

# IRBY ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd March 2021

8:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Present:** List of Members attending appears in the Minute Files

**Apologies:** List appears in the Minute Files

The Chairman, Mr Alan McMahon, opened the meeting thanking those present for attending.

There were no agenda items for 'Minutes of the Last Meeting' nor 'Matters Arising' due to the need to cancel the previous AGM under the Covid 19 restrictions applicable at the time. For the same reason there had been no formal meetings throughout the year.

### **Chairman's Report**

- No formal report as a note had recently been sent out with AGM details to all members.
- Alan acknowledged that it had been a bad 12 months during which some members like him had done no painting at all, whereas others had done lots.
- He was looking forward to the government 'Road Map' progressing with the hope that normal business may resume in the Summer.
- Alan was keeping in touch with the church and assured members that Irby Artists would return to the church hall as soon as permitted.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Diana Baddeley had nothing to report, but was looking forward to seeing everyone soon, especially for the outdoor painting which should resume prior to other activities.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Pam Fitzpatrick opened her report by thanking our Chair and committee for arranging this AGM.
- She then gave a Big Thank You to Tony Cox, who had been so helpful to Pam over the years at Audit time, and especially this year with lockdown etc.

Tony was stepping down as Auditor this year, and Pam appealed for someone to step into his shoes, explaining that it happens for one week in February each year, when Pam presents the accounts, the auditor checks and signs them. The Treasurer then takes them back and distributes them to the members.

- Pam's second thanks went to Peter Singleton, who did an amazing job collecting subs during Covid lockdown, and with safety precautions in place, passed them on to Pam.
- The committee had decided that, subject to agreement at the AGM, all paid up members for 2020 would have 2021 as a free year.

**Motion: That this meeting approves a proposal to remit all annual subscriptions for existing members for the membership year 2021/22.**

**Proposed by Pam Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Marj Jones. Carried unanimously.**

- Obviously the accounts had suffered this year producing an overall loss of £456.38, the only income being the subs.  
No exhibitions. No income. No profits.

- The accounts, at close of business on 31.01.21, stood at:-

Deposit Account	£3,228.69
Current Account	£3,689.52
Cash in Hand	£ 168.46
Total at Close	£7,086.60

- The committee had also decided that as there wasn't a November exhibition last year there was no profit to give for a charity donation, but that it would be resumed again in 2021, all things being equal.
- St Chad's room hire was an upfront payment in March 2020 of £780.00 for the year. As they had no income during lockdown, and their accounts year had ended, they asked if we could leave it in their bank account to be drawn from this year. This was approved by the committee under certain agreements. Pam negotiated back with St Chad's and has it in writing that not only will they keep the days and times we already use but that they will not increase the hire charges for 2021. They are waiting to welcome us back. Sadly for us, Jean will no longer fulfil the tasks she did before. She now has 2 baby grandchildren who both live in other parts of the country and they will be spending more time away with them and their families.
- Pam ended by wishing everyone good health for the future and saying 'Keep inspired with your art and hopefully this will all be sorted soon and back to meeting up again.'

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

- Peter Singleton reported that the number of full members had continued to reduce, with a current total of 153 Members  
137 Full Members  
14 Associate Members  
2 Honorary Members
- Nine subscriptions were outstanding for various reasons.

## **Monday Afternoon Group Report**

- Marjorie Jones reported that the program for the summer outdoor sessions was practically complete. This was using the previous year's outings, which hadn't taken place due to Covid restrictions in 2020.  
  
The starting date would depend on the position with Covid restrictions, but it was hoped that from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, groups of 30 would be allowed outside. Hopefully the outdoor meet ups would then continue until 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- The outdoor sessions would be publicised, when confirmed, both by email and on the website.
- The Monday accounts: -
  - £2885.47 in bank
  - £105 owed from church
  - Some cash in hand

## **Newsletter**

Marion Tuffrey was aiming to publish another newsletter at the end of April, and was appealing for photos etc of latest work.

## **Exhibition Co-ordinator's Report**

- On-Line Exhibition
  - Alan McMahon advised that he would work with Barbara Meynell, the new website operator, on an on-line exhibition, which would start on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.
  - Closing Date for entries - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
  - Entries – photographs of paintings preferably not with glass to avoid reflections.  
To be sent on-line directly to Barbara, or post to Alan who would scan the photo  
Three entries per member

- All information would be in the entry details available in the next few weeks.
- Autumn Exhibition  
Subject to Covid regulations there would be an exhibition on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021, with closing date for entries on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Vice Chairman's Report**

- Ron Burke was retiring from the committee and spoke to members present.
- Ron had been a Committee member for many years, Chairman for nearly thirteen years and Vice Chairman for 3 to 4 years. He introduced the Newsletter and was the editor for about 15 years, until recently.

He joined Irby Artists after his wife died, and described it as the best thing he ever did.

However, he had now decided that it was time to step aside as a Committee member and let younger folks take Irby Artists into the 21st Century.

He was very grateful to all members, and would continue to be a member and help in any way, but the time had come to get new committee members.

### **Speaker's Secretary**

- Patricia Parry hadn't been able to do a formal program, but had some possibilities in the pipeline. She was hoping to organise a demo by Mark Warner by zoom, but a date was not yet fixed.
- More news to come within the next few months depending on availability of hall and restrictions etc

### **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Chairman	Alan McMahon
Treasurer	Pam Fitzpatrick
Committee Secretary	Diana Baddeley
Membership Secretary	Peter Singleton
Speaker's Secretary	Patricia Parry
Exhibition Co-ordinator	Alan McMahon
Committee Members	Marjorie Jones
	Dennis Oakes
	<i>Barbara Meynell - new</i>
	<i>Sue Herries - rejoining</i>

All Committee Members above were willing to stand.

The above appointments were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Wendy Clarke. This was accepted unanimously by all members present.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

An auditor is required. The auditor does not need to be a professional.

### **Any Other Business**

Peter Singleton confirmed a member's queries regarding payment of subscriptions.

Comment was made that it was kind to provide a free year next year, and that it was good to keep going.

**The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.**