

MINUTES OF THE BECCLES SOCIETY OF ARTISTS AGM NOV 1ST 2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT : James Davis (Chairperson), Liz Hynes (Vice Chair), Carole Kemp, Sue Simpson, Clare O'Leary (Treasurer), John Patchett, David Howes.

APOLOGIES: Ann Oliver, Frank and Susan Wheeler, Sally Norfolk, Elizabeth Stables, Jing Jing Allen.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS PRESENT – 18.

- Minutes of the previous AGM Nov 2nd 2022, were approved.

•CHAIRS' REPORT.

James Davis thanked all the Committee for their hard work and support in the past year. He particularly thanked Carole Kemp and Helen Hardy for their contribution to the Society. Both are resigning from the Committee this year. Thanks also to Clare O'Leary for her work with the finances, Suzy Dobson and other behind the scenes workers and Sally Ladbrooke for her help with the Exhibition. The grant from the Townsland Trust enabled us to hold the Exhibition and the Public Hall were very generous in reducing their fees. The Exhibition was very successful, with about a third of the artwork being sold. Despite this, the income did not meet the outgoings and Adnams have declined to help us with a grant next year.

The Delf Fund is still in profit by about £3000.00. John Patchett worked with Bella White from Sir John Leman, to produce a display of student's work at the Exhibition. This proved very popular and will hopefully be repeated next year.

•FINANCIAL REPORT.

Clare provided a summary of outgoings and expenditure. The accounts have been scrutinised and signed off. Going into January, we have about £600 to carry over, plus income from membership. There is no cushion to see us over next year's Exhibition.

•PROGRAMME REPORT.

Liz Hynes reported on a good range of traditional and untraditional art forms and a History of Art lecture, which seem to have been well received. The total cost was £1000.00, which was just covered by membership fees. There needs to be some change to provision. A discussion with the floor ensued, with various suggestions put forward, including : Reducing the number of talks. Alternating talks with workshops and informal demos from members. Raising the price for visitors. Limiting fees to £120. Charging to see demos. These will be discussed by the Committee.

- RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS, made to the Constitution at a Committee meeting Nov. 2022, as described. Proposed Sonia Taylor, Seconded Adrian Prime. Unanimously accepted.

- Annual subscription fees to be decided at AGM. It was proposed that the annual fees be put up to £30, with no reductions, payable by the end of January 2024. This was passed, with one objection.

●ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson : James Davis. Proposed – Helen Hardy. Seconded -Eric Smith.

Vice Chairperson: Liz Hynes. Proposed- James Davis. Seconded- Angela Bradford.

Honorary Treasurer: Clare O’Leary. Proposed- Liz Hynes. Seconded-John Patchett.

Minutes secretary: Sue Simpson. Proposed James Davis. Seconded-Liz Hynes.

Programme Secretary – vacant

Membership secretary- vacant

Publicity Officer- vacant

General Committee Members : John Patchett. Jing Jing Allen. David Howe.

New Committee Members: Tina Hilton. Proposed-Liz Hynes. Seconded-James Davis.

Stuart Mackay. Proposed- Clare O’Leary. Seconded-Sonia Taylor.

Eric Smith. Proposed-Liz Hynes. Seconded-James Davis.

8.AOB

It was proposed that the commission for art sales be raised from 15% to 20%. Carried unanimously.

It was felt that hanging fees should remain the same, but this will be discussed later by the Committee.

The Public Hall is booked for the 1st-9th August. It was suggested that we could open at a different time of year, for e.g. to coincide with Open Studios.

A guest commented on the high standard of work at the Exhibition.

Liz gave details of the next meeting on December 6th.

- Bring an un- finished piece of art work for constructive feedback
- Picture of the Month, as usual
- Raffle. Please donate prizes
- Art Quiz- compiled by John
- Please bring a plate of food or drink to share

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – November 20th 2023

Sue Simpson. Minutes Secretary 2nd November 2023.