

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LEAMINGTON STUDIO ARTISTS held 6th July 2015

Present:

Trustees of Leamington Studio Artists (LSA): Clive Engwell (CE) (Chair), Tony Cartwright (TC) (Treasurer), Alison Chantrey (AC) (Membership Secretary), Bryan Kelly (BK).

Regrets: James Callaghan (JC)

Members of LSA: 26 in attendance

Regrets: Gill Buick, Marianne Pitts, Archie Pitts, Janet Rose

The meeting commenced at 8:30 pm on 6th July 2015 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Leamington Spa, CV31 1JW. See attached Agenda as previously circulated to the Members.

1.0 Welcome (agenda attached)

CE welcomed the Members and introduced the Directors in attendance.

2.0 Minutes of AGM held 21 October 2014 (copy attached)

2.1 The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted. There was general agreement among the Members present that they would have preferred receiving a copy of the Minutes prior to the AGM. Further discussion centered on the suggestion that AGM Minutes and all Minutes of Trustees meetings be made available to the Members at a secure online web site.

3.0 Minutes of Special General Meeting (SGM) held 16 April 2015 (copy attached)

3.1 The Minutes of the SGM were accepted. As with the Minutes of the prior AGM, the Members generally agreed that the Minutes should have been circulated to the Members prior to this AGM.

3.2 CE produced a copy of the revised Constitution of LSA incorporating changes approved at the SGM. See attached. CE apologized for not circulating the revisions to the Constitution prior to the AGM.

4.0 Matters Arising

No matters were raised requiring the attention of the AGM.

5.0 Chair's Report

5.1 CE confirmed that he is stepping down as Chair of LSA. He reviewed the progress of LSA during his tenure as Chair, mentioning in particular: 1) the success of Gallery 150 and the very significant efforts of Gerry Smith and Gerry's successors in managing the Gallery, 2) Art in The Park, 3) Members' Help to new artists, and 4) ArtSpace. As an aspirational matter under a new Chair and new Trustees, CE noted that he looks forward to continuing ArtSpace as a publication of LSA, LSA's support for Art In The Park, improving the LSA web site, implementing a program of art classes with LSA Members as teachers/mentors, providing studio space for LSA Members' use and improving retention of members.

6.0 Membership Report (see attached)

6.1 AC, acting Membership Secretary, distributed the latest Membership Report and noted that it showed a decline in Membership. She fielded questions and suggestions from

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the Members in attendance regarding potential causes of the decline and actions that could be taken to slow or stop the attrition. Topics covered included the possible negative effects of Gallery 150 closing, the absence of a newsletter, a possible impression of a lack of transparency surrounding LSA activities, lack of follow up with Members leaving as to reasons for their departure and the possibility of using an online art gallery to offset the effect of Gallery 150 closing.

7.0 Treasurer's Report (see attached)

- 7.1 TC distributed copies of the Financial Statements and Notes, noting that they were for the 15 months to 31 March 2015 in order to conform to the new year end for LSA agreed at the SGM.
- 7.2 TC noted the following in connection with the financial statement:
 - 7.2.1. ArtSpace was prepared and distributed (by post) three times during the 15 months covered by the financial statement. The average estimated cost per issue of ArtSpace is £1,800 and the publication and distribution of ArtSpace largely consumes member subscriptions for the year.
 - 7.2.2. The costs for supporting Art In The Park (AIP) during 2014 were unusually high since it was the first year of the program with attendant inefficiencies and unexpected costs. The financial statement, however, is cash based; as such, it reflects booking revenue received for the 2015 AIP but does not reflect very many of the costs to be incurred when AIP takes place at the beginning of August.
 - 7.2.3. Member subscription receipts were down from the previous year, reflecting the decrease in Members noted in the Membership Report.
- 7.3 The Members present voted to accept the Financial Statement and Notes.

8.0 Election of Trustees for 2015-16

- 8.1 CE noted that nominations had been received for the following people as Trustees and Officers for the period to the next AGM: Kate Livingston nominated as Trustee and Chair, TC nominated as Trustee and Treasurer, David Haedicke nominated as Trustee and Secretary, AC nominated as Trustee and Membership Secretary, and David Phillips, CE, BK and JC nominated as Trustees without Officer positions.
- 8.2 The Members in attendance, with one abstention, voted unanimously in favour of the nominations noted above.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1 There was no other business brought up to the AGM.

10.0 Adjournment

- 10.1 There being no other business for the AGM, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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