

**LYME REGIS ART SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at Woodmead Halls

**1. Apologies:** K. Hicks, R. Sullivan, P. Miller, J. Cursley, M. Kingsbury, M. Paul, V. Hares, J. Johnstone, A. Cater, A. Rushforth, P. Dench, D&P Salter, A. Cater.

**2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Approved and signed

**3. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

A warm welcome to you all and especially Linda Hampson, who will be entertaining us all after we finish the AGM. We look forward to that Linda!

Your Committee works well for you and my thanks to them all for all that they do - quietly behind the scenes. Sheila, who sends out regular emails to all to remind us what is happening, she is brilliant at keeping up with everything. And is always calm and efficient in all that she does for us. Thanks to Jean for dealing with all the hall bookings and particularly coping with the Football Club.

Moya who sits and composes reviews as the Demos take place, she then photographs the artist and the completed work and sends it off the local newspapers. These reports are comprehensive, colourful and helps to put us on the map.

Thank you too to our Camera and Tech-Operatives David, Sue, and Morag - this continues to make such a difference to viewing artists at work.

Janet continues to run the table top book sales, bits and pieces and picture cord as well as the D rings and sales have been really good - so continue to bring along your unwanted art books and art bits and pieces.

Thank you to all who help Julie with the teas and the washing up. And thanks to Julie for masterminding the dishwasher! Just helps to spread the load. Thank you too for everyone who helps with the chairs both putting them out and clearing away.

New for this year is Hilary putting us on the map using Facebook. We have also invested in a Credit Card machine. Sales of members Greetings Cards have just begun, so do bring yours in if you wish. 20% goes to the Society. Denise has taken this under her wing. Thank you.

Once again, we held our annual exhibition in May down at the Town Mill and we achieved both a healthy footfall and good sales. The other exhibition that we support is for the RNLI and this year we ran a competition to encourage more artists to take part. Jennie Humphries won and has got a year's free membership. The 10x8 paintings made a lovely display and quite a few sold too. The RNLI thanked us for taking part once again.

Our President Terry Whitworth gave us a day Workshop held down in the Lister Room above the Marine Parade, this was well attended and found us spread all over Lyme - Up in the gardens, down on the Cobb, by the beach and in the Lister Room. A beautiful day with good encouraging instructions.

We supported ArtsFest with a Beginners Water-colour Workshop with Lynda White and it was fully booked. And once again Pat and I have taken suggestions from you and tried to give a varied range of Demos and Workshops both last season and this season. We do listen to you and you requested Colin Brown back to do a Workshop after his successful Demo - we managed to find a date to fit him in. We do welcome any suggestion of Demos from new artists or if you let us know if you would like a return visit - it does help to know what you would like.

Finally, thank you for continuing to support the Society - if there any ways that you can think how we can improve what we do - do speak up

## **5. Treasurer's Report:**

A satisfactory year, with the closing bank balance of £4783 being up £362. Contributions from the Raffle and Teas were good, but excellent from the Library. Due to poor membership participation, I would suggest that the Raffle cease.

As a result of changes in our accounting practise, this is the first year we can absolutely accurately assess our overall annual financial performance. The difference between Income and expenditure result in a surplus so £563.

The wellbeing of this Society must be attributed to the Committee and all our helpers. As usual I thank them for their commitment and stalwart Eric Hawkins for undertaking the Audit. I propose a vote of thank to them all. After six years as Treasurer, I wish to now stand down for personal reasons.

There were no questions from the floor.

## **6. Programme Organiser's Report;**

I am sorry not to be with you today, but hope to be back in full operation before we close activities in March and start preparing for a new programme in September 2018.

We had a good year of superb artists, giving us lively demos and some fantastic workshops.

We try to choose a range of artists – some well-known, some new and some old favourites.

We think we achieved that once again, without going over budget, thanks to some freebies and an occasional low fee. However, the costs for really good artists, quite rightly, are rising, especially when we have to call on someone further afield, but we aim to keep prices to you as reasonable as possible.

We hope you are enjoying this year's array of demos and workshops and would like to thank all of you for supporting us through last year and so far this year. A thank you also to those of

you who have sourced new, or unknown to us, talents. Anyone who has attended a workshop or demo and thinks its one for us, please let me or Sue know. Thank you also for supporting the workshops and your enthusiasm for 'extra' workshops.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Have a great afternoon listening to our great supporter and friend, Linda Hampson – I'm sorry to miss it all. See you all in 2018.

Best wishes, Pat Dench

### **7. Election of Officers:**

The following officers were re-elected to serve another term on the committee:  
Jean Heard: Proposer; D. Vickers; Seconder: S. Walker

Following J. Glover's resignation from the committee, S. Unwin was elected to the committee. Proposer; J. Glover; Seconder: H. Buckley

Moya Paul has resigned from the committee. Her position on the committee as Publicity has not been filled.

**8. Constitution:** there were no proposed changes to the Constitution

### **9. Exhibitions:**

Members were advised of the dates for forthcoming events.

- Annual Exhibition: May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup> 2018
- RNLI: July 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **10. Notification of 2018/ 19 Annual Subscription:**

The annual subscription is now £25 per annum.

### **Any Other Business.**

J. Humphrey thanked the committee for their hard work in support of the Society.

The meeting closed at 2:30 pm.