



# The Surname Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held online on Saturday June 29, 2019, at 4 pm BST

Present: Kirsty Gray (Chair, UK), Sylvia Valentine (Vice Chair, UK), Lynda Chiotti (Secretary, Canada)

Regrets: Carole Steers (Social Network Co-ordinator, UK)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<i>Minutes</i>	Previous meeting minutes (19 Feb 2019) approved by KG and SV.	
<i>Appointment of Postholders</i>	The following positions were approved by KG and SV: Chair: Kirsty Gray Vice Chair: Sylvia Valentine Treasurer (interim): Mandy Blake Newsletter Editor: Jennie Fairs Assistant Webmaster: Colin Spencer Social Network Co-ordinator: Carole Steers Secretary: Lynda Chiotti LC will liaise with Colin to update the committee list.	2019/008 LC
	There was discussion of potential new committee members. KG will post to Facebook again asking for webmaster candidates.	2019/009 KG
	There was discussion of the need for a publicity and events co-ordinator, a role Mandy did extremely well for the recent show. Also, a webinar co-ordinator is needed. There are job descriptions for the existing roles, but not for these two. LC will review existing roles and ask Mandy to draft something based on her recent publicity activities.	2019/010 LC
<i>Reports</i>	CSt submitted the following report as Social Network Co-ordinator: Social Feedback - following the success at The Show the membership of the Facebook group has increased, and there is free discussion occurring.	

	<p>Feedback from The Show - Firstly, I would like my thanks and recognition to Mandy and Marston for all their hard work to be recorded in the minutes. Thanks also to Colin for stepping up and adding the details of the new members so swiftly to the website and dealing with the after questions.</p> <p>Secondly, The Show was a huge success for the Society. We had 54 new members and current members came and said hello. I believe that this was an increase of over 20% of the membership.</p> <p>I believe that Mandy is taking the stand to Bristol to continue the publicity and sign some more people up! She is also sending a write-up to Jennie for the Scribbler.</p>	
<i>Webinars</i>	There was discussion of ideas for upcoming monthly webinars. Erin Tilley has recorded hers and it will be available from Legacy, to be published in July. It is usually on the third Saturday of every month, with a varied time of day to suit all locales. KG will put a request on Facebook for webinar ideas and presenters.	2019/011 KG
<i>Conference</i>	Next year's conference will be online as previously, on 14 March 2020. There was discussion of potential speakers, including new members, Michelle Leonard or Maurice Gleason. KG will follow up with Pauline Cass and Sharn White.	2019/012 KG
<i>Publicity</i>	See THE Genealogy Show feedback from Carole's report above. The show will run again next year. KG will follow up to thank Colin.	2019/013 KG
<i>Projects</i>	KG suggested we ask members about what projects they would be interested in, as we currently have only the Marriage Finder. She will post to Facebook.	2019/014 KG
<i>Other Business</i>	There was further discussion of webinar topics and presenters. Erin's is due for July, LC offered for October. KG will follow up with Mandy or Ros Haywood for August and September.	2019/015 KG
<i>Upcoming meeting</i>	Aug. 3 or Aug 10, to be confirmed.	2019/016 KG
<i>Adjournment</i>	Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm BST.	