

LEAMINGTON
STUDIO *Artists*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
13th July 2017**

The meeting commenced at 6:15 pm at East Lodge, Jephson Park in Leamington Spa

Present:

Trustees: Kate Livingston (KL) (Chair), Tony Cartwright (TC) (Treasurer), David Haedicke (DH) (Secretary), Alison Chantrey (AC) (Membership Secretary), James Callaghan (JC), Morgan Forth (MF)

By Invitation:

Chris Freegard-Elmes (CFE) (Manager, East Lodge)

Apologies:

Soolie Burke(SB), David Phillips (DP)

1. Welcome

KL welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted Apologies from SB and DP. The Trustees congratulated KL on her successful opening of Slate Art Gallery.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The Trustees approved the Minutes for the meeting on 22nd June 2017.

3. Treasurer's Report:

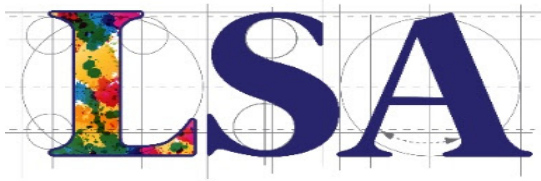
TC reported that cash balances had remained about level since the Trustees' meeting in June. TC recommended maintaining the LSA cash reserves at £10,000 for the foreseeable future and the Trustees approved this recommendation.

4. Membership Report

AC reported that there are now 260 members and 487 "Likes" on Facebook, both figures representing an increase over June's figures.

5. Events Report:

- a. **June and July ArtsFairs**—AC reported that the June ArtsFair had encountered difficulties as a result of the event organizer (CJ's) not having set out the required two booths. The Members who had signed up for the



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two booths will be given booths at an upcoming ArtsFair by CJ's. AC reported that three people had signed up for the ArtsFair on July 22.

- b. CF-E reported that James Callaghan's exhibition at East Lodge was going well.
- c. CF-E reported that the next Exhibition will be by Veronika Pock, to be followed by the Members' Exhibition and the Annual Exhibition of Paintings and Illustrations.
- d. TC and AC reported that planning for AITP 2017 continues, with preparations for banners for the marquee and for the ACE letters made available by AITP from the Peace Festival ongoing. TC reported that there should be no dispute with AITP as to ownership of backing boards since LSA records clearly support LSA's ownership.

6. ArtSpace

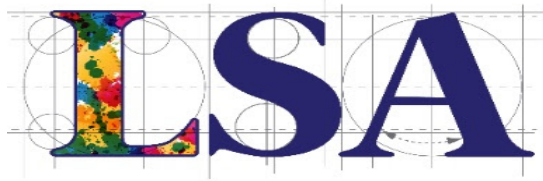
Publication of the next issue of ArtSpace will take place before the end of July. DP, by email, has reported that plans for a new editor for ArtSpace need to be finalised since Carolina Sagardoy has now resigned her position as editor. Carolina is in Venice for the next term and will have significant pressures from her academic studies when she returns.

7. East Lodge

CF-E reported that the search for a new artist to take over Gabriella Rucinski's studio continues.

8. AGM

DH reported that all the materials for the AGM had been sent to Members on a timely basis. He noted that Meurig Hughes has been nominated as a new Trustee. TC reported that there had been 14 respondent's to the Survey sent out to Members, two of whom were current Trustees. One respondent had requested that their concern that KL may face a conflict of interest in her position as Chair and as a Director of Slate Art Gallery be brought up at the AGM, but had provided no support for the concern. The Trustees thought there was no cause for this concern and that KL had brought much benefit to LSA in her role as Chair. However, since a request had been made by a Member, the Trustees agreed that the concern should be acknowledged at the AGM along with their view that there is no basis for the concern.



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9. Other business

CF-E briefed the Trustees on his recent meeting with the volunteers at East Lodge, saying that it had been a good meeting with an apparent frankness in sharing of views and suggestions.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 7 pm.

The next meeting will be on 17th August at 9:30 am at Slate Art Gallery.