Until we can safely meet again and chat over a glass of wine and sample Leonard's latest masterpiece, we can find ways to keep in touch. Our long-standing connection with each other and with Gilmorehill is much too valuable to let a little thing like a world-wide pandemic stand in our way!

With all good wishes,  
Sarah Lawson  
President, GUWC



The Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow University Women's Club (London) will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 2.30pm by Zoom

## AGENDA

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| 1. | Minutes of the last AGM                                | Proposer and Seconder |
| 2. | Any matters arising                                    |                       |
| 3. | President's report                                     |                       |
| 4. | Membership Secretary's report                          |                       |
| 5. | Events Secretary's report                              |                       |
| 6. | Treasurer's report                                     | Proposer and Seconder |
| 7. | Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2020-2021 |                       |
|    | President  | Tina Tamman           |
|    | President Elect  | Vacant                |
|    | Past President   | Sarah Lawson          |
|    | Treasurer  | Margaret Henderson    |
|    | Events Secretary                                       | Cathy Black           |
|    | Membership Secretary                                   | Marjorie Bremner      |
|    | Committee member/<br>Catering                          | Marjory Montgomerie   |
|    | Committee member                                       | Carolina Valiente     |
| 8. | Future programme                                       |                       |
| 9. | AOB  |                       |

Sarah Lawson  
President



2017 - 90 years of Alumnae Friendship

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB (LONDON) HELD AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, PONT STREET ON SATURDAY 9<sup>H</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

The President Margaret Goldfarb was in the chair and 20 members were present.

1. There were 8 apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of the last AGM were approved. Proposer: Tina Tamman  
Seconder: Rona Passmore

**3. Matters arising**

None

**4. President's Report**

Our first event of the year was the President's Tea Party which was held in the café in the Crypt of St Martin-in-the-Fields on 26<sup>th</sup> January. This was a lovely venue with excellent food and service which was enjoyed by everyone.

Next we had the Spring Lunch at St Columba's on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March where we had a speaker – one of our members, Tina Tamman – who spoke about the people and connections she had found between Estonia and Scotland. This was a most interesting presentation and I think we were all surprised at the links between our two countries going back many years.

The Annual Dinner was held at the University Women's Club on 20<sup>th</sup> June where our speaker was Ann Allen, Director of Estates and Commercial Services at the University of Glasgow. Ann was an excellent speaker and she brought us up to date with the developments on the university campus. It was a lovely evening. Everything just seemed to go so well. The venue was excellent, the food was very good and the staff could not have done more to make us welcome. Emily Howie from the university alumni office attended the dinner with her husband and she was very impressed with how friendly and welcoming everyone was.

The summer outing was a visit to Kensington Palace. Our guide on this occasion was one of our members – Hilary Booth, who is an accredited Blue Badge guide. It was a very interesting afternoon with lots to see. Lunch in the Pavilion Restaurant was excellent and the service was extremely efficient.

All the events went very well and I must thank all the committee members who organised them.

Hilary Booth has not been well and has spent some time in hospital after a fall at home. A card has been sent from the club. I spoke to Hilary yesterday just to bring myself up to date with how she is. Apparently, the fall happened on a Saturday in her hallway and she knocked herself out and was out until her daughter (who lives in Yorkshire) and son came round on the Monday because they could not contact her and found her still unconscious. She was rushed to hospital and was in hospital for a week before being discharged. That was a couple of weeks ago and since then she fell out of bed and couldn't get up, phoned the emergency services and ended up in hospital again but only for a day this time. She is waiting to have a planned operation on her foot and this is going ahead in two weeks' time. She is certainly not having a nice time at the moment and I think it would be good if the club sent her flowers.

**5. Membership Secretary's Report**

Number of paid up members:88

**Informal meetings in the Amba Hotel, Strand.**

These take place every few months, Twelve out of a core group of 20 usually attend.on a Monday evening, in the Amba Hotel Charing Cross. These events receive very good feedback. Two new members attended the

last informal dinner. Meals are pre-ordered and we each pay our own bill. On the last occasion, we moved round after the main course to provide further opportunities for chat. This worked well.

No new members have come to the club via the Caledonian Club.

## **6. Event Secretary's Report**

The numbers attending each of our events were as follows:

The President's Tea Party at the Crypt, St Martin-in-the-Fields

30 members and guests attended

Spring Meeting and Lunch at Pont Street

23 members and guests attended

The Annual Dinner

27 people attended

Kensington Palace Visit

27 members and guests attended including our Blue Badge Guide, Hilary.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

We have 88 paid up members, (subs £880) similar to the last few years. It was a fairly steady year. We have a surplus on ordinary activities of £369 whereas we usually have about £400. This year we just covered our functions with £20 to spare. This was due to the loss (£128) we made on the dinner as the numbers were lower than we usually have and we had some fixed costs to cover. We fixed the price based on the forty or so people that usually attend and we had also been keen to keep the price at a similar level to last year, though this is becoming increasingly difficult. However, on the bright side, the most excellent tea we had at St Martin-in-the-Fields cost less than we have had to pay in earlier years.

As you can see, we have few other expenses except for the hire of this excellent hall.

Once again, I would like to thank Angela Caldara for so willingly doing the independent examination of our accounts.

Proposer: Marlene Terry

Secunder: Jan Coughtrie

## **8. Website**

The club website which had been administrated by Carol Whitehead is now being administered by the university alumni office who will be responsible for updating the information held on our website. This will include future events, newsletters and of course details of the current committee.

If you notice that our website is not working as it should or the information contained is not correct or even if this is brought to your attention, then please do let the committee know so that they can take it up with the alumni office.

Carol Whitesmith, who set up our website and who administered it for many years is no longer on the committee. The club owes her a huge debt of gratitude for all the work she has done and we wish her well in her "retirement".

As a token of our appreciation we have a gift of a brooch which we will send to her with a card just to say thank you. I don't know what the club would have done without Carol and her expertise when the website was being set up.

Margaret Henderson also made mention of the work Carol did for the Club when new Data Protection regulations were introduced in 2018.

## **9. Election of office bearers and committee for 2019/20**

The new committee is as follows:

President-	Sarah Lawson
President Elect-	Tina Tamman
Past President-	Margaret Goldfarb
Database administrator-	
Treasurer-	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary-	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary-	Marjorie Bremner
Member with responsibility for catering-	Marjory Montgomerie
General committee member-	Hilary Booth

Proposer: Jennifer Blackburn  
Seconder: Liliias Gillies

## **10. Future programme**

Informal dinner at Amba Hotel	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
President's Afternoon Tea	likely to be the Crypt at St Martin-in-the-Fields
	Date TBC – end January/early February
Spring Lunch	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Annual Dinner	Date and venue TBC
Summer Outing	Date and venue TBC
AGM lunch	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2020

## **11. AOB**

It is in the constitution of the GUWC to have an Annual Dinner. The alternative of an Annual Lunch did not prove successful as speakers prefer evening events. The cost of the dinner was discussed, and it was agreed that £60 was 'modest' for a London venue as it did include everything. For next year, a price slightly above this year's £60 would still be acceptable.

GUWC does not pay the speaker and GU pays the overnight accommodation if the speaker is in London on other GU business. We pay a £50 contribution to the speaker's nominated charity.

The photograph in the newsletter of Queen Mary's visit to GUWC in 1937 was commented on. There are further details and correspondence documenting the planning of the visit. It was suggested that someone should write our history. Perhaps a group should be set up to do the research and writing. There are only 8 years to our century of existence. One member, Jill Lamb was mentioned as she was an archivist. Alternatively, as a London based organisation, the London Metropolitan Archives may be interested in the information we hold.

Meeting closed 3.20pm

**GLASGOW UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB (LONDON)**

**Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2020**

	£	£	2019 £
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions	790.00		880.00
Net profit on functions	72.40		19.55
Donations	60.00		68.00
		<u>922.40</u>	<u>967.55</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
General expenses	68.44		73.73
Donations	200.00		0.00
Hall Hire	266.00		524.00
		<u>534.44</u>	<u>597.73</u>
<b>Net Income/ (Expenditure)</b>		<u><u>387.96</u></u>	<u><u>369.82</u></u>

**Balance Sheet at 30 September 2020**

**Assets**

Cash at bank	3,299.95		2,890.00
Cash in hand	22.18		44.17
	<u>3,322.13</u>		<u>2,934.17</u>
Less creditors	10.00		10.00
Net Current Assets		<u><u>3,312.13</u></u>	<u><u>2,924.17</u></u>

**Accumulated Fund**

Balance at 1 October 2019	2,924.17		2,554.35
Net income/(expenditure) for year	387.96		369.82
			<u>369.82</u>
Balance at 30 September 2020		<u><u>3,312.13</u></u>	<u><u>2,924.17</u></u>

<b>Functions</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Surplus</b>
AGM Lunch	378.00	315.00	63.00
President's Tea	588.00	578.60	9.40
	<u>966.00</u>	<u>893.60</u>	<u>72.40</u>