

LEAMINGTON
STUDIO *Artists*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES ON 20th OCTOBER 2016

The meeting commenced at 10 am at Deasil in Leamington Spa.

Present:

Trustees: Kate Livingston (KL) (Chair), David Haedicke (DH) (Secretary), Alison Chantrey (AC) (Membership Secretary), Soolie Burke (SB), James Callaghan (JC), David Phillips (DP)

Apologies: Tony Cartwright (TC) (Treasurer), Morgan Forth (MF)

1. Welcome

KL welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted Apologies from TC and MF.

2. Previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 8th September 2016 were approved.

3. First Annual Open Original Paintings and Illustrations Exhibition/East Lodge update

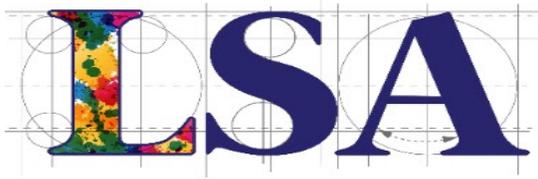
The first annual Open Original Paintings and Illustrations Exhibition is being held at East Lodge from October 5 through October 30. The private view was held on October 9. Entry to the Exhibition was at a cost of £10 for members and £15 for non-members with submissions limited to one per person. Although there is limited hanging space at East Lodge, all entries were able to be hung and there was no need to refund entry fees to anyone. Neil Moore was selected as the Judge for the exhibition and awarded the Judge's Choice award (£100) to Chiara Grant. A People's Choice Award of £50 will be made after the tallying of all votes by visitors to the Exhibition through its close on October 30th.

The Trustees noted that Members were not consistently aware of online information distributed by LSA. KL noted that it is Members of LSA that have been members for a relatively long time who seem to be exhibiting more.

Proposed signage for LSA at East Lodge is under review by Warwick District Council.

4. Lock up storage

JC reported that the lock up should be completely cleared by October 31. Monthly rentals of the space should then cease.



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5. Financial report

TC had submitted a financial report for review at the meeting. KL presented the report and discussed the extra expenses reflected in the report for initial rental payments for East Lodge.

6. Membership report

AC reported that membership had increased by six people to a total of 248 over the course of the past month. She also noted that 396 people have 'friended' LSA on Facebook.

7. LSA ArtsFairs

AC reported that LSA ArtsFairs will occur alongside the Farmers' Markets at the Pump Room Gardens on the 4th Saturday of each month starting with October 22 and then November 26. Further dates will be determined and announced in the monthly newsletter. ArtsFairs will run from 10am until 4pm and stalls will cost £30. Bookings will close at the end of the Wednesday prior to each fair. Stalls will be provided by CJ's Events and have a 10ft by 4ft counter and a 10ft by 8ft canopy.

AC noted that five stalls have been booked for the ArtsFair on the 22nd. In AC's absence, Hillary Roberts will take photos at the ArtsFair. At AC's request, DP will look into advertising space in ArtSpace for the ArtsFairs.

ACTION: DP

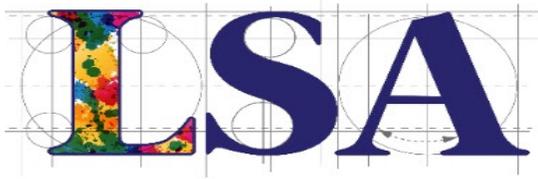
8. Holiday party

The Trustees were unanimous in agreeing that they should host a holiday party at East Lodge on December 14 from 6 pm to 9 pm. KL will provide introductory remarks at 7 pm. KL will ask MF to arrange for access to East Lodge by Jephson Gardens personnel for that evening since the Gardens would usually have closed by then. KL will also ask MF to invite certain non-Members to the party to recognize their support for East Lodge.

ACTION: KL/MF

9. Donated works

AC showed work by Margaret Castello that had been donated to LSA on her death by members of her family. There was discussion of selling certain items in the Castello donation for the benefit of LSA and possibly selling other work that LSA has in storage. The question of ownership of items thought suitable for sale was acknowledged as an important one.



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10. Loft Theatre

The Loft Theatre, through Chris O'Brien, General Manager for Loft Theatre, has approached LSA about displaying LSA Members' art work for sale on the Theatre's walls. The Trustees thought this was an idea worth pursuing. KL will follow up with the Theatre.

ACTION: KL

11. Away Day

DH had asked that the idea of an Away Day be added to the agenda. An Away Day at a suitable location would provide the Trustees with the opportunity to consider longer-term projects that LSA could or should be pursuing in line with the objectives for LSA set out in its Constitution now that East Lodge is fully functioning as LSA's home. The Trustees were in favour of having an Away Day and tentatively set January 19 as a preferred date. DH, TC and AC will be a sub-committee of the Trustees to provide an agenda for the day and a location at which it will be held.

ACTION: DH/AC/TC/KL

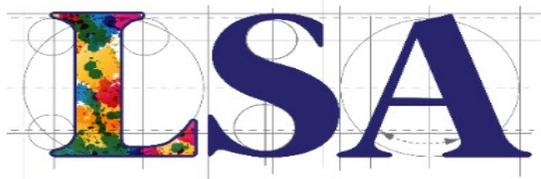
12. WDC Arts Development Grant, LoveLeam Fund

KL and AC had attended a networking event on October 16 for arts organizations in the Leamington area. Carole Sleight had organized the event. AC reported on the existence of Arts Development Grants from Warwick District Council, noting that they could be for as much as £1,500 but that the application deadline appeared to be November 21. She thought this might provide funding for an appropriate arts activity at a marquee at Art InThe Park next August. DH agreed to contact the WDC Arts Development Officer (Mair Evans) to better understand the Grants program and to obtain and draft the appropriate application form as soon as possible. The draft form will then be circulated to the Trustees for input and approval. AC also noted that Chris White, MP, had attended the event and had discussed possible support for arts development projects from the LoveLeam fund that he has established.

ACTION: DH

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next meeting: Thursday, 17th November 2016



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