



Charity No. 1124762

**West Sussex Guitar Club AGM**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**  
**at Regis School of Music at 7.30 pm**

**Committee Members present:**

Julian Bobak (Chairman/Charity Officer) **JB**  
Sasha Levtoy (Artistic Director) **SL**

David Clarke (Treasurer) **DC**  
Debbie Burford (Secretary) **DB**

JB welcomed club members to the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM of the WSGC, and the beginning of the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the guitar club.

**1) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Sue McQuillan, Sue Reeve and Pam Fereday. 23 members (excluding committee) attended the meeting.

**2) The Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 AGM were approved as a true record.

**3) Chairman's Introduction**

JB thanked so many members for coming and said this AGM had beaten all records for attendance, but it was mainly because we had said it was a party!

JB wished to give special thanks to DB, DC and SL for their committee work and additionally to SL for the renovation of the toilets for which we are much relieved! He also wished to thank Terry Woodgate for his newsletter, Moyria Woodgate as photographer and archivist, Jez Rogers and Richard Prior for looking after the website and Julie Insull for being in charge of the club's facebook page which has lots of hits. He thanked Nina for her great work behind the scenes and especially the buffets. Finally, he wished to thank retiring librarian Pam Fereday who is elsewhere tonight, playing the ukulele.

JB continued that this Silver Anniversary celebration actually comes at the end of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the club. He couldn't resist adding that many of us here will be in their 80s or 90s for the next big anniversary! He then read a short history of the club from its beginnings in 1993 at the Old School building in South Bersted to the move in 1996 to our present premises at 46 Sudley Road (formerly a Christian Scientist church). He also mentioned the setting up of our own West Sussex Guitar Festival in 2000 and the club becoming a registered charity in 2008.

JB then presented the founders of our club, Sasha and Nina, with an engraved silver plate to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WSGC and a bouquet of flowers for Nina adding that, "If Sasha is the Father of the Club, then Nina is the Club's Mother, organising so many things behind the scenes."

**4) Matters Arising from the last AGM**

None.

**5) Receive the Artistic Director's Report**

Members had received by post the Artistic Director's report of the club's 25<sup>th</sup> season and SL said that the 25 years had gone by "just like that." He was particularly touched this evening to see several people who had been there on that very first night of the club in 1993 and some, even before that, attending his evening classes in the late 1980s. He wanted especially to thank Nina without whom he could not have achieved a fraction of what's been done.

DC confirmed that membership numbers were fairly stable with currently 121 members (including single, family and honorary members).

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## 6) Adoption of the Club Accounts

DC presented his accounts for the Club for the period 1/8/2017 to 31/7/2018 which had been circulated to all members. The bank account showed a balance of £9667.77 plus £100 in petty cash. DC was happy with the finances which he said are only £16 down on this time last year. He had made a successful bid to Bognor Town Council and the club had been granted £500. Nearly £350 had also come from gift aid. The new season would therefore start with a healthy balance. JB thanked DC.

## 7) Election of Club Officers

JB stated that re-standing for the committee were JB, DC, SL and DB. Currently there are **vacancies** for the posts of **Membership Secretary**, **Publicity Officer** and **Librarian**.

The committee was voted in as follows:

Julian Bobak	<b>Chairman /Charity Officer</b>	David Clarke	<b>Treasurer</b>
Sasha Levtov	<b>Artistic Director</b>	Debbie Burford	<b>Secretary</b>

For the non-committee posts Terry Woodgate would carry on as Newsletter Editor and Moyria Woodgate as Photographer/Archivist. Richard Prior and Jez Rogers would continue to look after the club's website.

## 8) AOB

Linda Kelsall-Barnett proposed that club evenings should revert to their original start time of 7.30pm. The 7pm start had been in place for more than a year as an idea to encourage youngsters to play in the first half of the evening and also with the idea of finishing half an hour earlier. **Fenella** Sowden agreed that 7.30 is better because, like Linda, she has to feed the family first. DB also agreed and added that when her children were small they were very happy to stay up late. On the other hand, Terry Woodgate said that the adults often suffer because of all the clearing up at the end of the evening, making it a very late night .

It was put to the vote. A show of hands revealed 10 people wishing to continue club evenings at 7pm but 14 people in favour of reverting to the 7.30pm start. So the motion was carried with the change coming into effect from January 2019.

JB was hoping for the shortest AGM in the club's history and at 25 minutes this was no doubt achieved.

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

Debbie Burford (17/10/2018)